

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

June 23, 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 6:30 pm by Mark Bahr, President.

**ROLL CALL**

Mark Bahr, aye; Joseph Baroz, aye; Robert Chavez, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Natalie Rogers, absent; 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 items as presented, seconded by Robert Chavez. **(attachments #1 - #4)**

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

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

No falcon award for the month of June

## DEPARTMENT REPORTS/ACTIVITIES

### **Achievement Reports: (attachment #5)**

See attached Principal reports.

### **BOCES Report:**

Mark Bahr reported that much of the BOCES discussion was concerning grants they are applying for and discussion on closing out the current year.

### **NCEA Report:**

No report by BOCES this month

### **Administration Report:**

Mr. Wilson expressed his appreciation to the board for the work session held on June 9<sup>th</sup> to discuss the 15-16 financial budget. It was a great meeting where good communication and information was exchanged. Finances are going to be a hot topic in the years to come.

Ammendment 23 is currently being debated in the Supreme Court.

There is much debate at the state level concerning school districts being held accountable for random acts within the district ,and if it passes, could increase our liability insurance by 20%. Things are on a wait-and-see basis for the next couple of years.

Obamacare is a hot topic in the Supreme Court that could have ramifications in school districts across the country. Our health insurance could be greatly affected.

Interviews for cook positions will be held this Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. There were 12 applicants with 9 of those applicants being interviewed.

Curt thanked the board for their support in getting a jump start on filling positions early this year. We had to move quickly to get quality applicants for open positions in the district. We want to get the best we can for our district as early as we can.

Nita at BOCES is putting together a comparison of salary schedules throughout the school districts in the valley. We need to look at this to be able to attract teachers to our district.

Curt attended a superintendent meeting in Denver. Elliot Asp has been appointed the interim head of CDE. The parent opt-out of state testing is a hot topic where there are many questions yet to be answered. Marcia Neal has resigned as chairperson from the State Board of Education. There is confusion among the state board which makes challenges for all school districts.

Mr. Wilson is working on our school safety plan that needs much updating.

Curt has made numerous calls to get information concerning the North property purchase. He is getting closer to answers, but still not sure of the details on the property.

There was discussion concerning the graduation speech by a Colorado student this spring. We pre-approve all speeches given at graduation and other functions in the district. We follow the law and make sure the speech goes along with the school activity. There should be no personal agendas presented by those speaking. The board agreed with the current procedure of the district on this issue.

We are currently working on the survey for a new high school. It is close to being complete. We want to keep the survey simple and get a good sampling of responses to the survey. The board was asked their opinion of a new high school and the consensus was supportive for a new school. We need to get the community behind the building of a new high school to be successful in our efforts.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **District Opt Out Policy for Assessment:**

CDE has stated that each district is responsible to develop their own parent test opt-out policy. Curt has suggested we cut and paste from the CDE website and follow their recommendations for our policy. This was discussed previously in the meeting.

### **North Property Purchase:**

This was previously discussed. Curt will keep the board updated as we get information.

### **Overview of Financial Work Session:**

The board felt very good about the work session and would like more work session throughout the coming year.

### **CDE Update:**

This is still at a TBA stage so there is really nothing to report

**Proposed District Survey For New High School:**

This was previously discussed in the administration report. The board would like to review the survey before it is sent out to the community.

**Website:**

The e-rate loss is going to affect the cost of keeping up our website. After some checking by Brad Huffaker we have decided it is in the districts best interest to keep our present website host to save on transferring costs, etc. Thank you to Brad for doing the footwork and getting our costs down for the coming year.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Present and discuss board policies ADD-E: Safe Schools, AED: Accreditation, AEE: Waiver of State Law and Regulation for the third and final reading – attachments #6, #7, and #8**

A motion was made by Joseph Baroz to approve policies ADD-E, AED, and AEE for the third and final reading, seconded by Robert Chavez.

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

The motion passed.

**Present and discuss board policies AC: Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity, AC-R-2: Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity (complaint and compliance process), AC-E-1: Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity (compliance officer for the district), AC-E-2: Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity (complaint form) for the second reading - attachments #9, #10, #11, #12**

A motion was made by Steve Sorensen to approve policies AC, AC-R-2, AC –E-1 and AC-E-2 for the second reading, seconded by Chuck Finnegan.

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

The motion passed.

**Present and discuss board policies ADC: Tobacco Free Schools, BAA: Evaluation of School Board/Board Self-Evaluation, BB: School Board Legal Status, BBA: School Board Powers and Responsibilities, BBBA: Board Member Qualifications, BBBB: Board Member Oath of Office, BBBC/BBBD: Board Member Resignation/Removal From Office, BBBE: Unexpired Term Fulfillment/Vacancies, BBBG: Board Elections, BBBG-E: School Board Elections (boundaries of director districts), BCA-E-1: Code of Ethics for School Board Members, BCB: School Board Member Conflict of Interest for the first reading – Attachments #13, #14, #15, #16, #17, #18, #19, #20, #21, #22, #23, #24**

A motion was made by Robert Chavez to approve policies, ADC, BAA, BB, BBA, BBBA, BBBB, BBBC/BBBD, BBBE, BBBG, BBBG-E, BCA E-1, BCB for the first reading, seconded by Steve Sorensen.

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

The motion passed.

### **Approval of 2015-2016 NCS D Budget**

A motion was made by Steve Sorensen to approve the 2015-2016 NCS D budget as presented, seconded by Robert Chavez.

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

The motion passed.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Robert Chavez 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.

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

The motion passed.

The board met for 7 minutes on topic one and for 10 minutes on topic two and for 2 minutes on topic three in executive session.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm

Next Board meeting August 18, 2015 at 6:30 pm