

**NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J**  
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
April 21, 2015  
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 pm by Mark Bahr, President.

ROLL CALL

Mark Bahr, aye; Joseph Baroz, aye; Robert Chavez, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Natalie Rogers, 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 amend the consent agenda items by adding Brittany Petsche to the substitute teacher list, seconded by Joseph Baroz. **(attachments #1 - #6)**  
Mark Bahr, aye; Joseph Baroz, aye; Robert Chavez, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Natalie Rogers, aye; Steve Sorensen, aye.  
The motion passed.

A motion was made by Robert Chavez to approve the consent agenda items as presented, seconded by Joseph Baroz.  
Mark Bahr, aye; Joseph Baroz, aye; Robert Chavez, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Natalie Rogers, 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 Steve Sorensen.  
Mark Bahr, aye; Joseph Baroz, aye; Robert Chavez, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Natalie Rogers, aye; Steve Sorensen, aye.  
The motion passed.

## OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one signed up to address the board of education.

## FALCON AWARD

Ryan Egan and his son with SLV Sports were awarded the Falcon award for the month of April. Ryan has brought back recognition to the kids of the North Conejos School District. His son is a true Centauri Falcon fan and the right hand man to his father who is a sports caster for KZBR. Ryan broadcasts Centauri Falcon sporting events on the radio station and is a dedicated supporter of the Falcons. Annette Roybal also received the Falcon award. She has been an amazing asset to Manassa Elementary and has assisted Mr. Denny Fringer with the calendar, website, testing online, word processing, and so much more. She has been a loving and dedicated teacher in the North Conejos School for many years and has been an asset to all schools in the District. NCSD students are her kids.

## DEPARTMENT REPORTS/ACTIVITIES

### **Achievement Reports: (attachment #7)**

See attached Principal reports.

### **BOCES Report:**

As the last BOCES meeting the committee evaluated the director and she has done a good job. There was discussion on the valley RTTT. They are currently working on policy updates. BOCES is working on grants to make funding do the very best for all concerned.

### **NCEA Report:**

Bonnie Keller reported that there is a CEA board meeting on Friday April 24<sup>th</sup>. They will be discussing testing and what they see happening throughout the state. They are keeping an eye on SB223 (no penalties if parents opt their children out of testing), SB257 (reducing testing to federal minimums), HB1323(reduced mandated testing), and SB267 (school finance).

### **Administration Report:**

Stephanie Parrish will be representing the North Conejos School District in the valley teacher of the year. Stephanie is our District teacher of the year.

We had excellent communication among staff with the fire in La Jara. Student safety is a high priority in this and all similar situations. Mr. Ricky Salazar kept Mr. Wilson very informed. People did some good things. The commissioners talked with Mr. Wilson concerning access to water on our campus since that was of concern with the fire in the town of La Jara. The commissioners would like to put 2 hydrants here on the CMS/CHS campus for future use.

Mr. Wilson attended his last CHSAA meeting in April. He expressed gratitude to the board for supporting him as CHSAA President and allowing him the opportunity to serve and learn. Curt feels that CHSAA is now set up with equalization among all schools in the state.

Curt informed the board that bills are pretty small this month and that financials will be bigger next month due to end of year purchasing. He now has one year under his belt and has a better idea on setting a good budget for future years.

Concerning professional development the TEL survey had a 42% participation rate this year and needs to have at least 50% participation to get good feedback. He will encourage more participation in the survey next year.

Mr. Wilson and principals will be attending the leadership academy at ASU this Thursday and Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

Curt expressed that we need to use wisdom and caution in the grants that we apply for and get.

The board was informed by Curt that we must have proper guardianship to enroll a student in NCSD next year. We need to have documented proof before a student is enrolled in the District. He asked for the board to support him concerning this enrollment practice.

This will be the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of a graduating class from Centauri High School. We will be recognizing those that graduated from CHS 50 years ago at this year's graduation ceremony.

Centauri High School has 2 Boettcher scholarship recipients and a Daniel's scholarship winner. We have great teachers that give our kids the confidence to succeed. Congratulations!

In setting up the budget for next year, we need to base these decisions on fact. We will have better information in October when we know what the state legislature has decided and when we know what our student count will be. We do believe that federal funding will be cut for next year. Decisions such as staff raises, etc. will be made in October when we have a better idea of our budget. The budget will be built on what we know we will have as far as funding and a better understanding on the past years expenditures and a correct student count.

There is growing hostility among parents in the state concerning mandated testing of students. Data is not very accurate or reliable with the variables with testing at the present time. It is not fair to hold teachers accountable to tainted data on their evaluations. Look at the CDE website homepage for current information. We are waiting for legislation to make some decisions. Administration will use wisdom and common sense in evaluating teachers.

Mr. Wilson expressed concern about SB213 currently being discussed in the state legislature. This could have dire effects for school districts. If this passes, our insurance rates are guaranteed to go up by 20%. K-12 education will be held to a different standard than other state entities if this bill passes.

SRS funds should be released as soon as this is signed into law. The state has 45 days to release funds once the bill is signed. Mr. Wilson and the district are very thankful to those who fought for this 2 year authorization.

Curt expressed to the board what great teachers and great students North Conejos School District has!

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **State Assessment/PARCC:**

This was previously discussed in the administration report. The board expressed that there is too much assessment at the present time. Our kids are tired of testing.

### **North Property Purchase:**

Mr. Wilson has been told that the property has no time set for its sale. Indicators are that the property will sell for approximately \$10,000 to \$15,000. Robert Chavez is going to talk with the title company concerning the availability and purchase price of the property.

### **Sound System:**

Joseph Baroz has been working with Valley Electric on installing a good sound system. Valley Electric brought a system down for Joseph and others to hear and they were impressed by the quality of the system. Valley Electric is willing to meet or beat the bid given to him by a previous company. The system will be installed for graduation.

### **Kindergarten Registration:**

Both Elementary Principals indicated that their numbers were up for next year during this year's kindergarten registration. The valley schools are seeing a decline in student count and are concerned, therefore, are extending their age deadlines for kindergarten. Mr. Wilson is asking the board to approve a deadline of 5 years before July 1<sup>st</sup> to register students for kindergarten, with the exception of proven gifted & talented students being able to register after that date.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

**Present and discuss board policies GCKAA: Teacher Displacement, IHBK-R: Preparation for Postsecondary and Workforce Success, ILBC: Early Literacy and Reading Comprehension (Colorado Read Act), ILBC-R: Early Literacy and Reading Comprehension (Procedures to Implement the Colorado READ Act; JICH: Drug and Alcohol Involvement by Students for the first and second reading (attachments #8, #9, #10, #11, #12)**

A motion was made by Robert Chavez to approve policies GCKAA, IHBK-R, ILBC, ILBC-R, and JICH for the first and second reading, seconded by Steve Sorensen.

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

The motion passed.

**Present and discuss board policies ADD-E: Safe Schools, AED: Accreditation, AEE: Waiver of State Law and Regulation for the first reading (attachments #13, #14, #15)**

A motion was made by Steve Sorensen to approve policies ADD-E, AED, and AEE for the first reading, seconded by Chuck Finnegan.

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

The motion passed.

**Gobin's multi-year copier agreement with North Conejos School District (attachment #16)**

A motion was made by Joseph Baroz to approve the multi-year copier agreement with Gobin's for the 2015-2018 school years, seconded by Steve Sorensen.

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

The motion passed.

**2015 UIP Approval**

A motion was made by Robert Chavez to approve the 2015 UIP as presented, seconded by Joseph Baroz.

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

The motion passed.

**Snow Day- February 21, 2015/Make-up Day for Calendar-April 10, 2015**

A motion was made by Robert Chavez to approve the February 21, 2015 snow day and the April 10, 2015 calendar make-up day as presented, seconded by Chuck Finnegan.

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

The motion passed.

**Retirement/Resignation Approval (attachment #17)**

A motion was made by Natalie Rogers to approve the retirement/resignation of staff members as presented, seconded by Steve Sorensen.

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

The motion passed.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Steve Sorensen to go into executive session per (CRS section 24-6-402 Sub 4R), to discuss privileged information and personnel issues, Curt Wilson was asked to attend, seconded by Joseph Baroz. Time: 8:15 PM

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

The motion passed.

The board met for 52 minutes in executive session; 18 minutes on topic one, 18 minutes on topic two, and 16 minutes on topic three.

### **Approval of District Contracts**

The Superintendent recommended that Erik Mascarenaz not be re-employed for the 2015-2016 school year and that Tana Whitney not be re-employed for the 2015-2016 school year.

The North Conejos Board of Education has reviewed the status of Erik Mascarenaz and Tana Whitney and duly considered the matter of re-employment of said teacher and cook for the 2015-2016 school year, and it is, therefore resolved that Erik Mascarenaz and Tana Whitney not be re-employed for the 2015-2016 school year

A motion was made by Joseph Baroz to approve the non-renewal of Erik Mascarenaz and Tana Whitney for the 2015-2016 school year, seconded by Steve Sorensen.

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

The motion passed.

The superintendent of schools or his designee is hereby directed to give timely notice of said non-renewals to the teacher and cook.

The superintendent recommended to approve the notice of assignments for classified staff, contracts for district certified staff, contracts for district sponsorships, contracts for administrative staff, and the contract for superintendent of schools, as presented.

A motion was made by Steve Sorensen to approve the notice of assignments for district classified staff, contracts for district certified staff, contracts for district sponsorships, contracts for administrative staff, and the contract for superintendent of schools for the 2015-2016 school year, as presented, seconded by Joseph Baroz.

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

The motion passed.

The superintendent notified the board that the contracts for district cooks and CMS coaches will be presented in May due pending change of assignments, resulting retirement, and aforementioned staff non-renewals.

Meeting adjourned at 9:23 PM

Next Board meeting May 19, 2015