

NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
November 12, 2019
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; Robert Chavez, 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 Mary Jane Valdez to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Chuck Finnegan.

Joseph Baroz, aye; Robert Chavez, 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 with the addition of item 11(f) Consultant Agreement, seconded by Brandon Thomas.

Joseph Baroz, aye; Robert Chavez, aye; Garth Crowther, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Brandon Thomas, aye; Mary Jane Valdez, aye.

The motion passed.

Falcon Award

Katie Montague, CHS Principal, presented a falcon award to Misty Espinoza, CHS teacher of the month, who goes above and beyond each and every day.

Curt Wilson Presented a falcon award to Candace Shaw for her efforts in getting a 'Buddy Bench' in place at La Jara Elementary. She works to help students become leaders and encourages students to be kind to all and especially to students who may need help and a friend.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Larry Sisneros spoke concerning the community passage of the BEST school funding.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/ACTIVITIES**Principals Reports**

See attached reports

BOCES Report

Brandon Thomas will be attending the BOCES meeting tomorrow night, November 13th.

NCEA Report:

None

Administration Report:

Mr. Wilson expressed his gratitude to Robert Chavez for his many years of service to the board of education and thanked Robert for all his help and input.

Mr. Wilson updated the board on the BEST grant for CHS. He gave board members the agenda for the meeting that was held with the owners rep today. Kutak Rock, our BEST Legal Counsel, has been giving much needed help and input. We will have interviews for the selection of an architect on December 17th. We are ahead of the game at this point. The BEST committee has done a lot of work and Mr. Wilson would like to invite them to give input on the design, etc. He will be creating a design team. Mr. Wilson will give accurate information as he gets it to the public via facebook, website, etc. Many hours have put in to the BEST for North Conejos School District.

The final October count enrollment for North Conejos School District was 1069 students. There were 309 out of district students enrolled in that count. Thank you letters were sent to the out of district households. As our numbers grow, we will uphold the standards in the NCSD.

Centauri High School administration gave a presentation to all students on appropriate use of social media. They talked with students on the proper use, how to be safe, etc.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

NCSD Enrollment Stats

This was covered in Mr. Wilson's administration report.

BEST Update

Mr. Wilson covered this in his administration report.

DAC

Mr. Wilson met with current DAC members on Monday and they discussed a recruitment effort. The committee went over the CDE website and what the responsibilities of a District Accountability Committee are. They will organize at the next DAC meeting on December 10, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Concurrent Enrollment Ideas (CHS)

Mrs. Katie Montague has been working on coming up with standards for concurrent enrollment classes. Students must complete pre-requisites for the specific course and must take the class at the high school if we offer the class before a college class is taken. They must (1) have a passing score on the SAT, (2) have a rolling GPA of above 3.0, and (3) be currently passing all classes and be on track to graduate. If at least one of the three guidelines is met, then the student can enroll in concurrent classes up to board policy. The administration reserves the right to approve or deny any class for special circumstances. Mrs. Montague feels that students need to have skills to succeed and that students need to work on those skills before taking concurrent classes. The board can consider having students pay some of the cost of concurrent classes taken. There was discussion on focusing on institutions that will reimburse NCSD for some of the cost of concurrent classes. Brad Huffaker told the board about an articulation agreement for CTE courses. Students won't get transcribed credit at the higher education level, but they won't have to take that class at the higher education institution because they took and passed the course at NCSD.

Board Collaborative/CASB

If board members will be going to the board collaborative, they need to RSVP to Nita McAuliff at BOCES by November 20th. Board members are registered for the Annual CASB Conference. Please let Randa know by November 20th if there are any changes to plans.

ACTION ITEMS

Coach Approval

A motion was made by Chuck Finnegan to approve the hiring of coaches Benjamin Longfellow, CHS assistant wrestling coach, Johnny Casias, CHS \$1 wrestling coach, Max Casias, CHS \$1 wrestling coach, Randy Keys, CHS \$1 wrestling coach, Micah Keys, CHS \$1 wrestling coach, Antonio Lucero, CHS \$1 wrestling coach, Chris Martin, CHS \$1 wrestling coach, seconded by Brandon Thomas

Joseph Baroz, aye; Robert Chavez, aye; Garth Crowther, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Brandon Thomas, aye; Mary Jane Valdez, aye.

The motion passed.

Staff Approval

A motion was made by Mary Jane Valdez to approve Sandra Archuleta as CHS Biology teacher beginning January 2020, seconded by Garth Crowther.

Joseph Baroz, aye; Robert Chavez, aye; Garth Crowther, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Brandon Thomas, aye; Mary Jane Valdez, aye.

The motion passed.

Resolution of the Board of Education of North Conejos School District NO. RE1J Authorizing the State of Colorado Building Excellent School Today Site Lease of the District, the State of Colorado Building Excellent Schools Today Sublease of the District, a Tax Compliance Certificate and Other Documents and Actions Related Thereto.

A motion was made by Robert Chavez to approve the Resolution of the Board of Education of North Conejos School District NO. RE1J Authorizing the State of Colorado Building Excellent School Today Site Lease of the District, the State of Colorado Building Excellent Schools Today Sublease of the District, a

Tax Compliance Certificate and Other Documents and Actions Related Thereto, seconded by Garth Crowther.

Joseph Baroz, aye; Robert Chavez, aye; Garth Crowther, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Brandon Thomas, aye; Mary Jane Valdez, aye.

The motion passed.

Resolution Authorizing the Issuance by North Conejos School District NO. RE-1J of a General Obligation Bond for the Purposed Approved at the District's Election on November 5, 2019, and Authorizing the Levy of Property Taxes to Pay Such Bond; Providing the form of the Bond and Other Details in Connection Therewith; and Approving Other Documents Relating to the Bond.

A motion was made by Robert Chavez to approve Resolution Authorizing the Issuance by North Conejos School District NO. RE-1J of a General Obligation Bond for the Purposed Approved at the District's Election on November 5, 2019, and Authorizing the Levy of Property Taxes to Pay Such Bond; Providing the form of the Bond and Other Details in Connection Therewith; and Approving Other Documents Relating to the Bond, seconded by Mary Jane Valdez.

Joseph Baroz, aye; Robert Chavez, aye; Garth Crowther, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Brandon Thomas, aye; Mary Jane Valdez, aye.

The motion passed.

December Board Meeting Change to December 10, 2019 plus waiver of Wednesday December 17, 2019 Manassa Elementary Christmas program

A motion was made by Garth Crowther to approve changing the December board meeting to December 10, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. and a waiver of Wednesday December 17, 2019 Manassa Elementary Christmas program, seconded by Chuck Finnegan

Joseph Baroz, aye; Robert Chavez, aye; Garth Crowther, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Brandon Thomas, aye; Mary Jane Valdez, aye.

The motion passed.

Consultant Agreement with Diversified Consulting Solutions, Inc.

A motion was made by Robert Chavez to approve the consultant agreement with Diversified Consulting Solutions, Inc., seconded by Chuck Finnegan.

Joseph Baroz, aye; Robert Chavez, aye; Garth Crowther, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Brandon Thomas, aye; Mary Jane Valdez, aye.

The motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Robert Chavez to go into executive session with Mr. Curt Wilson and others as needed, to discuss privileged information and personnel issues, seconded by Mary Jane Valdez.

Joseph Baroz, aye; Robert Chavez, aye; Garth Crowther, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Brandon Thomas, aye; Mary Jane Valdez, aye.

The motion passed.

Topic 1 – 5 minutes

Topic 2 – 5 minutes

Topic 3 – 5 minutes

Topic 4 – 5 minutes

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Next regular board of education meeting will be Tuesday December 10, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.