

NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

August 16, 2016

District Administration Building

6:30 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting scheduled for 6:30 p.m. at the District Administration Office was called to order at 6:30 pm by Mark Bahr, President.

ROLL CALL

Mark Bahr, aye; Joseph Baroz, aye; Robert Chavez, absent; Garth Crowther, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Steve Sorensen, aye.

PREDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA/CHANGES TO CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Chuck Finnegan to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Steve Sorensen. **(Attachments #1 - #7)**

Mark Bahr, aye; Joseph Baroz, aye; Robert Chavez, absent; Garth Crowther, absent; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Steve Sorensen, aye. (Garth Crowther stepped out of the meeting on a phone call)

The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

A motion was made by Joseph Baroz to approve the agenda with the addition of action item (e) staff hirings, action item (f) CMS Cross Country Coach approval, action item (g) Assistant CHS Volleyball Coach approval, and action item (h) federal Programs substantial approval, seconded by Chuck Finnegan.

Mark Bahr, aye; Joseph Baroz, aye; Robert Chavez, absent; Garth Crowther, absent; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Steve Sorensen, aye.

The motion passed.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOE

None

FALCON AWARD

The Falcon Award for August was presented to Jamie Thomas, NCSD elementary counselor, and Erica Martinez, La Jara Elementary teacher. The two individuals took personal initiative to improve the La Jara Elementary building via extensive fundraising, painted the staff work room and involved the LJE PTA, parents and the community to financially support the painting of the halls at the elementary school. We commend their efforts to make a difference!!.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/ACTIVITIES

Achievement Reports: (Attachment #8)

See attached reports from building administrators.

BOCES Report:

Mark Bahr reported that BOCES is struggling to fill positions and has had to contract some of those positions. There was a Valley PLC on August 2nd. The migrant education program is now being moved to Adams State University.

NCEA Report:

No NCEA representatives were in attendance.

Administration Report:

North Conejos School District is receiving many new students from another local district. Mr. Wilson complimented district administration and staff for doing an outstanding job which draws others to NCSD.

District enrollment is 978 students as of this day.

Mr. Wilson will be meeting with the town of La Jara on September 8th. He wants the town to understand that the painting at LJE was voluntary and not school initiated, wants to continue a solid relationship with the town that has developed over the last two years, and will extend appreciation for the assistance with snow removal and weed control.

Mr. Wilson asked the board if we are still interested in purchasing the property next to Centauri Middle School, bordering the north edge of the campus. He called Naomi Keys, Conejos County Assessor and asked what the assessed value of the property is and will visit with a title company to see what they recommend offering for the property.

Mr. Wilson updated the board on district expenditures to be coming forth. The ventilation hoods in all kitchens in the district need replaced (and the cost is significant), lighting in some district building needs replaced. In addition, by January 2018 all door locks will need replacement so they can lock from the inside and meet new fire code directives. There are some things we must address in the district to become compliant and to improve the learning environment in the schools, from boilers to roof repairs.

There has been no word on the SRS money in terms of legislative renewal. Mr. Wilson stated that this year's budget is without these monies figured in, which makes for the tightest budget in NCS history as there is no "fluff" built into the budget whatsoever. He will maintain contact with John Sandavol, CC Commissioner regarding any possible renewal. The budget is at max capacity, and Curt mentioned there will be cuts made in next year's budget if SRS fails to renew.

Adams State University is trying to recruit teachers in high school and avoid losing them to other endeavors when they could be exposed to the teaching field. ASU has the Boettcher program, loan forgiveness, and incentives to draw interest in the teaching field. Mr. Wilson supports these efforts and will lead out in regards to having this possible for NCS students as we are fortunate to have a very high percentage of Adams State personnel.

Joseph Valdez leads the Conejos County Coalition to prevent drug abuse and Mr. Wilson supports him and his efforts. There are many families moving in with drug-related issues that create great needs for these particular students coming into the district from needing clothes washed, to basic sanitary and toiletry needs. In response to contraband and the notable increase in the area, NCS will use the K-9's more this year. Curt will provide a recommendation for response to contraband in the month of SEPT to the board.

PARCC scores are in. Curt feels the board will be pleased with district results. There are nine areas of growth, two areas stayed the same, and there are two with a slight decline.

Curt gave the board a handout on Colorado data on teacher salaries, turnover and cost of living for the board to see where NCS stood compared to other schools in the state. He also gave the board a handout on tax effort and capacity information for Colorado school districts from 2015-16 so the board could see where NCS stands in assessed value, mills, etc.

Mr. Wilson sent the Tim Gallegos family a thank you and gift card for allowing NCS buses to pick up, drop off, and turn around on their property.

The board was reminded of the building by the alternative school that is owned by the district. He suggested that the small building might be moved to the CHS concession area for restrooms and concessions. This is a building already owned by the district that may be remodeled to serve the need for a concession area at the high school. He did not know what the cost might be to move the building.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Administration of Medical Marijuana to Qualified Students – Policy JLCDB – (Attachment #9)

State Law requires school districts to allow “primary caregivers” to administer medical marijuana to qualified students on school property, on a school bus or at a school-sponsored event. Therefore, we must adopt policy JLCDB in our district. There are still issues between the federal government and the state on this issue. If the federal government sends the district notification that federal funds will be withheld because of this policy, we will rescind the policy.

5 Year District Plan

After building compliance issues are addressed, Mr. Wilson asked the board for input on a plan, and stressed the need to start working on building lighting as a high priority. The heat situation at the high school also needs addressed as the boiler needs replacing. Manassa Elementary is in need of a new roof as well. Mr. Wilson asked, “Would it be wiser to think long term with all schools, CHS, CMS, and the elementary schools being located at one site. If this is the direction we are looking at, how much do we put into present buildings?” He asked the board for feedback at the next board meeting in September.

BEST Security Grant Update

Construction on the building security is a little behind, but at this point we are about \$60,000 under budget. Curt would like to make a few additions which include a few more fab entries, two-way communications, etc. We will keep the grant open until Christmas break to complete the minor changes with the building security construction being completed in December.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Membership to CHSAA – (Attachment #10)

A motion was made by Steve Sorensen to approve membership to CHSAA, seconded by Joseph Baroz.

Mark Bahr, aye; Joseph Baroz, aye; Robert Chavez, absent; Garth Crowther, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Steve Sorensen, aye.

The motion passed.

CHSAA Resolution – (Attachment #11)

A motion was made by Garth Crowther to approve the CHSAA Resolution, seconded by Joseph Baroz.

Mark Bahr, aye; Joseph Baroz, aye; Robert Chavez, absent; Garth Crowther, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Steve Sorensen, aye.

The motion passed.

BOCES MOU Approval – (Attachment #12)

A motion was made by Chuck Finnegan to approve the BOCES MOU, seconded by Joseph Baroz.

Mark Bahr, aye; Joseph Baroz, aye; Robert Chavez, absent; Garth Crowther, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Steve Sorensen, aye.

The motion passed.

Discuss and review policies CBA/CBC, CBB, CBD, CBF, CBI, CBIA, CBI-R, CC, CF, CH, CHCA, CHD for revision and policies CBI-E, CBF, CCA, CFBA, CHB, and CI for repeal for the first reading

A motion was made by Steve Sorensen to approve policies, CBA,CBC, CBB, CBD, CBE, CBI, CBIA, CBI-R, CC, CF, CH, CHCA, CHD for revision and policies CBI-E, CBF, CCA, CFBA, CHB and CI for repeal for the first reading, seconded by Chuck Finnegan.

Mark Bahr, aye; Joseph Baroz, aye; Robert Chavez, absent; Garth Crowther, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Steve Sorensen, aye.

The motion passed.

Staff Hirings

A motion was made by Joseph Baroz to approve the transfer of Kyle Forster from CHS Social Studies to CHS Physical Education and hiring Justin Chase as CHS Social Studies teacher, seconded by Garth Crowther.

Mark Bahr, aye; Joseph Baroz, aye; Robert Chavez, absent; Garth Crowther, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Steve Sorensen, aye.

The motion passed.

CMS Cross Country Coach

A motion was made by Steve Sorensen to hire Cynthia McDaniel as CMS Cross Country Coach, seconded by Joseph Baroz.

Mark Bahr, aye; Joseph Baroz, aye; Robert Chavez, absent; Garth Crowther, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Steve Sorensen, aye.

The motion passed.

Assistant CHS Volleyball Coach

A motion was made by Garth Crowther to hire Melanie Shawcroft as CHS assistant Volleyball coach, seconded by Chuck Finnegan.

Mark Bahr, aye; Joseph Baroz, aye; Robert Chavez, absent; Garth Crowther, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Steve Sorensen, aye.

The motion passed.

Federal Programs Substantial Approval

A motion was made by Garth Crowther to approve the federal programs substantial approval, seconded by Steve Sorensen.

Mark Bahr, aye; Joseph Baroz, aye; Robert Chavez, absent; Garth Crowther, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Steve Sorensen, aye.

The motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Joseph Baroz to go into executive session with Mr. Wilson and others as needed, to discuss privileged information and personnel issues, seconded by Chuck Finnegan.

Mark Bahr, aye; Joseph Baroz, aye; Robert Chavez, absent; Garth Crowther, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Steve Sorensen, aye.

The motion passed.

Topic 1 – 7 minutes

Topic 2 – 19 minutes

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

The next regular board of Education meeting of the North Conejos School District will be September 16, 2016 at 6:30pm.