

NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE 1-J
REGULAR BOARD REPORT
February 18, 2012
District Administration Building
6:30 P.M.

The Board President Robert Chavez, at Central office, called the meeting to order at 6:35PM. Members present: Mark Bahr, Joseph Baroz, Russell Braiden, Robert Chavez, Natalie Rogers and Steve Sorensen

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Steve Sorensen to approve the agenda after adding three topics 1) Approve three CHS \$1 basketball coaches for the remainder of the season; 2) Request of sabbatical leave; and 3) Health Care Reform Bill Update, seconded by Mark Bahr. Mark Bahr, aye; Joseph Baroz, aye; Russell Braiden, aye; Robert Chavez, aye; Natalie Rogers, absent; and Steve Sorensen, aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Russell Braiden to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held January 15, 2013 and a work session meeting February 6, 2013 with no additions or corrections, seconded by Joseph Baroz. Mark Bahr, aye; Joseph Baroz, aye; Russell Braiden, aye; Robert Chavez, aye; Natalie Rogers, absent; and Steve Sorensen, aye. Motion carried.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOE

There were no citizens signed up at this time to address the board.

STUDENT PRESENTATIONS

Devon Montague, Centauri High School senior, shared with the board about the Rotary Club and Centauri High School involvement. She is the high school representative since last year. During her participation with the La Jara Rotary Club, she was able to attend the RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Academy) in Greeley, Colorado. Most importantly, she mentioned two major projects the Rotarians contributed to during her time. Their continued Mexico projects, one in particular is the purchase of a wheel chair for a person to get around. This school year, our two elementary schools benefit, as well as, additional valley elementary sites. The Rotarians held a Five K Run, which brought in enough revenues to purchase dictionaries for the third grade classes.

ACHIEVEMENT REPORTS

The school board praised administration for communication efforts with parents/guardians, students and staff through the School Reach automated phone service.

Principals shared their learning experiences with SB-191, thus far.

BOCES REPORT

Mr. Mark Bahr reported on the following:

- a. BOCES Audit report for school year 11-12 identified the lack of saving financial funds
- b. iPad Grant submission
- c. Discussion on the multi-day count

NCEA

Mr. Rodney King spoke on behalf of NCEA. Once again, he shared that the meeting they have with Mr. Schott are appreciated.

The main topics discussed by Mr. King addressed the many duties teachers are responsible for such as Focal Point Curriculum with upcoming “new” curriculum according to state mandates; new evaluation tools of SB-191. In order for such duties to be carried out professionally teaching staff are having to put in many more hours than what are in their teaching contracts.

He also moved on to express that this year started with high hopes that a salary increase would occur. He did share that the staff continues to be appreciative of not having to pay for their school meals.

He closed by sharing that things have not gotten easier because of the following.

1. No cost of living increase or staff increases for fiscal school year 2012-2013.
2. Current staff district health insurance and stipend information.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Mr. Kevin Schott reported on the following topics with the board.

1. Financial forecast of 2.5-5% increase
2. Future discussion regarding future needs
3. Best Grant deadline for CHS Restroom, March 1, 2013
4. Mr. Schott, Mr. Braiden and Mr. Chavez attended the Winter CASB Convention in Denver
5. TCAP testing window, March 11 – April 12

HEALTH INSURANCE PRESENTATION

BEST Health Insurance agent presented upcoming health care reform updates of what we think is coming. Since this insurance is the district health care provider he shared with us that one of the participation requirement is somewhere around 75% of the staff employees enroll in the district insurance. This is the very core of the health care reform plan.

Update of what is coming in 2014 that will require that the district may do things a little different and that includes providing health insurance for all full-time employees. Full-time employment is 30 hours per week or a formula that captures the part-time.

Potential penalties could be implied if the employer does not offer full-time employees health insurance. At the present time, NCSD is well above the SLV BEST plan requirement.

The district must offer insurance to all full-time employees and have supporting documentation. Employees are responsible to either take the district insurance or sign off on a document explaining why they are not enrolled in the district’s insurance. The district will not be penalized for employee refusing the district insurance, and are not insured elsewhere. The employees who decide not be insured will receive the penalty.

2011-2012 FINANCIAL AUDIT REPORT

A motion was made by Steve Sorensen to approve the audit as presented, seconded by Mark Bahr Mark Bahr, aye; Joseph Baroz, aye; Russell Braiden, aye; Robert Chavez, aye; Natalie Rogers, aye; and Steve Sorensen, aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

A motion was made by Mark Bahr to approve the bills for the month of January 2013 payments totaling **\$486,694.94**, seconded by Joseph Baroz. Mark Bahr, aye; Joseph Baroz, aye; Russell Braiden, aye; Robert Chavez, aye; Natalie Rogers, aye; and Steve Sorensen, aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF SABATICAL LEAVE

A motion was made by Steve Sorensen to approve one-year sabbatical leave for Luis Romero (CHS Auto Shop Teacher), seconded by Russell Braiden. Mark Bahr, aye; Joseph Baroz, aye; Russell Braiden, aye; Robert Chavez, aye; Natalie Rogers, aye; and Steve Sorensen, aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FRIDAY, STATE WRESTLING

A motion was made by Natalie to not hold school on Friday, February 22 to support state wrestling, seconded by, Mark Bahr. Mark Bahr, aye; Joseph Baroz, aye; Russell Braiden, aye; Robert Chavez, aye; Natalie Rogers, aye; and Steve Sorensen, aye. Motion carried.

DISTRICT HIRING/TRANSFERS/ SUB APPROVAL

A motion was made by Russell Braiden to approve three \$1 basketball coaches (Sarah Cantu, Brett Forster and Candace Shaw) for the remainder of current season, seconded by Joseph Baroz. Mark Bahr, aye; Joseph Baroz, aye; Russell Braiden, aye; Robert Chavez, aye; Natalie Rogers, aye; and Steve Sorensen, aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mark Bahr to approve the hiring of Sarah Culler – Substitute Teacher and Elaine Rodriguez – Substitute Cook, seconded by Steve Sorensen . Mark Bahr, aye; Joseph Baroz, aye; Russell Braiden, aye; Robert Chavez, aye; Natalie Rogers, aye; and Steve Sorensen, aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Joseph Baroz to approve the hiring of Elaine Rodriguez – Substitute Maintenance, seconded by Russell Braiden. Mark Bahr, aye; Joseph Baroz, aye; Russell Braiden, aye; Robert Chavez, aye; Natalie Rogers, aye; and Steve Sorensen, aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mark Bahr at 9:25PM to go into executive session with Mr. Schott, Mrs. Archuleta, and principals as needed to discuss (CRS 24-6-402 (4) (f) personnel matters, seconded by Joseph Baroz. Mark Bahr, aye; Joseph Baroz, aye; Russell Braiden, aye; Robert Chavez, aye; Natalie Rogers, aye; and Steve Sorensen, aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FRIDAY, STATE WRESTLING

A motion was made by Joseph Baroz to cancel school on Friday, February 22, 2013 to support state wrestling, seconded by, Natalie Rogers. Mark Bahr, aye; Joseph Baroz, aye; Russell Braiden, aye; Robert Chavez, aye; Natalie Rogers, aye; and Steve Sorensen, aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FRIDAY, STATE BASKETBALL

A motion was made by Joseph Baroz to cancel school on Friday, March 15, 2013 to support state basketball , seconded by Natalie Rogers. Mark Bahr, aye; Joseph Baroz, aye; Russell Braiden, aye; Robert Chavez, aye; Natalie Rogers, aye; and Steve Sorensen, aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT

A motion was made by Russell Braiden to approve a one year contract for Mr. Schott for school year 2013-2014, seconded by Steve Sorensen. Mark Bahr, aye; Joseph Baroz, aye; Russell Braiden, aye; Robert Chavez, aye; Natalie Rogers, aye; and Steve Sorensen, aye. Motion carried.

Returned to regular board meeting at 11:35PM.

The next regular Board of Education meeting is Tuesday, April 16, 2013

Board Meeting adjourned at 10:43PM

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Archuleta
Assistant Superintendent