

NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE 1-J
REGULAR BOARD MEETING REPORT
February 17, 2014
District Administration Building
6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting at the District Administration Building was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Mark Bahr, Board President.

ROLL CALL

Mark Bahr, aye; Joseph Baroz, aye; Russell Braiden, aye; Robert Chavez aye; Natalie Rogers, aye; Steve Sorensen, aye.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

A motion was made by Steve Sorensen to amend and approve the agenda adding Discussion Item: Athletic Trainer, and Action Item: Approval of Friday, Feb 21, No School because of State Wrestling, seconded by Russell Braiden. Mark Bahr, aye; Russell Braiden, aye; Joseph Baroz, aye; Robert Chavez, aye; Natalie Rogers, aye; Steve Sorensen, aye. Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Russell Braiden to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held January 21, 2014, seconded Steve Sorensen. Mark Bahr, aye; Russell Braiden, aye; Joseph Baroz, aye; Robert Chavez, aye; Natalie Rogers, aye; Steve Sorensen, aye. Motion approved.

STAFF RECOGNITION

Kelly Reynolds, 5th Grade teacher at La Jara Elementary, was recognized for her accomplishments and efforts at La Jara Elementary by Principal Terri Booth, who shared that Mrs. Reynolds has been a great addition to their staff. Mrs. Reynolds thanked the district and shared that she is happy for the opportunity to be working in the North Conejos School District.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOE

There were no sign ups to address board.

ACHIEVEMENT REPORTS

Achievement Reports were received from Centauri Middle School, La Jara Elementary, and Manassa Elementary. Achievement Reports were reviewed by the BOE.

BOCES

Mr. Bahr reported on the BOCES Cost Sharing meeting sharing that if the districts work together we can get CDE to come down and give presentations at little or no cost to the districts. This would be a great way to decrease costs. He will also be attending the BOCES next month.

NCEA

No one was in attendance to report.

BOARD PRESENTATION

Jasmine Gallegos, senior at Centauri High School, is one of the finalists for the Boettcher Scholarship. Kurtis Shawcroft, senior at Centauri High School, is also a finalist for the Daniel's Scholarship.

DAC Presentation:

Curt Wilson reported that training is underway. The 3rd Grade reading will be done the last week of February. TCAP tests should be arriving onsite this week and testing will probably be complete before Spring Break the last week of March.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Mr. Schott reported on the following: Parent Teacher Conferences went well; there are 10 wrestlers that qualified and will going to State Feb 20-22 at the Pepsi Center in Denver; Next year looking at scheduling PTC on the week of State Wrestling so the Friday we are already scheduled off; Plaques for "Teacher Recognition" being done by the Wood Shop; "Day at the Capitol" – Mark Bahr, Kevin Schott, Susan Hamilton, Natalie Taylor and John Camponeschi attended. They talked about bills, issues from the Education Committee, shared concerns with Senator Johnston, Senator Todd and Larry Crowder, became aware that even schools like Cherry Creek face the same problems we do with getting technology and SB191; Gifted and Talented group visiting Capitol Hill this week; Discussion on PD360, a program to help Administration evaluate and provide professional development, cost is \$28,000, we will pay half the cost from this year's budget and the remaining out of next year's budget; the program has a 12 month contract. For the district's 1338 Committee – we will use our District Accountability Committee. The 1338 committee looks at other parts of the evaluations in SB191. Feb 20 and 21 is CASB Legislative Session, Mark Bahr and Mr. Schott will be attending.

Mr. Chavez moved that the Audit Presentation be moved up to this point in the meeting.

AUDIT PRESENTATION

Cassandra Martinez of Martinez & Associates, Inc. gave the Audit Report for July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013 fiscal year for the North Conejos School District. Ms. Martinez reported it was a clean audit. Good job with two year comparison. Federal Funds – Suggestion of amending the budget by June 30 year end when awards are known to avoid violation of State Statue. Budgeting was the problem with violations in State Funding portion. Bottom line in General Fund is what needs to be focused on. No problems here. Capital Reserves were spent on Technology, water line and baseball field. Food Service – paying for adult meals was a big change and there was also an increase in Food Service Salaries. Food Costs have gone up significantly, which affects the finances. Ms. Martinez noticed that a violation was missed in this part of the report and would amend the report with the violation added.

Management Recommendation -

*Everything went well with the audit.

*Food Service needs to look at what the cost of a meal should be per plate. Not sure we are charging enough.

*Finance Manager needs to be more involved with Food Services finances.

Report is due to state February 28, 2014 by auditor.

Recommendation by Steve Sorensen to approve the Audit Presentation as given; seconded by Joseph Baroz. Mark Bahr, aye; Russell Braiden, aye; Joseph Baroz, aye; Robert Chavez, aye; Natalie Rogers, aye; Steve Sorensen, aye. Motion approved

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Having an athletic trainer available at events was discussed; conversation took place about the cost. Mr. Wilson will look into the issue and bring further information back to the board. Mr. Chavez also asked that the minutes be more complete.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

A motion was made by Russell Braiden and seconded by Steve Sorensen to approve bills for the month of January 2014 in the amount of \$870,686.99. Mark Bahr, aye; Russell Braiden, aye; Joseph Baroz, aye; Robert Chavez, aye; Natalie Rogers, aye; Steve Sorensen, aye. Motion approved

APPROVAL OF DISTRICT HIRING

A motion was made by Steve Sorensen to approve proposed hiring as recommended and pending completion of paperwork, seconded by Russell Braiden. Mark Bahr, aye; Russell Braiden, aye; Joseph Baroz, aye; Robert Chavez, aye; Natalie Rogers, aye; Steve Sorensen, aye. Motion approved

APPROVAL OF DAY OFF FOR STATE WRESTLING

A motion was made by Natalie Rogers to approve dismissing school on Friday, February 21, 2014 because of State Wrestling, seconded by Joseph Baroz. Mark Bahr, aye; Russell Braiden, aye; Joseph Baroz, aye; Robert Chavez, aye; Natalie Rogers, aye; Steve Sorensen, aye. Motion approved

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Steve Sorensen citing CRS Section 24-6-402 4 Sub 4R asked that the Board go into executive session to discuss personnel matters. Joseph Baroz seconded the motion. Mark Bahr, aye; Russell Braiden, aye; Joseph Baroz, aye; Robert Chavez, aye; Natalie Rogers, aye; Steve Sorensen, aye.

Board out of Executive Session at 10:10, Motion made by Joseph Baroz to not approve the proposed Re-renewal of Superintendent Contract for 2014-2015, motion seconded by Natalie Rogers. Mark Bahr, aye, Russell Braiden, aye; Joseph Baroz, aye, Robert Chavez, aye, Natalie Rogers, aye; Steve Sorensen, absent. (Mr. Sorenson left on ambulance run) Motion passed.

Next Regular School Board Meeting Scheduled for March 18, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned by Mark Bahr.