NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
December 10, 2024
District Administration Building
6:30 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER
The meeting scheduled for 6:30 pm at the District Administration Office was called to order at 6:30 pm by Mary Jane Valdez, President.

ROLL CALL
Kimberly Baroz, aye; Tyler Buhr, absent; Jacob Cary, aye; Nathan Coombs, absent; Kristin McCarroll, aye; Mary Jane Valdez, aye.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA/CHANGES TO CONSENT AGENDA
A motion was made by Kimberly Baroz to approve the consent agenda as presented with the change of moving a $1 Wrestling Coach to action item 11g, seconded by Jake Cary.

Kimberly Baroz, aye; Tyler Buhr, absent; Jacob Cary, aye; Nathan Coombs, absent; Kristin McCarroll, aye; Mary Jane Valdez, aye.

The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA
A motion was made by Kimberly Baroz to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of adding a $1 Wrestling Coach to action item 11g, seconded by Kristin McCarroll.

Kimberly Baroz, aye; Tyler Buhr, absent; Jacob Cary, aye; Nathan Coombs, absent; Kristin McCarroll, aye; Mary Jane Valdez, aye.

The motion passed

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD
There were none.

GUEST PRESENTATIONS

2023-2024 Audit Presentation: Wall Smith Bateman
Jessica Bogner with Wall Smith Bateman presented the 2023-2024 Financial Audit to the Board of Education. Jessica briefly went over the summary of financial statement, the statement of net positions, and the schedule of findings and questioned costs.

ACHIEVEMENT/ACCOUNTABILITY REPORTS

Principal's Report
Please see attached principal reports.

BOCES Report
Kim Baroz reported on the last BOCES meeting in November. She said most of the meeting was discussion by George Welsh to determine where responsibilities lie with the school districts and BOCES. Mr. Edgar feels like Mr. Welsh working on the structure of the organization is a good approach. Darren told the board that the evaluation of the BOCES Director was a topic of discussion at the SAC meeting this month.

NCEA
There was no NCEA representative at the meeting.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT
There was an Emergency Response Team meeting yesterday and Mr. Edgar reported that the online meeting seemed to work good with more individuals schedules. He reported that good things are going on in the buildings with safety drills and trainings. There will be an evacuation and re-unification drill at Centauri Middle School and Centauri High School this spring. This will be a great learning experience.

Administration and department meetings will be next week before the Christmas break. Staff mid-year evaluations are going on and should be complete by the end of December.

Mr. Edgar gave board members a monthly board meeting planning agenda for the remainder of the school year. This should help with better planning and discussion for the board. If there are any questions or additions that the board has, Mr. Edgar invited them to contact him with any recommendations.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2024 CASB Annual Conference Recap

Board members attending the CASB Annual Conference felt the conference was very beneficial and informational. Mary Jane Valdez enjoyed the workshops on mental health, social training, and conflict management. She enjoyed the student summit activity and there was discussion among school district board members and presenters on declining school student population. Kim Baroz and Kristin McCarroll learned a great deal in workshops on the power of community engagement, cell phone use and other ways to engage students through activities, games and classes on social media to educate and inform students. They heard great ideas on how to inform and engage our community to build trust in the North Conejos School District. Kim had a template for strategic plans concerning school, staff, home, and community engagement to help build stronger more resilient students.

Facilities: Capital Construction Initiatives

Mr. Edgar has been working on updating our District Needs Assessment as well as our capital reserve spending tables. He handed board members a summarization of our building and property needs. The cost of maintaining the vital systems in our schools such as electrical, mechanical, and plumbing is growing due to the age of the systems and the lack of a plan to consistently address updates and replacement. It is important to note that La Jara Elementary, Manassa Elementary, and Centauri Middle School all have high priority needs for renovating or replacement of systems and structures. A handout on NCSD facilities/Capital construction initiatives was given to the Board of Education that is intended to provide information concerning school facilities assessments as well as serve as a starting step to fairly address the facility needs of schools in the district, and promote future capital construction initiatives. Darren has also met with our district technology staff and discussed the current technology needs in the district and future technology needs.

ACTION ITEMS

2023-2024 Certified Audit
A motion was made by Kristin McCarroll to approve the 2023-2024 certified audit presented by Wall Smith Bateman, seconded by Kimberly Baroz.

Kimberly Baroz, aye; Tyler Buhr, absent; Jacob Cary, aye; Nathan Coombs, absent; Kristin McCarroll, aye; Mary Jane Valdez, aye.

The motion passed.

2024-2025 Mill Levies Certifications
A motion was made by Jake Cary to approve the 2024-2025 Mill Levies Certifications as presented, seconded by Kristin McCarroll.

Kimberly Baroz, aye; Tyler Buhr, absent; Jacob Cary, aye; Nathan Coombs, absent; Kristin McCarroll, aye; Mary Jane Valdez, aye.

The motion passed.

Employee Holiday Bonuses
A motion was made by Kimberly Baroz to approve the $1000 employee holiday bonus as presented, seconded by Jake Cary.

Kimberly Baroz, aye; Tyler Buhr, absent; Jacob Cary, aye; Nathan Coombs, absent; Kristin McCarroll, aye; Mary Jane Valdez, aye.

The motion passed.

2024-2025 Calendar Change: December 19th Early Release
A motion was made by Kristin McCarroll to approve the 2024-2025 calendar change: December 19th early release at 2:00 p.m. as presented, seconded by Kimberly Baroz.

Kimberly Baroz, aye; Tyler Buhr, absent; Jacob Cary, aye; Nathan Coombs, absent; Kristin McCarroll, aye; Mary Jane Valdez, aye.

The motion passed.

Letters of Resignation
A motion was made by Jake Cary to approve the letter of resignation from Rena Rilling, NCSP teacher, as presented, seconded by Kristin McCarroll.

Kimberly Baroz, aye; Tyler Buhr, absent; Jacob Cary, aye; Nathan Coombs, absent; Kristin McCarroll, aye; Mary Jane Valdez, aye.

The motion passed.

Hiring of Personnel
A motion was made by Jake Cary to approve the hiring of Danielle Armstrong, NCAP teacher and Terry Cooper, full-time custodian as presented, seconded by Kimberly Baroz.

Kimberly Baroz, aye; Tyler Buhr, absent; Jacob Cary, aye; Nathan Coombs, absent; Kristin McCarroll, aye; Mary Jane Valdez, aye.

The motion passed.

Hiring of Personnel
Mary Jane Valdez, Board President asked for a motion to approve the hiring of Dustin Weyers, CHS $1 Wrestling coach. There was no motion made and the hiring of personnel died due to lack of a motion by the board of education.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
None
Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

The next regular board meeting will be on January 21, 2025 at 6:30pm.