NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
December 8, 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 Kristin McCarroll, President.

ROLL CALL
Kimberly Baroz, aye; Tyler Buhr, aye; Jake Cary, aye; Nathan Coombs, aye; Kristin McCarroll, aye; Jimmy Lopez, 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 Nathan Coombs.

Kimberly Baroz, aye; Tyler Buhr, aye; Jake Cary, aye; Nathan Coombs, aye; Kristin McCarroll, aye; Jimmy Lopez, aye.

The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA
A motion was made by Nathan Coombs to approve the agenda with no additions, seconded by Jake Cary.

Kimberly Baroz, aye; Tyler Buhr, aye; Jake Cary, aye; Nathan Coombs, aye; Kristin McCarroll, aye; Jimmy Lopez, aye.

The motion passed

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD
There were no citizens to address the Board.

ACHIEVEMENT/ACCOUNTABILITY REPORTS

Principals Report
Please see attached principal reports.

BOCES Report
Jimmy Lopez was asked to be the North Conejos School District BOCES representative and he accepted. Kim Baroz will pass along any information she has as the past BOCES representative. Mr. Edgar will give BOCES Mr. Lopez' email at the SAC tomorrow.

NCEA
There was no report from Misty Espinoza this month.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT
Manassa Elementary and La Jara Elementary administrators approached Mr. Edgar concerning a staff teacher in-service day for elementary teachers on January 5th to work on their READ plan and organize data. Elementary student contact days are less than the middle and high school students and Mrs. Denton and Mrs. Woodward felt like and extra day without students would be beneficial for staff to concentrate on READ and organize for the remainder of the school year. High school and middle school administrators were concerned that this would affect their student attendance on that date as older siblings may stay home to take care of younger siblings or just not want to come back on January 5th if their siblings were not required to attend. Mr. Edgar asked for board input with the matter. The board felt this time would be beneficial for elementary staff but suggested using a later day of the week instead of the Monday back from Christmas break. After discussion it was suggested that the elementaries potentially use January 8th as a teacher in-service for READ with elementary students staying home for the day. Middle and high school students would be required to attend school on January 8th. A final decision will be forth-coming.

Mr. Edgar asked board members for a date next week for a special board meeting to be held concerning approval of the financial audit. Board members decided that December 16th at 5:00pm would work best for the majority of the board.

Darren share with the board House Bill 1250 Gun Violence Prevention Parent Notification. School districts must provide information to parents annually. CDPHE has created information for schools to send out to meet this requirement. Mr. Edgar will bring back more information to the board of education once he has had a chance to go over the CDPHE information.

Mr. Edgar has a meeting scheduled with CDOT on Wednesday, December 10th at 1:00pm. The purpose of the meeting is to provide the CDOT team with background information regarding the district's long-term capital construction plans and to seek CDOT's guidance on transportation, safety, access, and traffic considerations related to proposed development along State Highway 285. Darren shared a link for the CDOT meeting with board members.

The school district has been asked to sign a contract extension on the Davis property. The realtor has reached out with some ideas that Tom Davis has concerning the property and Darren would like to meet with Mr. Davis this week. He will also be contacting our attorney with questions concerning whether these ideas are even possible considering we are already under contract.

Mr. Edgar went over our Capital Construction with the board. (1) The permit was received for the baseball dugouts and press box; however, the weather has not been cooperating this past week. The contractor will be starting up again on the Baseball field construction in the next few days, (2) there continues to be maintenance issues at La Jara Elementary as it is a very old building, (3) Limb Walker Tree Trimming has almost completed the pruning/trimming of trees on the CMS/CHS campus, (4) the Facilities Master Plan continues to be a work in progress with the BEST.

We are potentially moving our student information management system with Infinite Campus to Power School for the next school year. There is an increase in cost but Mr. Edgar, administration, and IT feel there are many good benefits to converting to Power School. Mr. Riccatone told the board we were able to get power school to decrease the cost of the program by 25% and the benefits of Power School would enable us to not need providers for other programs we are currently using. He feels the program is more user friendly and provides many things Infinite Campus has not adequately been able to provide. In the long run converting to Power School should save the District money. It will take some time and training for all staff to learn Power School. Power School is widely used and well supported.

Mr. Edgar reminded board members of the CASB convention December 11th through 13th. Kristin McCarroll, Kim Baroz, Tyler Buhr, and Jake Cary along with Mr. Edgar will be attending.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Facilities Master Plans and BEST Application

Mr. Edgar shared with the board that the FMP committee met on December 2nd to review the poll/survey and school options for the elementary schools. David Kurtz from Neenan presented to the committee the findings of the survey that had all committee members' participation other than board

members and the Superintendent. David took time to review the values and why committee members may have rated the values where they did. After a review of the value portion of the survey, David reviewed the conceptual project cost model of each of the options with the committee. Mr. Edgar handed out copies of the presentation to the FMP committee to board members. At the board meeting David Kurtz with Neenan went over (1) the decision making priorities (2) Reviewed the options considered (3) FMP committee recommendation & decision making process. David went over the benefits and drawbacks of each option for potential consolidation. David shared with the board the prioritization of decision making values that the FMP committee used as their decision making tool. The options were (Option 1c) Replace La Jara Elementary @ La Jara site/Replace Manassa Elementary @ Manassa site (Option 2a) Replace La Jara @ Centauri (ability to add future CR wing), light remodel @ Manassa (Option 2a.2) Replace La Jara @ La Jara(ability to add future CR wing), light remodel @ Manassa (Option 2b) Replace both Elementary Schools @ Centauri site (Option 2b.2) Replace both Elementary Schools @ Manassa site. David reported that after going over all data and discussion the FMP committee recommended Option 2b to replace both elementary schools at the Centauri Site. Mr. Edgar noted that the FMP committee came to the same conclusion as the survey by the community. Mr. Edgar made the same recommendation to the Board of Education with the recommendation of Option 2b. The board said that input from CDOT will be of great importance with moving forward with this recommendation. Mr. Edgar said it is important to understand that the public be made aware of the fact that the location of the option for consolidating schools could change and that backup options have been reviewed and rated, however, this does not change the option for consolidation should the board choose to approve this option.

ACTION ITEMS

First Reading Policies: IKF-E, IJ, KEC, IJL
A motion was made by Jake Cary to approve the first reading policies: IKF-E, IJ, KEC, IJL as presented, seconded by Tyler Buhr.

Kimberly Baroz, aye; Tyler Buhr, aye; Jake Cary, aye; Nathan Coombs, aye; Kristin McCarroll, aye; Jimmy Lopez, aye.

The motion passed.

Second Reading Policy Update: GBGG, GCCAA, JRA/JRC, KLG, KLG-R
A motion was made by Nathan Coombs to approve the Second Reading Policy Update: GBGG, GCCAA, JRA/JRC, KLG, KLG-R as presented, seconded by Jake Cary. The motion was amended by Nathan Coombs to table policies GBGG and GCCAA for further updating and to approve policies JRA/JRC, KLG, KLG-R for the second reading as presented, seconded by Jake Cary

Kimberly Baroz, aye; Tyler Buhr, aye; Jake Cary, aye; Nathan Coombs, aye; Kristin McCarroll, aye; Jimmy Lopez, aye.

The motion passed.

North Conejos School District 2025-2026 Accreditation Contract
A motion was made by Tyler Buhr to approve the North Conejos School District 2025-2026 accreditation contract as presented, seconded by Kimberly Baroz.

Kimberly Baroz, aye; Tyler Buhr, aye; Jake Cary, aye; Nathan Coombs, aye; Kristin McCarroll, aye; Jimmy Lopez, aye.

The motion passed

Facilities Master Plan: School Option Approval for BEST Application
A motion was made by Nathan Coombs to approve the facilities master plan: school option approval for BEST application and to submit the application Option 2b to consolidate La Jara Elementary and Manassa Elementary at the Centauri site as recommended by the FMP committee and Superintendent Darren Edgar as the first option with other options to be considered if necessary, seconded by Jimmy Lopez.

Kimberly Baroz, aye; Tyler Buhr, aye; Jake Cary, aye; Nathan Coombs, aye; Kristin McCarroll, aye; Jimmy Lopez, aye.

The motion passed.

Outsourced Agreements/Proposals: 1) BEST Application Services, 2) Davis Property contract Extension
A motion was made by Jake Cary to approve the 1) BEST application services with Neenan Archistruction services for BEST application additional cost at $21,400 and 2) Davis property contract extension with not changing the terms of the contract, seconded by Nathan Coombs.

Kimberly Baroz, aye; Tyler Buhr, aye; Jake Cary, aye; Nathan Coombs, aye; Kristin McCarroll, aye; Jimmy Lopez, aye.

The motion passed.

2025 Certification of Mills
A motion was made by Nathan Coombs to approve the 2025 Certification of Mills as presented, seconded by Jake Cary.

Kimberly Baroz, aye; Tyler Buhr, aye; Jake Cary, aye; Nathan Coombs, aye; Kristin McCarroll, aye; Jimmy Lopez, aye.

The motion passed.

School Day Early Release on December 18, 2025
A motion was made by Tyler Buhr to approve the early release on December 18, 2025 at 2:00 pm as presented, seconded by Kimberly Baroz.

Kimberly Baroz, aye; Tyler Buhr, aye; Jake Cary, aye; Nathan Coombs, aye; Kristin McCarroll, aye; Jimmy Lopez, aye.

The motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
None

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Next special board of education meeting will be December 16, 2025 at 5:00 pm.

Next regular board of education meeting will be January 13, 2025 at 6:30 pm.