

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

March 28, 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 6:32 pm by Mark Bahr, President.

ROLL CALL

Mark Bahr, aye; Joseph Baroz, aye; Robert Chavez, aye; 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 Robert Chavez to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Steve Sorensen. **(Attachments #1 - #4)**

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

The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

A motion was made by Joseph Baroz to approve the agenda with no additions, seconded by Chuck Finnegan.

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

The motion passed.

FALCON AWARD

Principal Ricky Salazar presented falcon awards to 1st grade teachers at LJE Sandra Valdez and Jessica Ulmala. These ladies truly work as a team. They don't give up on their students and are always pushing their kids to do better and work harder. Andrew Shelton presented awards to two state Science Fair qualifiers. Samantha Shelton and Manny Lucero will be representing CMS at the state Science Fair competition. They have done an outstanding job and as 6th grade students will be competing against 7th and 8th graders at the competition. They need to be commended for doing quality work and being individuals of high integrity. Brian Loch gave falcon awards to Ariel Sandoval and Michael Sowards. They are hard-working students who do good things in all places. They make a difference. Ariel has been awarded the Boettcher Scholarship and Michael the Daniels Scholarship. We congratulate them for their hard work. Susan Hamilton presented a falcon award to Lexi Candelaria. She is a star student who works very hard. She has volunteered many hours at the nursing home and may go into nursing because of this experience.

FCCLA PRESENTATION

Casey Fringer addressed the board on the purpose of FCCLA which is to help students develop skills that will help them after high school and in life. Casey is a state officer for FCCLA and has learned many good things from his FCCLA experiences which may lead him to pursue a career in politics. His power point showed this accomplishment and knowledge gained from participating in FCCLA.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

The motion passed.

Topic 1 – 20 minutes

Topic 2 – 30 minutes

Topic 3 – 30 minutes

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

There were none.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/ACTIVITIES

Achievement Reports: (Attachment #5)

See attached reports from building administrators.

BOCES Report:

Mark Bahr reported that April 9th will be a day at the Capitol and invited all to attend. There was discussion on drug testing students participating in extra-curricular activities, the EARS grant, transgender bathroom protocol, possibly moving the SLV Science Fair to the beginning of the week rather than the end of the week, and Mark announced that the SLV teacher recognition banquet will be held on April 26th.

NCEA Report:

No report

Administration Report:

The district has worked to increase communication via our district web page, face book, school reach, and now our food service calls.

New requirements have come from the federal government concerning special education (IEP) students' needs being adequately met. We will be extending greater services to these students. It may be challenging as these are unfunded mandates.

A new American flag has been placed in the La Jara Elementary gymnasium due to the efforts of Fred Gutierrez. If you are in the building please take time to see this flag as it is amazing.

Mr. Wilson gave the board a heads up concerning the nursing home in La Jara needing a place to retrieve water should the town supply go down. He asked the board for permission to allow the nursing home to retrieve water from the school district and the board gave Mr. Wilson their approval.

Mr. Wilson showed the board a power point on the SPF scores in the state. With all the data available he acknowledged that staff and students did an amazing job in our testing.

DISCUSSION ITEMS**GOCO Grant Update**

Jesse Shawcroft reported that the district was successful in obtaining a \$350,000 GOCO grant for a new track facility that will begin construction at the end of this school year. He suggested the school district may need to begin charging admission for baseball and track events to help build a reserve to maintain the track facility.

SB123 Update

Senate Bill 214 did not pass, thus SB213 is still in original form. Schools must tighten their protocols and align all emergency procedures and CSDSIP is assisting NCSD to ensure we are up to date in all emergency responses.

State/Nation Budget Update

December 2016 saw a 23 million dollar reduction in school funding and in 2017-18 there will be a significant negative factor increase. We need to prepare for painful funding decreases.

Special Education High Court Ruling

This was discussed in the administration report.

Pay Scale Proposal

Mr. Wilson brought to board attention the need to adjust the NCSD pay scale to promote staff getting their master degree and to fairly increase the pay scale for all teachers and to reward and not penalize them in their educational pursuits. The board asked Mr. Wilson to make the recommended changes and bring the teacher pay scale to them for approval at the April board meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

New Policies & Revision of Policies BCB, BEDF, BID/BIE, DAC, DJ/DJA, DJCA, DJCA-R, DJE, DKC, EHB, GBEA, JRCB, JRCB-R for the first reading. (Attachment #6)

A motion was made by Steve Sorensen to approve New Policies & Revision of Policies BCB, BEDF, BID/BIE, DAC, DJ/DJA, DJCA, DJCA-R, DJE, DKC, EHB, GBEA, JRCB, JRCB-R for the first reading, seconded by Chuck Finnegan.

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

The motion passed.

4 Day Week for 2017-2018 Calendar

A motion was made by Garth Crowther to approve the 4 day week for the 2017-18 school year as a pilot year with a survey going out to the community and staff at the end of the 2017-18 school year for evaluation, seconded by Joseph Baroz.

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

The motion passed.

Retirement Bonus

A motion was made by Steve Sorensen to terminate the current retirement bonus policy (GCQE-E) at the end of this school year and to honor the current policy for this year's retirees, seconded by Chuck Finnegan.

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

The motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None needed

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

There will be a work session to go over the 2017-18 school year budget on April 11, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

The next regular board of Education meeting will be April 18, 2017 at 6:30pm.