

NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
OCTOBER 21, 2014
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 6:34 p.m. by Mark Bahr, President.

ROLL CALL

Mark Bahr, aye; Joseph Baroz, aye; Robert Chavez, absent; Natalie Rogers, absent; Steve Sorensen, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye.

PREDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

A motion was made by Steve Sorensen to approve the agenda with the addition of item h, amendment 68 added to section three, discussion items, seconded by Joseph Baroz..

Mark Bahr, aye; Joseph Baroz, aye; Robert Chavez, absent; Natalie Rogers, absent; Steve Sorensen, aye, Chuck Finnegan, aye.

The motion passed.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one signed up to address the board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Joseph Baroz to approve the minutes for the regular board meeting on September 23, 2014, seconded by Steve Sorensen (attachment #1)

Mark Bahr, aye; Joseph Baroz, aye; Robert Chavez, absent; Natalie Rogers, absent; Steve Sorensen, aye, Chuck Finnegan, aye.

The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

A motion was made by Steve Sorensen to approve the bills for the month of September 2014 totaling \$130,521.77, seconded by Steve Sorensen. (attachment #2)

Mark Bahr, aye; Joseph Baroz, aye; Robert Chavez, absent; Natalie Rogers, absent; Steve Sorensen, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye.

The motion passed.

FALCON AWARD

This month's falcon award was presented to David and Jane VanBerkum. The VanBerkum's are very involved in the NCSd and go out of their way to make things good for the district. They see that their children are involved and attend school regularly and responsibly. Falcon awards were also presented to Lajara Elementary teachers Krista Middlemist, Erica Martinez, and Patricia Naranjo for going the second mile as teachers at LJE.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/ACTIVITIES

Achievement Reports: (attachment #3)

See attached Principal reports.

BOCES Report:

Mark Bahr reported that the next meeting will be November 19, 2014.

NCEA Report:

NCEA representatives thanked the administration and board for a good start to the school year. They brought up PERA double dipping and would like discussion concerning revision of the policy. Good student attendance was discussed and its importance to success for the student in the classroom. NCEA would like to re-visit policy on student absences.

Administration Report:

Mr. Wilson went over current absence and truancy policies and discussed with the board what may need changed. It was brought up that if a parent excused their child, there is no penalty.

Curt has been looking into a district wide safety system. It will cost the district around \$22,000 to secure one door at each building. He brought up that there is a Best Grant available to install safety systems in schools that covers all but 28% of the cost and will complete an alarm/safety system to a greater degree than just one door per building. The board discussed and decided to have Mr. Wilson complete paperwork for the Best Grant and do a thorough system in each building in the district.

The CHS football lights have been used all season and it was brought out that the football gate for this year (4 games) brought in \$7127 compared to last year's football gate (5 games) at \$5728.

The district audit will begin next week and the auditors should be able to present their findings at the December board meeting.

The North Conejos Alternative Program is now a K-12 program. In past years, the program was just a high school program. We will use data from the current year instead of last year's data.

Mr. Wilson has contacted a company to have contraband dogs come into the schools. He would like to use a company based out of Colorado Springs and share the costs with other valley schools to keep costs down.

The new heating system has been installed in the high school and seems to be working at this point.

Administrators and valley law enforcement will be attending the emergency training on October 29th from 8 am to 12 pm at ASU.

There was discussion concerning the dropping off and picking up of students at CHS and CMS. The Colorado State Patrol has suggested that there be one drop off point for all students and that the CMS parking lot be used for parking only. Their suggestion was to drop off all students (CMS and CHS) in front of the high school to relieve congestion of cars and buses and for the safety of all students.

The current student enrollment for the district is 970 students.

There have been some issues with School Reach, the phone system the district uses to contact parents. Those issues have been resolved and the phone system is up and running at this point.

The sound system in the CMS gymnasium is old and needs to be replaced. Mr. Wilson would like to have it upgraded to be more functional.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Double Dipping (regular status to retiree status):

Mr. Wilson will get more information from PERA to present to the board.

Future Financial Needs:

1. Federal Programs – General Fund will need to pick up the overage from last year's expenditures.
2. 635 Main – The estimated cost to the district to make the NCAP building compliant is \$25,000 - \$30,000.
3. 104 Spruce – So far the district has paid \$4,600 for architect fees. There will be more expenses later, but this is what has been paid so far to get the process started to make the bus building compliant.
4. Activities – We will need to transfer \$20,000 to balance the CHS activities account.

5. Food Service - \$20,000 plus increase to liabilities and salaries due to increasing hours on contracts.
6. Parking Lot Drop Off Plan/CSP – This was previously discussed in Mr. Wilson’s report.
7. DAC Committee – The District Accountability Committee meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday, October 28th at 6:00 p.m
8. CASB Meeting & Attendance – Mark Bahr invited all who wanted to go to the CASB convention to attend. Chuck Finnegan said he would like to attend. The board is to let Curt know who will be attending.
9. RANDA – Curt gave an over view of the program and how it works. RANDA is an evaluation tool that is state approved and will be kept current. It will be important for the principals to be in the classrooms.
10. CASE Policy Review – CASE offers a free service to review and make sure that district policy is up to date and includes all that is needed in school district policy. Curt has asked that our district have our policy looked over and recommendations made to update NCSD policy.
11. Amendment 68 – After discussion on amendment 68, it was decided that our board of education will not support this amendment.

ACTION ITEMS:

\$ Coaches (attachment #6):

A motion was made by Steve Sorensen to approve the \$1 coaches as presented, seconded by Joseph Baroz.

Mark Bahr, aye; Joseph Baroz, aye; Robert Chavez, absent; Natalie Rogers, absent; Steve Sorensen, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye.

The motion passed.

Substitute Approvals (attachment #7):

A motion was made by Joseph Baroz to approve the substitute teachers as presented, seconded by Chuck Finnegan.

Mark Bahr, aye; Joseph Baroz, aye; Robert Chavez, absent; Natalie Rogers, absent; Steve Sorensen, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye.

The motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Joseph Baroz to go into executive session, per CRS section 24-6-402 4 Sub 4R, to discuss privileged information and personnel issues, Curt Wilson was asked to attend, seconded by Steve Sorensen.

Mark Bahr, aye; Joseph Baroz, aye; Robert Chavez, absent; Natalie Rogers, absent; Steve Sorensen, aye. The motion passed.

NEXT REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 18, 2014 AT 6:30 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT