

**NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J**  
**REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
February 18, 2020  
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 Joseph Baroz, President.

**ROLL CALL**

Joseph Baroz, aye; Tanner Bagwell, aye; Garth Crowther, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Brandon Thomas, aye; Mary Jane Valdez, aye.

**PREDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA/CHANGES TO CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Tanner Bagwell to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Brandon Thomas.

Joseph Baroz, aye; Tanner Bagwell, aye; Garth Crowther, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Brandon Thomas, aye; Mary Jane Valdez, aye.

The motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

A motion was made by Garth Crowther to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Chuck Finnegan.

Joseph Baroz, aye; Tanner Bagwell, aye; Garth Crowther, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Brandon Thomas, aye; Mary Jane Valdez, aye.

The motion passed.

## **OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

There were no citizens to address the Board.

### **Falcon Award**

Katie Montague presented a falcon award to Cody Kreps for being the CHS student of the month. Mrs. Montague reported Cody is kind and respectful and has always been totally honest with her.

### **BEST Presentation with Owners Representatives**

John Sattler told the Board that there will be a CMGC tour tomorrow with interviews being held on March 11, 2020. John showed those in attendance a power point on what has gone on so far with the BEST high school project. He reported that the time line for the new school would be aggressively the Fall of 2021 or conservatively Winter of 2022. The bond process will be managed through a State Trustee. John will send the board regular budget updates. Flat Iron Survey was used to survey the high school location. The geotechnical engineering found that we will be able to use a spread footing which is less expensive and easier in the building process. They did find that the ground water is at a relative shallow distance and will require ground water mitigation (pumping). John wants to get ahead of this to help the district save on costs. A sheer wave velocity test or a seismic test was also performed. John will be using Farnsworth Group, which is a separate commissioning service, that will help quality control. The architects, DPS, has had four design meetings thus far with one more scheduled for February 20<sup>th</sup>. The high school BEST grant allows 71, 311 square feet and we are on target with 71, 568, but we need to add one more English classroom. Terracon Consultants, the asbestos/hazardous materials company, was on site last December. The asbestos is under 1% which is good news and will save on cost and time. John went over the CHS graphic design for the proposed site plan. He will send that plan to Curt.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS/ACTIVITIES**

### **Principals Reports**

See attached reports

### **BOCES Report**

There will be no BOCES meeting until April.

## **NCEA Report**

None

## **DAC Report**

There was no report since the last meeting was cancelled due to parent/teacher conference and will be rescheduled.

## **Administration Report**

Mr. Wilson addressed the BEST construction and said we will be open with plans and get the information out to the public. The district can't answer all questions that come out on Facebook, but if there are general questions that he is asked he will answer those to the best of his ability.

Mr. Wilson is proud of our kids, the sports programs, cheerleaders, clubs and groups, etc. He appreciated their efforts.

BEST general contractor interviews will be held March 11, 2020 and Mr. Wilson asked the board to attend.

Mr. Wilson reported that close to 1,200 people attended the high school basketball game last Saturday in our Gym. This was the first time we had to turn people away from entrance due to the large turnout.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **District Policy Updates**

CHS Principal, Katie Montague, went over the new concurrent enrollment policy update. The State will not allow school districts to limit the amount of concurrent classes students take and yet the State will not give any extra funding to school districts. CHS has made pre-requisites for taking concurrent classes and put those in place in our concurrent policy. If the courses are offered at CHS students must take the course at the high school. If they choose to take that course at an institute of higher learning, they will then be responsible for paying for that course themselves.

### **Mill Levy Equalization**

Mr. Wilson gave the Board a handout on school finance funding comparison with current law and full implementation of uniform mill levy (27 mills or fully funded locally). He reported that this topic was discussed among Superintendents at CASE and that state Superintendents are divided on this. Mills are different depending where you live and this becomes a rural versus urban situation. The mill levy

equalization will force local tax payers to give more (27 mills) and if tax payers don't vote this in then the State will withhold funding to the school district.

### **2020-2021 Calendar**

The calendar committee met last night, February 17, 2020 to begin our calendar for the 20-21 school year. State track will not be a conflict with graduation next year, but will be again in the future. We need to be thinking about this in making decisions for future calendaring. State Baseball will always be an issue with the graduation date since the season goes longer. The committee will continue to meet to finalize the 20-21 calendar.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Policies IHCD, IHCD-R, JICD, JKD/JKE, JKD/JKE-R, JKD/JKE-E per CASB**

##### **Recommendation**

A motion was made by Chuck Finnegan to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Policies IHCD, IHCD-R, JICD, JKD/JKE, JKD/JKE-R, JKD/JKE-E per CASB Recommendation, seconded by Mary Jane Valdez.

Joseph Baroz, aye; Tanner Bagwell aye; Garth Crowther, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Brandon Thomas, aye; Mary Jane Valdez, aye.

The motion passed.

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Policies ADE, ADE-R, BC, BC-R, BEC, BEDA, CBF, GBEB, GCE/GCF, GCE/GCF-R, GDE/GDF, GDE/GDF-R, IHBIB, IHBK, IHBK\*-R, IKF-2, IKF-2-E, ILBC, ILBC-R, JLCD, JLCDB, JLCE, JLDAC, KDB, KDE, KFA, LBD per CASB Recommendation**

A motion was made by Chuck Finnegan to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Policies ADE, ADE-R, BC, BC-R, BEC, BEDA, CBF, GBEB, GCE/GCF, GCE/GCF-R, GDE/GDF, GDE/GDF-R, IHBIB, IHBK, IHBK\*-R, IKF-2, IKF-2-E, ILBC, ILBC-R, JLCD, JLCDB, JLCE, JLDAC, KDB, KDE, KFA, LBD per CASB Recommendation, seconded by Brandon Thomas.

Joseph Baroz, aye; Tanner Bagwell, aye; Garth Crowther, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Brandon Thomas, aye; Mary Jane Valdez, aye.

The motion passed.

**NCS D 4 Day Week**

Mr. Wilson told board members that he needed board approval for the 4-day week and that in the 4-day week we will count instructional time only.

A motion was made by Garth Crowther to approve the NCS D 4 Day Week as presented, seconded by Mary Jane Valdez.

Joseph Baroz, aye; Tanner Bagwell, aye; Garth Crowther, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Brandon Thomas, aye; Mary Jane Valdez, aye.

The motion passed.

**Water District Contract**

Mr. Wilson reported that the school district must join a sub-district for our school wells. The water conservation district is being good to NCS D and charging for 40% usage of our wells. The Board needs to approve the contract with the Water Activity Enterprise of Special Improvement District No. 3 of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District.

A motion was made by Chuck Finnegan to approve signing the water district contract as presented, seconded by Tanner Bagwell.

Joseph Baroz, aye; Tanner Bagwell, aye; Garth Crowther, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Brandon Thomas, aye; Mary Jane Valdez, aye.

The motion passed.

**Superintendent Evaluation/Contract**

The board discussed the Superintendent contract for Curt Wilson.

A motion was made by Mary Jane Valdez to approve the Superintendent contract for Mr. Curt Wilson as presented, seconded by Garth Crowther.

Joseph Baroz, aye; Tanner Bagwell, aye; Garth Crowther, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Brandon Thomas, aye; Mary Jane Valdez, aye.

The motion passed.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No Executive Session needed

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Next regular board of education meeting will be Tuesday March 12, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.