NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
June 17, 2025
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, aye; Jacob Cary, absent; 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, seconded by Tyler Buhr.

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

The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA
A motion was made by Kristin McCarroll to approve the agenda following additions of action item 10f. service agreement with Neenan, and action item 10g. NCAP tree removal payment, seconded by Kimberly Baroz.

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

The motion passed

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD
There were none.

ACHIEVEMENT/ACCOUNTABILITY REPORTS

BOCES Report
Mr. Edgar reported that there was nothing major on the SAC agenda concerning BOCES. Kim Baroz was unable to attend last month's BOCES meeting since they changed the date to the following week and she had prior arrangements on that date.

NCEA
No representative in attendance to report to the board.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT
Mr. Edgar reported to the board that he has been in contact with Larry Zaragoza with the Town of La Jara concerning a water dispute. La Jara Elementary was charged water usage of 482 ($2672.07) for March 2025 which is 7.8 times the average for the year and 30.1 times higher than March 2024. Darren feels this is an error on the part of the Town of La Jara and has been trying to discuss his concerns with Mr. Zaragoza. To rectify the issue, the district proposes to pay the average water usage/cost as established through the prior 12 months (March 2024 – February 2025). For the month of March 2025, the school district will pay the same amount of the average water bill for the previous 12 months which comes to $267.49. This is more than fair in comparison to the $123.88 the district paid for services in March 2024. Larry Zaragoza agreed to the resolution and the Town of La Jara was paid.

Darren gave the board a hand out of the service agreement with Neenan concerning services related to the Master Plan and a copy of the Master Plan & BEST application schedule.

Mr. Edgar went over Facilities: Capital Construction Initiatives:
(1) Adam with Robins Construction will start on the parking lot on June 23rd .
(2) The windows at La Jara Elementary are looking nice and they are at 95% completion on this project.
(3) We need to consider our irrigation system at CHS/CMS that may need replacing before we get proposals on the baseball complex renovations.
(4) A roof-top heating unit at La Jara Elementary needs replaced which is estimated to cost around $10,000.

(5)The custodians are all working together and will be focusing on each building in the district, which will include the wrestling facility, for summer cleaning.

(5) It has been 3 years since the new high school was constructed and we need to look over landscaping and update and replace as needed.

(6) The curbing needs to be completed at Manassa Elementary.

Darren is working on the 2025-2026 salary and benefit findings and will have a report for the board in August. He is also working on student/staff attendance policies.

Mr. Edgar discussed staffing and student enrollment for the next school year.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Update on Federal Programs Consolidated Application
Susan Hamilton told the Board that they see the Federal Programs consolidated application each year. She is currently waiting for the federal funding budget to come in. So far Title 1 has received $321,519 in funding and title IV has received $21,509. Susan is working on the READ budget for K-3 and on Title II and Title V. She will update the board in August when more information is received.

Policy Update – JS, GBEE
Darren asked the board to look over policies JS and GBEE concerning student and staff use of technology. He will revise them for a first reading in August. He told board members that we just received a new CASB policy update and we will discuss these updates in August as well.

ACTION ITEMS

Resolution: 2025-2026 Adopted Budget
A motion was made by Tyler Buhr to approve the Resolution: 2025-2026 Adopted Budget as presented, seconded by Kristin McCarroll.

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

The motion passed.

Bid for NCAP Outside Pavilion
A motion was made by Kimberly Baroz to approve the bid for NCAP outside pavilion to Andrew Jarvies for $14,000, seconded by Tyler Buhr.

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

The motion passed.

Staff Resignations
A motion was made by Kristin McCarroll to approve the resignation of La Jara Elementary teacher Deborah Cruz, seconded by Tyler Buhr.

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

The motion passed.

Hiring of Personnel
A motion was made by Kristin McCarroll to approve the hiring of CMS 6th grade Math teacher, Elizabeth Keefner as presented, seconded by Kimberly Baroz.

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

The motion passed.

CHS 2025-2026 Coach Approvals
A motion was made by Kimberly Baroz to approve the CHS 2025-2026 coaches as presented, seconded by Kristin McCarroll.

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

The motion passed.

Service Agreement with Neenan
A motion was made by Tyler Buhr to approve the service agreement with Neenan pending review by School District attorneys, seconded by Kristin McCarroll.

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

The motion passed.

Payment for Tree Removal Services at NCAP
A motion was made by Tyle Buhr to approve the payment for tree removal services at NCAP as presented, seconded by Kimberly Baroz.

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

The motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
None

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

The next regular board meeting will be August 19, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.