

**NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-1J**  
**REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
September 17, 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, absent; Garth Crowther, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Brandon Thomas, absent; 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; Robert Chavez, absent; Garth Crowther, aye; Chuck Finnegan, aye; Brandon Thomas, absent; Mary Jane Valdez, aye.

The motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

A motion was made by Chuck Finnegan to approve the agenda with the addition to item 10e., school accreditation approval, seconded by Garth Crowther

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

The motion passed.

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

Larry Sisneros discussed the BEST grant for the high school.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS/ACTIVITIES**

### **Principals Reports**

See attached reports

### **BOCES Report**

Brandon Thomas was not in attendance to report on the last BOCES meeting. Curt Wilson and Joseph Baroz will attend the meeting tomorrow night 9/18/19.

### **NCEA Report:**

None

### **Administration Report:**

Mr. Wilson has put the school owned house next to the alternative program, 633 Main Street, out for bids. The district will be selling the property and wants to be transparent on the process.

Mr. Wilson would like a policy/procedure on memorials or naming something after someone in the school district. We are a public entity and need to be careful in this area. If we do for one person, we need to do for all people. He asked the board for input in this area and will include it as a discussion item for the October board meeting.

It is very difficult to get people to serve on the District Accountability Committee (DAC). Mr. Wilson asked for board input and Chuck Finnegan suggested that we need more detail on the purpose of the committee. People need to know what the responsibilities are and this may help get individuals to volunteer for our DAC. The District Accountability Committee is community driven and needs to be. Mr. Wilson asked the board to give him suggestions as to who could serve on the committee.

Mr. Wilson would like to double the K9 visits. We are seeing more of a problem with contraband in the schools the last couple of years.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **Principal Assessment Results Presentations**

La Jara Principal, Ricky Salazar, told the board LJE is above the state in all grades (3-5) for English Language Arts. Last year the building saw needed improvement in Math and so they targeted Math and the scores did show improvement. We still need to work more on Math. LJE did very well in 5<sup>th</sup> grade Science and scored above the state average. Mr. Salazar feels that the staff and students are achieving their goals, but there is still work to be done. LJE scored a 77.7% on the school performance framework which exceeded academic growth. Their goal is to continue growing. Mr. Salazar wants to help students to grow as people and families as well as academically. Please see LJE handout.

Denny Fringer, Manassa Elementary Principal told board members they met academic performance. We didn't get the academic growth we would like, but we are approaching. He told board members that ME has an inviting atmosphere and he wants to keep that. Achievement is solid, but he said ME needs to work on growth. Mr. Fringer had a power point presentation that showed Manassa Elementary scores. We need to find out what we are not doing well and communicate the reasoning to students better. We need to look at data to work on improvement. We are very close on meeting rather than approaching.

Centauri Middle School Principal, Tyler Huffaker, used a power point presentation to show board members how CMS scored. CMS was above the state average in English Language Arts in all grades. CMS is above the state average in Math in all grades, but we are still working on basic math facts. He would like to work on the academic growth of each student. The school performance framework for CMS is 65.9%. We need help students with disabilities and he feels that having their own SPED teacher now will help in this area. Mr. Huffaker appreciates staff and is proud of every student. He believes every student can learn.

CHS Principal, Katie Montague told the board that CHS has a lot of work to do. The plan is to put together a building leadership team and work on SAT preparation. Mrs. Montague told the board that she will be working on data to find the problems with Math at CHS. We have a lot of work to do. The building leadership team will be working on getting scores up this year.

Susan Hamilton, North Conejos Alternative Program director reported that NCAP made performance. The program is doing better in academic achievement and they scored better on approaching this year as compared to last year. 83% of students completed their plan in career and academic development. Truancy the previous year was 4.7% and is at 2.9% this year. She acknowledged the help of Andrew Jarvies in helping students and families to succeed. NCAP first goal is to decrease the dropout rate and their second is to increase the graduation rate. We are working on targeted supports for the most at risk students.

### **Final 2017-18 CDE Audit Results**

CDE reviewed the district's FY 2017-18 finance December data pipeline and audit. CDE noted the areas of concern with the food service and agency funds exceeding appropriations adopted by the district's

board of education. The district should closely monitor each fund and, if required adopt a revised budget and appropriation by the end of the fiscal year. The district should monitor each fund to ensure a negative fund balance does not occur. The district may need to increase the general fund transfer to the food service fund.

#### **NCSD Enrollment/Enrollment Trends**

NCSD currently has 1070 students enrolled which show an 8% increase in students attending this year. There are new students enrolled from all over the Valley. Mr. Wilson told board members that it is harder to show growth when we take on students we haven't had in previous years.

#### **BEST Update**

Owners Representative interviews were held last Thursday with the committee interviewing three applicants. One definitely stood out and had visited NCSD a number of times. The committee unanimously chose to hire Diversified Consulting Solutions.

#### **SAC Report**

Mr. Wilson urged board members to get on the hiring committee for a new BOCES director as this position is critical for our students. Mr. Wilson will be on the committee representing the Superintendents in the Valley.

#### **CASB**

Mr. Wilson sent delegate assembly information to board members for the CASB Winter Conference on December 5-8, 2019. He asked board members let the district office know as soon as possible so we can get the early bird registration prices and get rooms booked.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

##### **New Staff Approval for 2019-2020 School Year**

A motion was made by Chuck Finnegan to approve Kristi Jarvies as CHS Librarian, Florence Holcomb as Manassa Elementary part-time paraprofessional, Alfred Sanchez as a bus driver, and Annette Lucero as CMS Volleyball Coach, seconded by Mary Jane Valdez.

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

The motion passed

**Staff Resignations**

A motion was made by Chuck Finnegan to approve the resignation of Katrina Sanchez as Custodian, Michon Roberts as CMS Cross Country Coach, and Brandi Rogers as CMS Volleyball Coach, seconded by Garth Crowther.

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

The motion passed.

**New CMS Science Series**

A motion was made by Garth Crowther to approve the purchase of the Inspire Science 2020 Science series at a cost of \$7068.60 for Centauri Middle School, seconded by Chuck Finnegan.

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

The motion passed.

**Policy GBGG**

A motion was made by Mary Jane Valdez to approve the revision of policy GBGG for the first reading, seconded by Garth Crowther.

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

The motion passed.

**School Accreditation Rating**

A motion was made by Chuck Finnegan to approve the school accreditation rating for LJE, ME, CMS, CHS, and NCSP as presented, seconded by Mary Jane Valdez

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

The motion passed.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Next regular board of education meeting will be Tuesday October 15, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.