

NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
November 15, 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, 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 Steve Sorensen to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Joseph Baroz. **(Attachments #1 - #5)**

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 Chuck Finnegan to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Steve Sorensen

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

The motion passed

FALCON AWARD

The Falcon Award was presented to several students in the District. Mr. Wilson presented the falcon awards in behalf of Ricky Salazar, La Jara Elementary principal, to Michael Martinez. Mr. Huffaker presented the middle school falcon awards to Luke Anderson, Loren Velasquez, and Deserae Quintana. Mr. Fringer presented the Manassa Elementary falcon awards to Holly McDaniel and Tayden Montoya. High School falcon awards were presented by Mr. Loch to Analisa Alfaro and Mrs. Misty Espinoza. Misty is the Resource teacher at CHS and CMS. She goes the second mile in serving the students of NCSD. Misty is a great teacher and has a great environment in her classroom. NCSD is fortunate to have Misty Espinoza as part of our staff.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOE

There were no citizens signed up to address the Board.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/ACTIVITIES

Achievement Reports: (Attachment #6)

See attached reports from building administrators.

BOCES Report:

Mark Bahr reported that there will be a meeting tomorrow night. The board governance meeting will begin at 5:00 p.m. and he invited all board members to attend.

NCEA Report:

Bonnie Keller expressed appreciation to the board for getting our district policies cleaned up. She also expressed frustration with current state funding for education.

Administration Report:

Mr. Wilson attended a meeting in Alamosa where educators met with Governor Hickenlooper. Curt told the board the governor had no interest in taking on TABOR and the K-12 funding was not a problem in his opinion. Curt told board members that Valley Superintendents are drafting a letter which includes remodeling the refinancing act. The outlook for increased funding doesn't look good.

Mr. Wilson wanted to know if all board members were still planning on attending the CASB Conference in December and board members are all still planning to attend.

The financial audit is nearly complete and Curt asked the board if they would like a special meeting to go over the audit or have the audit presented at the December 13th board meeting . Board members decided to have the audit presented at the December meeting.

Mark Hillen from CDE just completed a facilities audit of NCSD. His report will be forthcoming and Mr. Wilson will report those findings to the board when it is complete, stating this audit guides much of the 5-10 year plan the board has asked him to develop.

Active Shooter safety training was presented to all NCSD staff on November 11th during our teacher in-service; a special focus was upon “beyond lockdown”.

NCSD will be a pilot school for the online teacher licensing system for CDE. This will be a benefit to teachers and the district and will expedite time and workload for teachers, and we appreciate the opportunity to be a pilot school for CDE.

NCSD will sign on with one of the two proposals to sign on to a solar power grid being constructed near Antonito, saving over 150K in the next 20 years. We will be aligning with the same company as the town of La Jara, as this entity produces the most amount of return, is local, and originally offered the most return without competitive motivation to increase that rate. There are no fees or sign-on costs up front and this is part of the district’s effort to utilize clean energy.

For the safety of students, we have ordered signage (cautionary and alert) to be placed between CHS and the Administration building. We have also changed some procedures to protect students that walk from CHS to the shops and the band room. Mr. Wilson stated it is a continued effort to promote school/student/staff safety and to eliminate exposure to the district.

Mr. Curt Wilson informed board members that one of our mini buses are worn and aged. One mini bus broke down the last seven times we have used it. Mr. Wilson will talk to our transportation director about pursuing the purchase of a replacement mini bus.

Policy DBK concerning salary deductions was brought to board attention. The board would like a separate work session to discuss the policy. It was decided to meet in January after the financial audit in December. Some pay scales will be increasing with the passing of the minimum wage bill in the future, and will require modification, including that of sub pay, per day basis.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Graduation Guidelines

There is a push for CTE programs to help satisfy graduation requirements. Many districts have done away with a number of their CTE programs but are now attempting to revive such programs. NCSD has a very strong CTE program. Much thought needs to go into our CTE programs and the possibility of other districts sending their students to NCSD; and Mr. Wilson will apprise the board, with his concerns over proceeding with the idea, if any other districts request such. There are many concerns that need to be

addressed including fees, insurance, safety, conduct and other items. Mr. Wilson asked the board for their input or to voice concerns in the days coming forth.

Salary Deduction Policy

Mr. Curt Wilson contacted the school attorney concerning policy DKB. We need to update this policy. Deductions for leave not covered in other policy will be at the rate of sub pay, in alignment with all other absence/payout policy.

Appeals Template for Evaluation

An outline of an Appeals Process for a second year evaluation rating of less than proficient was discussed. Mr. Wilson will work with teacher representation for exact dates and deadlines for that model appeal process.

North Property

The board directed Mr. Wilson to stick with our original offer of \$25,000 for the 5 acres North of CMS in an attempt to secure future building sights, rather than the amount requested. Curt will contact the realtor with the boards' directive and keep the board informed when more information is received.

Inside Out Coaching Initiative

CASB has come out with a CD on athletics and coaching. There are some real concerns in some areas of the state that are out of control when it comes to athletics. Curt asked the board to get on the link in their CASB e-mail or he would make the CD available to them to watch.

GOCO Presentation

Jesse Shawcroft summarized the GOCO application for a new track. It requires a 10% cash match if we receive the GOCO grant. The high school took a survey at their parent/teacher conferences and asked what parents thought of the grant for a new track and received almost 100% feedback in favor of a new track. The board agreed to match the funds necessary for the new track if NCS D is awarded the grant. We would have to take the funds out of reserve. Conejos County has committed to in-kind services if the grant is awarded.

Discuss and Review Policies DBD, DBG-E, DEA, DFA/DFAA, DH, DID, DJ/DJA, DJG, DKC, DEB for adoption or revision (Attachment #7)

These are policies that need an adoption date or need revision.

Discuss and Review Policies, CBIA, DBD-E, DBC, DBC-E, DBD-E-1, DBD-E-2, DBD/DBF, DBGA, DBH, DC, DCA, DEAA, DG-R, DJB, DJB-R, DJD, DJF, DKA, DKC-E, DKC-R, DKG-E, DN for Repeal (Attachment #8)

These are policies that need cleaning up and need repealed.

ACTION ITEMS

Resolution supporting the Grant Application for a Local Parks and Outdoor recreation Grant from the State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund and the completion of the North Conejos Activity Complex (Attachment #9)

A motion was made by Garth Crowther to approve the Resolution supporting the Grant Application for a Local Parks and Outdoor Recreation Grant from the state Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund and the completion of the North Conejos Activity Complex, seconded by Steve Sorensen.

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

The motion passed.

Discuss and Review Policies DAB, DAB-E, and DB for adoption or revision, for the first reading.

A motion was made by Robert Chavez to approve policies DAB, DAB-E, and DB for adoption or revision, 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.

Solar Grid Proposal Approval

A motion was made by Steve Sorensen to approve the solar grid proposal (Community Energy) as presented, seconded by Robert Chavez.

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

The motion passed.

Manassa Elementary Christmas program Waiver to Wednesday Decem ber 21, 2016

A motion was made by Robert Chaves to approve the Manassa Elementary Christmas Program Waiver to Wednesday December 21, 2016, 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.

Food Service Amended Adopted 16-17 Budget (Attachment #10)

A motion was made by Garth Crowther to approve the food Service Amended Adopted 16-17 Budget, seconded by Robert Chavez.

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

The motion passed.

Federal Programs Amended Adopted 16-17 Budget (Attachment #11)

A motion was made by Robert Chavez to approve the Federal Programs Amended Adopted 16-17 budget, 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

The next regular board of Education meeting will be December 13, 2016 at 6:30pm.