

NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
January 17, 2017
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, aye; Garth Crowther, absent; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Steve Sorensen, absent.

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 Joseph Baroz. **(Attachments #1 - #4)**

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

The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

A motion was made by Robert Chavez to approve the agenda with the change of moving the executive session, item 13, to follow item 12e, seconded by Chuck Finnegan.

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

The motion passed

FALCON AWARD

Mr. Loch presented falcon awards to CHS students Tona Lavadour and Vianey Valdez. Tona and Vianey got funding for and started a recycling program at CHS. Their goal is to help students become aware of recycling benefits and process. They stated that this is their way of giving back to our community. They hope this sets an example for others to recycle within the NCSD community. Mr. Finger presented FALCON awards to Paul and Pat Naranjo. Paul has a great attitude and takes pride in the Manassa Elementary building. He takes care of business and takes care of kids. Pat is a great support to her husband and this district.

STUDENT FCCLA PRESENTATION

FCCLA member McKenna Bagwell shared with board members her presentation on emergency preparedness and being prepared on the road. She showed board members a sample emergency road kit for students riding district buses on extra-curricular trips, and shared the purpose of each item.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/ACTIVITIES

Achievement Reports: (Attachment #5)

See attached reports from building administrators.

BOCES Report:

Mark Bahr reported that he will be attending the BOCES meeting tomorrow night, January 18th.

NCEA Report:

Bonnie Keller told board members NCEA has been meeting with Mr. Wilson concerning strategies for an early retirement bonus.

Administration Report:

Mr. Wilson commended students for their actions today with the recent community tragedy. He stated that our school family pulled together.

He commended custodial staff for their efforts on snow removal at our schools with the recent storms which have caused havoc.

The solar garden will begin construction in March, and should be operable sometime in June or July. Discounts should begin to initiate immediately after and align nicely with our budget timeline for the new fiscal year.

Staff Mid-year evaluations are going on with meaningful dialog. Mr. Wilson has addressed administration concerning their helping staff to continually improve and make the process a good experience.

Our Gifted and Talented addendum is ready for next year as we don't need it for this year; our UIP is acceptable via CDE for this academic year, a product of our recent ratings of Accredited with Distinction.

The district has had a number of audits this year some of which are our financial audit, labor audit, and an OCR audit at CHS. Mr. Wilson reported a clean financial audit, a clean department of labor audit, and will take steps to comply with OCR in terms of our web site and parking to align with law.

Mr. Wilson thanked the board for the phone system communication approval as well as their approval to purchase a new mini bus. The bus will be painted with mandated lettering and be ready for the wrestlers to take it to the state tournament.

School board appreciation month is this month and Mr. Wilson thanked board members for their service to the district.

Educating our kids on drugs is a focus. A great resource in educating kids as to the dangers of drug use is using older influential kids to help the younger kids understand the real dangers of drugs. Mr. Joseph Valdez has a good curriculum that we can use as a tool. This district is dedicated to the anti-drug message. Drug abuse is a very real and growing problem in our Valley and in the country. We will implement the curriculum as designed by the administration team this year.

DISCUSSION ITEMS**Community Eligibility Provision**

Amber Martinez, our food service director, has been working with CDE to help the district be able to qualify for Provision 2; we as a district don't qualify for provision 1 at this time. We need to get parents/guardians to complete and update lunch forms since we are very near to qualifying for Provision 2.

BEST Grant

All scheduled work has been completed on the security BEST grant. NCS D is under budget, but needs to make sure the entire security system is working properly before official closing of the grant. Mr. Wilson would like to put in a monitor at central office to be able to see all buildings security systems, CHS would like window tint film on the exterior window in Mr. Loch's office, CMS has a camera that is in-operable that needs replacing, Manassa Elementary would like to put a fob entrance on the gym doors, and La Jara Elementary would like added signage to the exterior and entrance door window tent. Mr. Wilson will proceed to work with CDE/CSHQA to complete these last few tasks.

Youth at Legislative Session

The district would like to work through BOCES to get students to the state capitol and let them be our lobbyists. All rural school districts are being heavily shorted on funding and it is thought that legislators may listen to students. This needs to be an organized effort where students go prepared and get the media involved. It was suggested that the schools in the San Luis Valley send groups of students representing all districts sometime in April and that we get Donald Valdez involved as a voice for rural school funding in the legislature.

*Steve Sorensen came to board meeting at 7:30 p.m.

District Facility Acquisition Process

Mr. Wilson gave board members a handout from CHSQA (Jim Murray) of the Wiggins school BEST facility process. The first step is getting an updated facility assessment. The last assessment done for NCS D was in 2001. Mr. Wilson will have the results for a current facility assessment by the end of March via CDE. He referred the board members to the hand out to see the steps we may need to take. The board wants to start looking seriously at this and recognized they must have strong support from the community before we can begin. Other districts have spent over 2 years prepping the community for a new school. It was suggested that we begin forming a committee and that we start with the DAC. The board needs to have good information to have productive meetings and to get community support. The committee needs to discuss needs versus wants and the actuality of moving forth with facilities upgrade.

Early Retirement Bonus Change Options

Mr. Wilson met with NCEA representatives concerning options with an early retirement bonus. Curt would like to update staff files and the board would like him to come back to them with numbers and options as to his recommendation for the future.

Solar Agreement and Time Line

This was previously discussed in the administration report.

ACTION ITEMS

Discuss and review policies CBD-E and DKB for the first reading

A motion was made by Robert Chavez to approve policies CBD-E and DKB for the first reading, seconded by Steve Sorensen.

Mark Bahr, aye; Joseph Baroz, aye; Robert Chavez, aye; Garth Crowther, absent; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Steve Sorensen, aye (in at 7:30pm).

The motion passed.

Resolution authorizing the use of a portion of beginning fund balance as authorized by Colorado statutes to upgrade phone system as CHS, CMS, and the District office and to purchase a mini bus (Attachment #6)

A motion was made by Steve Sorensen to approve the Resolution authorizing the use of a portion of beginning fund balance as authorized by Colorado statutes to upgrade phone system at CHS, CMS and the District office and to purchase a mini bus, seconded by Joseph Baroz.

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

The motion passed.

Resolution to appropriate to each fund as specified in the Adopted Budget for the ensuing fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017 (Attachment #7)

A motion was made by Robert Chavez to approve the Resolution to appropriate to each fund as specified in the Adopted Budget for the ensuing Fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017, seconded by Chuck Finnegan.

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

The motion passed.

Discuss and review policies DBD, DBG-E, DBG, DEA, DFA/DFAA, DH, DID, DJ/DJA, DJG, DKC, DEB for adoption or revision, for the second reading.

A motion was made by Joseph Baroz to approve policies DBD, DBG-E, DBG, DEA, DFA/DFAA, DH, DID, DJ/DJA, DJG, DKC, DEB for adoption or revision, for the second reading, seconded by Robert Chavez.

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

The motion passed.

Discuss and review policies CBIA, CBD-E, DBC, DBC-E, DBD-E-1, DBD-E-2, DBE/DBF, DBGA, DGH, DC, DCA, DEAA, DG-R, DGA, DI-R, DJB, DJB-R, DJD, DJF, DKA, DKC-E, DKC-R, DKG-E, DN for repeal, for the second reading.

A motion was made by Robert Chavez to approve policies CBIA, CBD-E, DBC, DBC-E, DBD-E-1, DBD-E-2, DBE/DBF, DBGA, DGH, DC, DCA, DEAA, DG-R, DGA, DI-R, DJB, DJB-R, DJD, DJF, DKA, DKC-E, DKC-R, DKG-E, DN for repeal, for the second reading, seconded by Steve Sorensen.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

Superintendent Evaluation/Contract Approval

A motion was made by Joseph Baroz to approve the Superintendent Evaluation/Contract, seconded by Chuck Finnegan.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

Topic 1 – 3 minutes

Topic 2 – 45 minutes

The next regular board of Education meeting will be February 21 at 6:30pm.