

Nord Country School

5554 California Street, Chico, CA 95973

Meeting of the Board of Directors - Wednesday, February 28, 2018 at 6:00 pm

Regular Meeting Minutes

Board Members

Lexie Aceves, President
Richard Aguilera, Vice President
Roy Roney, Treasurer
Jillian Damon, Secretary
Janet Ellner, Co-Secretary
Tom Williams
Sheila Koester
Tom Enneking
Hilary Tricerri

1.0 Call to Order

1.1 Flag Salute: President Lexie Aceves called meeting to order at 6:00pm.

1.2 Attendance: Board Members present: Roy Roney, Richard Aguilera, Jillian Damon (6:01), Sheila Koester, Lexie Aceves, Hilary Tricerri, Janet Ellner, Tom Enneking & Tom Williams (6:04).

Guests: Lisa Speegle, Anna Enneking, Mike Vessels, and Kathy Dahlgren

2.0 Changes/Deletions to Current Meeting Agenda: None

3.0 Public Comments on Items on or not on the Current Meeting Agenda

(Speakers are asked to please limit their comments to 5 minutes per speaker.)

Roy Roney shared that he was sorry to miss the Pie Auction.

4.0 Reports and Presentations

4.1 Principal's Report – Kathy Dahlgren

180 students are currently enrolled. It is still cold and flu season, so this is affecting attendance. Families are using independent study. The county spelling bee is coming up. The staff is discussing how to increase the sense of community between the elementary school and the middle school. Ideas include a school-wide lunch. Kathy is applying for a Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) Grant that would help support interventions training such as Peer Mediation, Restorative Justice, and Conflict Resolution. Kathy is also attempting to apply for a California Department of Education (CDE) Grant for California Technical Education (CTE) that would fund the development of some additional new classes.

4.2 Teacher's Report – Sheila Koester

This week is Dr. Seuss week. There are dress-up themes for each day of the week; today was Wacky Hair Day. Tomorrow, the whole school will be rotating centers with each classroom hosting projects or activities related to Dr. Seuss books. The Middle School participated in a basketball tournament recently and did well. There are baby chickens and a baby lamb at the school farm. Schedules changed at the semester for the Middle School and included new electives for students. Two classrooms took field trips to Sacramento, one to the California Museum and the other to the Sacramento Wildlife Preserve. Kathy added that some CSUC students will be building a chicken coop.

4.3 Facilities Report – Lisa Speegle

Bids open tomorrow for the new track. The site is struggling with thermostats in classrooms across the campus. The school is exploring alternatives to the current thermostats in order to provide more stability. Mike Vessels and Jess Meza are working on campus

- 4.4 Safety Report – No report.
- 4.5 Technology Report – No report.
- 4.6 PTO Report – Anna Enneking

There is just over \$6,000 in the PTO fund. The bylaws were discussed at the last meeting and are still being developed and will need to be voted on. Also discussed was a better method for collecting snack fund donations, since many people aren't contributing. The PTO approved \$500 for shelves at the middle school. Providing books for the school library is no longer the PTO's responsibility. They discussed options for the spring fundraiser to be held in April. Parents requested that the PTO purchase umbrellas for some tables outside classrooms where students can work.

- 4.7 Pie Auction Report- Sheila Koester

The Pie Auction was a lot of fun, and the turnout was excellent. There was over \$67,000 in revenue, with another \$10,500 to be collected soon from-invoices that haven't been paid yet. In 2019, the Pie Auction will be Saturday, March 30th.

5.0 Consent Calendar

- 5.1 Consider Approval of Meeting Minutes from the Regular Meeting on January 24, 2018
- 5.2 Consider Approval of Financial Reports, Payments to Vendors, and Donations
- 5.3 Consider Approval of the 2016-2017 State & Federal Informational Returns
- 5.4 Consider Approval of Consolidated Application for Title I, II, IV, and V Funding
- 5.5 Consider Approval of 2nd Semester Consultant Agreements, Spanish
- 5.6 Consider Approval of Updates to Short-Term Independent Study Policy
- 5.7 Consider Approval of Second Interim Budget Report
- 5.8 Information on New Pesticide Use Regulations Near School Sites

The board has had a chance to review supporting documents for items on Consent Calendar.

Sheila Koester made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar.

Janet Ellner seconded the motion.

The motion was voted on.

- Lexie Aceves - Aye
- Roy Roney- Aye
- Jillian Damon - Aye
- Sheila Koester - Aye
- Richard Aguilera - Aye
- Janet Ellner – Aye
- Hilary Tricerri - Aye
- Tom Williams – Aye
- Tom Enneking - Aye

6.0 Discussion/Action Items

- 6.1 Consider Approval of 2018-2019 School Calendar

Kathy shared that the 175 day requirement has been met with the proposed calendar, as well as the minutes requirement. Discussion proceeded.

Roy Roney made a motion to approve to approve the 2018-19 School Calendar.

Richard Aguilera seconded the motion.

The motion was voted on.

- Roy Roney- Aye
- Jillian Damon - Aye

Richard Aguilera - Aye

Janet Ellner – Aye

Hilary Tricerri - Aye

Tom Williams – Aye

Tom Enneking – Aye

Lexie Aceves and Sheila Koester recused themselves.

6.2 Discussion Regarding Moving to 10-Month Calendar for 2019-2020

Lisa Speegle shared that the minimum wage is increasing to \$15.00 per hour. This affects the way certificated staff needs to be paid due to their salaried position. Teachers will have the opportunity to have deferred payments. If they choose to use the deferred pay they would need to start in 2018-19. The deficits in the budget will increase if the school continues to pay staff with the current 12-month calendar. Lisa has made presentations to both the staff and the Board so that all affected members of the school community are aware of the problem and the action being considered. The Board will need to make a decision next month on moving to the 10-month calendar so payment deferral could begin in 2019-2020. Discussion proceeded. No action was taken.

6.3 Consider Need for Special Meeting to Approve Contract for Track & Field Bidder

The contracting agency for the Track and Field Bid is Chico Unified School District (CUSD) so our board does not need to approve the contract. Lisa Speegle will email the board the bids before the next board meeting.

7.0 Future Agenda Items

2018-19 Salary Schedule

Policy Updates

8.0 Adjournment: 6:42