

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

January 21, 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 Chuck Finnegan to approve the consent agenda 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.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

A motion was made by Brandon Thomas to approve the agenda with the addition of item 12(g) new staff hiring, 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.

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

Nereyda Martinez and Kateri Jaramillo addressed the board concerning Valley Fusion Club volleyball. Mark Parrish addressed the board on his concerns in allowing club sports to use NCS D facilities.

### **2018-2019 Audit Report by Wall Smith Bateman**

Jenna Sowards and Kim Temple went over the NCS D 18-19 financial audit. There were no findings in this report for the District this year. Please see the attached audit report in the board packet.

### **Falcon Award**

There were no awards presented this month.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS/ACTIVITIES**

#### **Principals Reports**

See attached reports

#### **BOCES Report**

No one attended the meeting. Mr. Wilson reported that the BOCES director hiring deadline has been delayed. It is looking like there will be a split in the position with a director hired and a special education person hired.

#### **NCEA Report**

None

#### **DAC Report**

No report. The DAC had an organizational meeting. There will be a DAC meeting on February 11, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

### **Administration Report**

Mr. Wilson told board members about the reporting venues safe-to-tell and NCSd.com. Students, staff, and the public are encouraged to use these two resources to report any incident that concerns them. Mr. Wilson appreciates all law enforcement and their support.

The UIP team met last Friday and discussed how improvement can be made in the district. Data shows three areas of concern: (1) free & reduced lunch (2) SPED and (3) Gifted/Talented. They will continue to work on these areas to improve learning/growth in the district.

There will be a phone conference tomorrow, January 22, 2020 with the BEST high school personnel. We need to form committees and establish meeting schedules and discuss the summer 2020 work that will begin.

Professional development for staff was held on January 10<sup>th</sup> with BOCES bringing in PLBC for all school districts in the Valley at our NCSd campus. There will be another district staff training on February 7<sup>th</sup> covering first aid training.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **Proposed Agreement to Enforce Tax Lien**

The San Luis and Rio Grande Railroad owes \$370,000 in state assessed taxes. Of that amount, approximately \$132,000 is owed to Conejos County, approximately \$93,000 is owed to the NCSd, with the remainder owed to other school districts and taxing entities. The Railroad is currently in a receivership, with assets being sold free and clear of all liens. Conejos County wants to protect our lien and enforce it. The county is finalizing an agreement for legal services with a Chicago based law firm and is requesting financial help with some of the attorney's fees from NCSd. The board discussed the issue and decided to contribute \$2,500.00 toward legal service with Conejos County.

#### **CASB January 2020 Policy Updates**

Mr. Wilson went over the CASB recommended changes on policies in the CASB January 2020 update.

#### **Club Sports**

Mr. Wilson gave board members a history on NCSd sports programs in the past and the time involvement. He feels things are presently going very well with time constraints and the North Conejos School District sports programs and coaching. He is concerned about kids. His concerns are about their time demands, classroom performance and burn out. He is also concerned about facility usage, supporting our staff and our programs, and what he has seen happen in other districts with club sports. Board members discussed getting kids home, the current high demand of facility usage, outside entities

using the buildings and the decisions by past boards on this subject. The board requested further discussion on this topic.

### **Mill Levy Equalization (JBC)**

Mr. Wilson gave board members an update on the mill levy equalization act from the State. It will go to voters to increase the mills to 27. If the voters do not pass the increase of mills, then we can lose funding. We will need to keep an eye on this act.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **2018-2019 Audit Approval**

A motion was made by Chuck Finnegan to approve the 2018-2019 audit report as presented by Wall Smith Bateman, 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.

### **Appropriation Resolution for the 2019-2020 Budget**

A motion was made by Chuck Finnegan to approve the appropriation resolution for the 2019-2020 budget, 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.

### **Staff Resignation**

A motion was made by Mary Jane Valdez to approve the resignation of Kyle Bahr, CHS Science teacher, 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.

**BEST Architect Selection**

A motion was made by Tanner Bagwell to approve the BEST architect selection of Dekker Perich Sabatini for the new Centauri High School, 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.

**Bus Purchase**

A motion was made by Garth Crowther to approve the purchase of a new bus from Midwest Bus Sales for \$98,855.00, seconded by Tanner Bagwell

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

The motion passed.

**First Reading for New/Revised 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 first reading for new/revised 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, nay; Brandon Thomas, aye; Mary Jane Valdez, aye.

The motion passed.

**Staff Hiring**

A motion was made by Mary Jane Valdez to approve the staff hiring of Robert Ward, CHS custodian as presented, seconded by Chuck Finnegan.

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

The motion passed.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No Executive Session needed

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Next regular board of education meeting will be Tuesday February 18, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.