

**NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE 1-J  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES REPORT**

**December 13, 2011  
Central Office Building  
7:15 pm**

Board President Gary Hostetter, at Central Office, called the meeting to order at 7:20PM. Members present: Mark Bahr, Russell Braiden, Robert Chavez, Gary Hostetter, Natalie Rogers and Steve Sorensen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion was made by Steve Sorenson to approve the agenda by adding 9e.)2011-2012 Consolidated Federal Programs Expenditures and deleting item ten, seconded by Russell Braiden. Mark Bahr, aye; Russell Braiden, aye; Robert Chavez, aye; Gary Hostetter, aye; Natalie Rogers; aye and Steve Sorensen, aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mark Bahr to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held November 15, 2011 with no additions or corrections, seconded by Robert Chavez. Mark Bahr, aye; Russell Braiden, aye; Robert Chavez, aye; Gary Hostetter, aye; Natalie Rogers; aye and Steve Sorensen, aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Russell Braiden to approve the bills for the month of November, totaling **\$115,729.75**, seconded by Mark Bahr. Mark Bahr, aye; Russell Braiden, aye; Robert Chavez, aye; Gary Hostetter, aye; Natalie Rogers; aye and Steve Sorensen, aye. Motion carried.

**Opportunity For Citizens to Address the BOE:**

Mr. and Mrs. Gomez spoke to the board about a concern they have for their daughter at Centauri High School and the lack of communication with Centauri High School faculty. They are concerned about the written notice their daughter received about being cut from the team. They now fear that their daughter may experience hardship with teachers because of this particular sport issue. The plan is they will contact Mr. Ivers to schedule a time for them to meet and discuss this issue.

Ms. Julie Gomez signed up to speak about Federal funding after hearing the rumors out in the community and church. The rumors out in the community are about why such money was paid out to a certain staff employee. As a board you need to be aware that proper process and approval was legit.

Mrs. Katherine Valdez spoke to promote Mrs. Carla Archuleta as moving into Mr. Ivers position now that he will be leaving. She handed the letter of support out to members of the board, Mr. Ivers and Mrs. Archuleta.

Mr. Jason Coombs spoke to the board about the possibilities of receiving a CHSSA Card for his services (\$1 wrestling coach) to the CHS Wrestling Team this school year. He would like to know if a CHSAA card or of anything to help him get into the programs free of cost. Mr. Curt Wilson took care of this by letting him know that he would write a pass for him that will allow him into the programs without any cost. Now that Mr. Ivers is stepping down you might be looking at a search and spending money to find your next superintendent. Within this room, you have good candidates. Mr. Coombs strongly urged the board to really look at them, and bring up their own from within the district. You can do a lot there and save money on some searches. It will also allow consistency in this district. You should take a look at them and use them.

**Martinez and Associates Audit Report:**

Ms. Cassandra Martinez, with Martinez and Associates Inc. reported on the district audit report, which revealed that the audit report was clean and had no findings. The district did a very good job maintaining and staying on budget. It was a good year for the district.

Mr. Gary Hostetter thanked Ms. Martinez for her work as well as the work carried by Mr. Ivers and Ms. Gale Swafford and the whole staff.

**Achievement Reports:**

Mrs. Natalie Rogers had a question on CHS teacher protocol used to cover a Bomb Threat emergency. She wanted to know how they would communicate with teachers if a school emergency should occur. The building principal explained that they would put in operations the procedures given to administration by Mr. Ivers as well as implement the district crisis plan. For the Ag shop areas the plan is to inform them person to person.

Mr. Gary Hostetter asked Mr. Wilson how CHS concurrent enrollment and the Plan Test were going. The principal explained that concurrent enrollment was moving forward with student participation and that here soon students would be taking the Plan Test.

Mrs. Natalie Rogers thanked Mrs. Hamilton for the poems.

Mr. Robert Chavez had a question for the two elementary principals in their joint venture with AIM and HELM Programs. They shared that AIM is part of the HELM grant, which is Healthy Eaters, Life-Long Movers. This program supports a more active PE Program. AIMS is strictly about nutrition. It is part of the Rocky Mountain Research Center grant that helps make systemic change through BEST Practices. It has been good affirmation to what is already happening in our district.

### **BOCES REPORT:**

Mr. Mark Bahr's BOCES report included the following information.

- a. Student count alternatives
- b. Mr. George Welsh's is appointed as rural educator to work on the budget
- c. Discussion on possible retention for third graders not at grade level
- d. New IEP system, paid for by CDE (Colorado Department of Education)
- e. The discipline policy is being looked at for possible revisions.

### **DAC Report:**

Nomination Officers for two consecutive years include President – Ken Shell; Vice-President – Natalie Taylor, and Secretary – Mindy Montague.

District Curriculum staff reports:

- a. Singapore Curriculum Update – Cade Huffaker
- b. Every Child a Writer Report – Celeste Salazar (Manassa Elementary); Marsha DeHerrera (La Jara Elementary); and Michelle Crowther (Centauri Middle School)

District Unified Improvement Committee Volunteer from DAC – Trina Rivera

SB191 – Administrative DRAFT Evaluation Tool

### **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Mr. Ivers reported on the financials for the month of **November 2011**.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

Mr. Ivers reported on the sewer line progression, judge ruling for the plaintiff in the Lobato versus State case, legislative push to do away with one day count, Colorado Succeeds – School Letter Grade, and Valley Collaboration Day on January 27 in Alamosa (location/time to TBA), and that law books are forthcoming in January of 2012.

Board reviewed policy BID/BIE – School Board Compensation. More discussion will take place at the January meeting.

### **Consolidated 2011-2012 Federal Programs Summary:**

Mrs. Archuleta walked members of the board through the 2011-2012 Consolidated Federal Programs Title IA and Title IIA expenditures and narratives.

A motion was made Robert Chavez to approve the District's student dress code policy for second and final reading, with the last paragraph stating, "Dress guidelines for special events or school-sponsored purposes, including but not limited to dances, extra-curricular activities, and fundraisers shall be at the discretion of school administration based upon the nature of the particular event and according to the spirit of this policy. Students may avoid the risk of being asked to leave or change clothing at an event by having attire approved in advance by an administrator", seconded by Mark Bahr. Mark Bahr, aye; Russell Braiden aye; Robert Chavez, aye; Gary Hostetter, aye; Natalie Rogers, aye and Steve Sorensen, aye; Motion carried.

A motion was made by Steve Sorensen to approve the 2012 Mill Levy for the General Fund at **24.452**, seconded by Russell Braiden. Mark Bahr, aye; Russell Braiden aye; Robert Chavez, aye; Gary Hostetter, aye; Natalie Rogers, aye and Steve Sorensen, aye; Motion carried.

A motion was made by Russell Braiden to approve the adoption of the new state standards, seconded by Robert Chavez. Mark Bahr, aye; Russell Braiden aye; Robert Chavez, aye; Gary Hostetter, aye; Natalie Rogers, aye and Steve Sorensen, aye; Motion carried.

A motion was made by Steve Sorensen to hire personnel Roxanne Martinez as Part-Time Cook at CMS and the hiring of John Sheridan - \$1 Wrestling Coach seconded by, Russell Braiden. Mark Bahr, aye; Russell Braiden aye; Robert Chavez, aye; Gary Hostetter, aye; Natalie Rogers, aye and Steve Sorensen, aye; Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Robert Chavez to approve the hiring of district substitutes, Javonna Miller – degreed; certified; and Crystal Loch – degreed; certified, seconded by Mark Bahr. Mark Bahr, aye; Russell Braiden aye; Robert Chavez, aye; Gary Hostetter, aye; Natalie Rogers, aye and Steve Sorensen, aye; Motion carried.

A brief discussion about possible cost saving measures in administration occurred. Superintendent, Rick Ivers, handed out a sheet of options out to members of the board. Assistant Superintendent, Carla Archuleta, also shared a handout with members of the board, but such a handout detailed duties she is currently carrying out in her position.

A motion was made by Mark Bahr to go into executive session with Mr. Ivers, Mrs. Archuleta and principals as needed to discuss (CRS 24-6-402 (4) (f) personnel matters, seconded by Steve Sorensen. Mark Bahr, aye; Russell Braiden aye; Robert Chavez, aye; Gary Hostetter, aye; Natalie Rogers, aye and Steve Sorensen, aye; Motion carried.

Returned to regular board meeting session at 9:31PM

Mr. Hostetter informed the community that a discussion is going to take place that is normally held in executive session per the assistant superintendent's request would be held in public. Mr. Hostetter informed the public that they would not be able to ask questions or comment at this time. The topic of this discussion was how ARRA Grant monies were spent and the process that was taken. Mrs. Archuleta was given the opportunity to address these questions asked of her by Mr. Hostetter and Mrs. Rogers regarding money paid to her as Math Coach and furniture purchased with these funds.

Transparency from this day forward was discussed and requested by Robert Chavez. Natalie Rogers also asked if a report could be ran that shows stipends that have been paid out of an employee's regular salaries.

A motion was made by Mr. Hostetter to go into executive session with Mr. Ivers, Mrs. Archuleta as needed to discuss (CRS 24-6-402 (4) (f) personnel matters, seconded by Steve Sorensen. Mark Bahr, aye; Russell Braiden aye; Robert Chavez, aye; Gary Hostetter, aye; Natalie Rogers, aye and Steve Sorensen, aye; Motion carried.

Returned to regular board meeting session at 1:25AM

Next regular board of education meeting is **January 17 2012 (Central Office)**

Meeting Adjourned at 1:30AM on December 14, 2011

Cheryl McCann  
Administrative Assistant