NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

September 15, 2026

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, absent; Jake Cary, aye; Nathan Coombs, absent; Kristin McCarroll, aye; Jimmy Lopez, aye.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

A motion was made by Jake Cary to approve the agenda with the addition of early release Sept 24th at 2:00 PM, seconded by Kristin McCarroll.

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

The motion passed 4-0

RECOGNITIONS

District Innovations and Technology Director

Mr. Edgar recognized IT Director Brock Miller for his extensive work over the summer on the student information system and his leadership in managing the district's technology.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

There were no citizens to address the board of education this evening.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Rodney Noga, the School Resource Officer (SRO), presented Safe to Tell data from 2023 to 2026. He also shared insights from a national SRO conference he attended this summer.

Mr. Edgar reported a decline in enrollment, with 45 fewer students this year and a total loss of 137 students over the last three years. He also shared details on the fraudulent check incidents and noted the district will transition to using secured wire transfers for any payments exceeding $10,000. The district is preparing for a fingerprinting audit by the CBI and shared a new organizational schematic for the BOCES program.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

A safety concern was raised regarding high school students not wearing seat belts when leaving campus for lunch; the board agreed to have staff check for seat belts at the exit point before allowing students to leave.

Jake Cary read a letter from a parent concerned over student athletes being expected to ride home as a team after competitions. The board and administration discussed the matter briefly, noting the athletic guidelines read that athletes are required to ride to athletic competitions and only expected to ride home as a team after competitions and that coaches have been given this discretion.

DISCUSSION TIMES

2025-2026 State Assessment Results

The board reviewed the 2026 State Performance Frameworks concerning accreditation and academic achievement and growth of schools. Administration noted they are currently working on the Unified Improvement Plan and are setting targets for next year.

District Strategic Plan

A brief discussion was held concerning the District Strategic plan and the board scheduled a work session for October 20th at 5:00 p.m.

Substitute Teacher Pay

The board reviewed a comparison of substitute pay in San Luis Valley School Districts. The district will continue to advertise for the need of substitute teachers. The superintendent will look into the cost of Frontline, an automated system of scheduling substitutes.

BEST Grant Schedule and Planning

The board of education discussed briefly the schedule for submitting a BEST grant application in March. Mr. Edgar noted the Facilities Master Planning Committee will meet and review the schedule in October.

CONSENT AGENDA

a.Approval of Minutes
b. Approval of Bills
c.Hiring of Coaches & Substitutes

The board approved the hiring of the following coaches and substitute teachers
David Ruybal.....CMS Football Coach
Brittany Johnson.....CMS Volleyball $ Coach
Kaitlyn Martin.....CMS Volleyball Coach

d.Letters of Resignation
The board approved letters of resignation from the following employees.
Cheryl Ninos.....CMS Secretary

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA/ CHANGES TO CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Kimberly Baroz to approve the consent agenda as presented seconded by Jake Cary.

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

The motion passed 4-0

ACTION ITEMS

Transportation: Activity Driver Pay

A motion was made by Kimberly Baroz to approve the Transportation Activity Driver Pay as presented, seconded by Jake Cary.

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

Motion passed 4-0

Approve PERA Audit Findings
A motion was made by Kimberly Baroz to approve the PERA Audit Findings as presented, seconded by Jimmy Lopez.

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

Motion passed 4-0

First Reading of Board Policies: GBEB,JKA,JKA-R,JKA-E-1,JKA-E-2,JLF, JLF-R,DJB, DJB-R, JLCB, JLCB-R,GBI
A motion was made by Jake Cary to approve the first reading of board policies: GBEB,JKA,JKA-R,JKA-E-1,JKA-E-2,JLF, JLF-R,DJB, DJB-R, JLCB, JLCB-R,GBI motion was seconded by Kimberly Baroz

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

Motion passed 4-0

Outsourced Agreements/ Proposals

- Conejos County Sheriff's Department MOU
- San Luis Valley Behavioral Health
- Healthy Young Minds MOU

A motion was made by Jimmy Lopez to approve the outsourced agreements/ proposals with the pulling of Healthy Young Minds MOU items as presented, seconded by Jake Cary

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

Motion Passed 4-0

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

a. Architects Guest Presentation
b.Declining Enrollment

EXECUTIVE SESSION
None

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

The next regular board meeting will be October 20, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. with a work session October 20,2026 at 5:00 p.m.

