

NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
October 15, 2019
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.

ROLL CALL

Joseph Baroz, aye; Robert Chavez, aye; Garth Crowther, absent; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Brandon Thomas, aye; Mary Jane Valdez, aye (present via telephone).

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 Chuck Finnegan.

Joseph Baroz, aye; Robert Chavez, aye; Garth Crowther, absent; 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 no additions, seconded by Robert Chavez.

Joseph Baroz, aye; Robert Chavez, aye; Garth Crowther, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Brandon Thomas, aye; Mary Jane Valdez, aye.

The motion passed.

Falcon Award

Katie Montague, CHS Principal, presented falcon awards to high school students Michael Casias and Nicci Sandoval for their efforts to assure the safety of another student. She also presented the CHS September teacher of the month award to Margaret Salazar Muniz and October teacher of the month award to Mark Parrish.

Mr. Curt Wilson presented a falcon award to CMS student Rebecca Ruff for her kindness to a special needs student during a lunch break. Rebecca didn't care what her peers may have thought; she was concerned for the other student that appreciated her attention. Rebecca's mother, Jennifer Ruff, was also presented a falcon award for raising a good and caring daughter.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Donald Valdez addressed the board about education and his support the BEST grant for CHS and ballot issue 4A.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/ACTIVITIES**Principals Reports**

See attached reports

BOCES Report

Joseph Baroz reported that BOCES will be putting together a hiring panel for the vacant director position. He told board members that BOCES has a wheel chair bus for sale and the BOCES audit is close.

NCEA Report:

None

Administration Report:

Mr. Wilson told the board that our owner rep John Sattler will be calling at 7:00 p.m. to speak to why he recommends the schedule he does. We will be saving on costs since we share an owner rep with Sierra Grande School District.

Mr. Mike Creel will be looking for a camera to put on one route that is having issues.

Mr. Wilson asked the board their thoughts on getting vapor detectors in areas of the school that we don't have cameras in.

ASU has a six million dollar grant to help teachers get their masters or get a teaching certificate.

The school district will be sending Katie Montague, CHS Principal, to JEFECO for training on armed security tactics.

Board members were given a BOCES flyer giving information on the BOCES director position.

CMS/CHS sports seasons are winding down.

Mr. Wilson gave board members a handout on Colorado Superintendents' school finance legislative values. Colorado ranks last in the nation on providing teachers a competitive wage. There is a 16% reduction in people entering Colorado educator preparation programs between 2013-2017. Quality school funding must include adequacy, equity and recognizing opportunity gaps. A quality education should not depend on zip code.

Centauri High School will be losing a Biology teacher at the end of December. We currently have 2 applicants to fill the position beginning in January.

NCSD owner rep for the BEST grant, John Sattler, proposed 2 timeline schedules for the possible building of a new high school. Handouts were given to the board. He believes we need to be aggressive on the front end and allow for extra time down the line. He will provide Mr. Wilson a simple version of his choice to share with the community.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

NCSD Enrollment/Enrollment Trends over time – SLV and NCSD

Mr. Wilson provided board members a handout showing the changes in funded student count since 2000 for the schools in the San Luis Valley and a handout showing NCSD October student count trends for the past 3 years. One-third of our student population comes from out-of-district students. We need them.

BEST Update

Mr. Wilson reported that he met with two entities today.

SAC Report

Mr. Wilson expressed that it is critical to get the right person hired for the BOCES director position. It is especially important that they have a SPED background to better serve our district students.

CASB Plans & Finalization.

Registration and room accommodations have been made for all board members planning on attending the CASB Annual Conference. Please let the district office know before November 20th if any plans change to avoid additional charges.

633 Main Property Bids

There was one bid received for the house the district owns at 633 Main in La Jara. A bid for \$567.00 by Tamera Valentine was received and accepted by the board.

Procedure on Memorials, etc.

We need to be careful of setting a precedence or offending if someone is forgotten when outside entities want memorials, tributes, etc. We need to stick with the mission of educating kids and don't get distracted with things that can cause feelings and difficulties at school. Use caution and be consistent and fair across the board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Joseph Baroz, aye; Robert Chavez, aye; Garth Crowther, absent; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Brandon Thomas, aye; Mary Jane Valdez, aye.

The motion passed.

Topic 1 – 4 minutes

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District Finances/Pay Increases

Mr. Wilson recommended a staff pay raise to the board of education.

ACTION ITEMS

New Staff Approval for 2019-2020 School Year

A motion was made by Robert Chavez to approve Krystal Salazar as NCS D Nurse Assistant and Adam Chacon as CMS Custodian, seconded by Brandon Thomas.

Joseph Baroz, aye; Robert Chavez, aye; Garth Crowther, absent; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Brandon Thomas, absent; Mary Jane Valdez, aye.

The motion passed.

Policy GBGG

A motion was made Chuck Finnegan to approve the revision of Policy GBGG for the second reading, seconded by Mary Jane Valdez.

Joseph Baroz, aye; Robert Chavez, aye; Garth Crowther, absent; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Brandon Thomas, absent; Mary Jane Valdez, aye.

The motion passed.

NCS D Staff Pay

A motion was made by Robert Chavez to approve the NCS D Staff Pay as presented, by increasing the teacher pay scale by \$1264 and all other positions commensurate to the teacher pay scale, seconded by Chuck Finnegan.

Joseph Baroz, aye; Robert Chavez, aye; Garth Crowther, absent; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Brandon Thomas, absent; Mary Jane Valdez, aye.

The motion passed.

Manassa Elementary Survey Approval

A motion was made by Robert Chavez to approve the Manassa Elementary survey as presented. Jim and BoJean Sellars are selling their home and Manassa Elementary is on part of their land. The School District will receive a quit claim deed to that portion of the land if the school district pays for the survey, seconded by Brandon Thomas.

Joseph Baroz, aye; Robert Chavez, aye; Garth Crowther, absent; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Brandon Thomas, absent; Mary Jane Valdez, aye.

The motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Next regular board of education meeting will be Tuesday November 19, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.