

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

April 21, 2020

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 Joseph Baroz, President. This meeting was conducted entirely via teleconferencing or videoconferencing.

ROLL CALL

Joseph Baroz(in work office), aye; Tanner Bagwel(in home office), aye; Garth Crowther(in home office), aye; Chuck Finnegan(in home office), aye; Brandon Thomas(in home office), aye; Mary Jane Valdez(home alone in room), aye.

EMERGENCY APPROVAL OF POLICY BEAA & BEDA-E

A motion was made by Mary Jane Valdez to emergency approve policies BEAA & BEDA-E, seconded by Garth Crowther.

Joseph Baroz, aye; Tanner Bagwell aye; Garth Crowther, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Brandon Thomas, aye; Mary Jane Valdez, aye.

The motion passed.

PREDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA/CHANGES TO CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Tanner Bagwell to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Garth Crowther.

Joseph Baroz, aye; Tanner Bagwell, aye; Garth Crowther, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Brandon Thomas, aye; Mary Jane Valdez, aye.

The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

A motion was made by Brandon Thomas to approve the agenda with an addition to action item (11g.) adding Stephanie Vigil to classified staff contracts, seconded by Mary Jane Valdez.

Joseph Baroz, aye; Tanner Bagwell, aye; Garth Crowther, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Brandon Thomas, aye; Mary Jane Valdez, aye.

The motion passed.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Lisa Pena – W-2's, HSA

Krista Middlemist – W-2's

Bev Glynn – W-2's

Tiffany Atencio – W-2's

Erica Martinez – Health Insurance

Janine Christensen – W-2's

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/ACTIVITIES

Principals Reports

See attached reports

BOCES Report

Brandon Thomas reported that a new director has been hired as well as a SPED director.

NCEA Report

None

DAC Report

Mr. Wilson reported that the DAC president will be planning a remote meeting for the DAC on May 12, 2020.

Administration Report

Mr. Wilson thanked Susan Hamilton and the district administration for completing the Unified Improvement Plan by the deadline.

The staff evaluations will be completed with the RANDA system. We want staff to be given credit for what they have done.

Congratulations to Centauri High School for being ranked among the best in the US Report & News. CHS was ranked 131st out of 357 schools in Colorado. Mr. Wilson commended the school and felt they did very well. He credits all K-12 staff and students for this honor.

The COVID19 will affect an already tight budget situation for next year school finances. We are not sure how it will affect the district, but we are guessing funding could be reduced by at least \$800 per student. The Governor has been asked to take care of rural schools. The Joint Budget Committee will be meeting May 4th through 12th. We are currently at 75% of this year's budget, but we have recently spent more in this year's budget. Mr. Wilson asked the board for an okay with giving a step for staff next year. We may have to use beginning fund balance or we may have to modify elsewhere.

The district health insurance renewal will be up by 4.5% next year. Mr. Wilson believes the district has enough to cover the increase for next year.

We are beginning construction for the Centauri High School BEST now.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

BEST Update

NCSO Owners Rep John Sattler told board members that there has been progress on the design side of the high school. Bradbury Stamm has sent the design estimate with a few modifications. John will be evaluating the cost estimate. The grant has a 24 million construction estimate for 73,311 square feet. The current estimate is \$28,900 million at 76,000 square feet. He will continue to work on this. John is working on approval from the State to reduce the fixture count in the restrooms. He is looking to reduce costs on the exterior structural systems by possibly using precast concrete which could reduce the cost by 1 million dollars. He is on the path and process to evaluate construction and budget and to stay on schedule. There will be a design meeting tomorrow, April 22nd to work on getting to our budget goal. There are still a number of questions and unknowns on the site current structure and utilities. John met with the electrical engineer yesterday, April 20th. There is a fair amount of electric and gas that wasn't really understood when the master plan was budgeted, but he is working through this with great haste. The plus side is the high school will have a new electric and gas service, but it may be difficult and costly to remove the old electric and gas at the high school. DPS is bringing on a fire protection engineer to help look for a reduction and help with fire protection and fire code. There may be a possibility of getting a hardship granted from local and state officials. Mr. Wilson asked John to explain the precast exterior. John told the board that masonry work is costly and risky in the winter so he is looking at other means. Precast panels are made in a factory and are very durable and one of the preferred techniques used in gyms and classrooms as well. Because they are built in a factory the quality is good and durable and goes up quickly and are much less labor intensive. The challenge is

making an exterior look nice, but texturing the precast panels will help the exterior look nice. John will be reviewing the cost estimate tomorrow as a team in their weekly meeting.

School Schedule

Mr. Wilson reported there will be no in-person instruction for the remainder of the year in Colorado per Governor orders. Mr. Wilson told board members that the staff is to be commended for their work and he hopes schools will re-open in the fall. He believes if that is the case, the Governor will have schools return with restrictions. CHS is working with the local health agency on graduation. CDE is putting ideas and plans together for school districts graduation. School will end May 20th and building principals will determine how check out will happen within their buildings.

CHS/NCAP Graduation

CHS would like to do as much as we can do live, but we will have to work with local county health officials. Much depends on the Governor and local health officials. CHS Principal, Katie Montague, reported they are working on graduation ideas. They are considering a drive up graduation with a parade through towns, having graduation in the football stadium with 6 feet distancing, having graduation in the arena in Manassa with a radio station broadcasting, holding graduation at CMS but limiting the number of people who come. The school will be ordering banners of each graduate to put on the fence. Mrs. Montague wants to do graduation big!

ACTION ITEMS

ASP Approval

A motion was made by Garth Crowther to approve the existing ASP's as presented, seconded by Brandon Thomas.

Joseph Baroz, aye; Tanner Bagwell aye; Garth Crowther, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Brandon Thomas, aye; Mary Jane Valdez, aye.

The motion passed.

Staff Resignation

A motion was made by Mary Jane Valdez to approve the resignation of Keith Christensen (this year), CHS Building Trades teacher, Mike Creel (this year), CHS Business Teacher, and Maurice Crowther, to resign after the completion of the 20-21 school year, seconded by Chuck Finnegan.

Joseph Baroz, aye; Tanner Bagwell aye; Garth Crowther, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Brandon Thomas, aye; Mary Jane Valdez, aye.

The motion passed.

2020-2021 NCS D Teacher Contracts

A motion was made by Mary Jane Valdez to approve the NCS D teacher contracts as listed with a step, seconded by Garth Crowther.

Joseph Baroz, aye; Tanner Bagwell, aye; Garth Crowther, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Brandon Thomas, aye; Mary Jane Valdez, aye.

The motion passed.

2020-2021 Sponsorship Contracts

A motion was made by Garth Crowther to approve the 2020-2021 sponsorship contracts as listed, seconded by Tanner Bagwell.

Joseph Baroz, aye; Tanner Bagwell, aye; Garth Crowther, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Brandon Thomas, aye; Mary Jane Valdez, aye.

The motion passed.

2020-2021 CMS Coaching Contracts

A motion was made by Mary Jane Valdez to approve the 2020-2021 CMS coaching contracts as listed, seconded by Chuck Finnegan.

Joseph Baroz, aye; Tanner Bagwell aye; Garth Crowther, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Brandon Thomas, aye; Mary Jane Valdez, aye.

The motion passed.

2020-2021 CHS Coaching Contracts

A motion was made Garth Crowther to approve the 2020-2021 CHS coaching contracts as listed, seconded by Mary Jane Valdez.

Joseph Baroz, aye; Tanner Bagwell aye; Garth Crowther, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Brandon Thomas, aye; Mary Jane Valdez, aye.

The motion passed.

2020-2021 Classified Staff Contracts

A motion was made Tanner Bagwell to approve the 2020-2021 classified staff contracts as listed with a step, seconded by Brandon Thomas.

Joseph Baroz, aye; Tanner Bagwell aye; Garth Crowther, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Brandon Thomas, aye; Mary Jane Valdez, aye.

The motion passed.

2020-2021 Administrator Contracts

A motion was made by Mary Jane Valdez to approve the 2020-2021 administrator contracts as listed with a step, seconded by Garth Crowther.

Joseph Baroz, aye; Tanner Bagwell aye; Garth Crowther, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Brandon Thomas, aye; Mary Jane Valdez, aye.

The motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Garth Crowther to go into executive session with Mr. Wilson and others as needed, to discuss privileged information and personnel issues, seconded by Mary Jane Valdez.

Joseph Baroz, aye; Tanner Bagwell aye; Garth Crowther, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Brandon Thomas, aye; Mary Jane Valdez, aye.

The motion passed.

Topic 1 – 30 minutes

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Next regular board of education meeting will be Tuesday May 19, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.