

Nord Country School

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Wednesday, March 13, 2013 6:00 pm
Nord Country School
5554 California Street, Chico, CA 95973

Board Members

Kelli Ruley, President
Robert Cann, Vice President
Marcia Worden, Secretary
Richard Aguilera, Treasurer
Lexie Aceves
Luke Messenger
Vivian Appleby

1.0 Call to Order

1.1 Flag Salute: President Kelli Ruley called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm with the flag salute.

1.2 Attendance: Board Members present were Kelli Ruley, Marcia Worden, Richard Aguilera, Vivian Appleby, Lexie Aceves, Robert Cann and Luke Messenger.

Guests: Kathy Dahlgren, Lisa Speegle, Junell Lawrence, Sheila Koester and Patty Roche.

1.3 Approve Agenda: Robert Cann moved to accept the agenda. Vivian Appleby seconded the motion.

The motion was voted on. Ayes – 7 Nays – 0 Abstain – 0

2.0 Consent Calendar

2.1 Approval of minutes of Regular Meeting on February 13, 2013
Lexie Aceves moved to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 13, 2013.

Marcia Worden seconded the motion.

The motion was voted on. Ayes – 7 Nays – 0 Abstain – 0

3.0 Reports

3.1 Facilities Report: Luke Messenger gave an update on the new classroom. The classroom is now being used. He still has a few things he is working on.

Kelli showed the board the flower bouquet made by students.

Kathy Dahlgren read a thank you letter from the 2nd grade Spanish students.

3.2 Principal's Report

Kathy Dahlgren reported that we have 139 students.

She went over the upcoming events.

CUSD came for the annual visit.

We received a \$50 donation to our Paypal account from the website.

BCOE will be putting on a Charter School Board Member training on March 28th.

3.3 Teacher's Report Kelli Ruley reported on some of the things each classroom is doing.

3.4 Technology Report Kathy Dahlgren reported that John Sclare is working on our e-rate application. We are asking for 2 T1 lines.

There are some problems with the 6th grade laptop computers.

3.5 Safety Report Kathy Dahlgren reported that she attended a Safety Training in Oroville. The safety team will be working on the evacuation plan. Kathy reported that the locks on all of the classroom doors have been changed so teachers can lock them without going outside.

The swings have been fixed. Rob Cann and Jesse Meza fixed them.

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Kelli told the board that someone expressed concerns about safety of the playfield. The gopher problem is getting bad. We have to fix the holes but we have to solve the gopher problem so it doesn't continue.

3.6 PTO Report Sheila Koester gave the PTO Treasurer's report. Available PTO funds are \$6,449.09. She reported that PTO has planned a bulb fundraiser March 25 to April 8. PTO funded \$200 for Egg Drop prizes. Billy Aldridge gave a presentation on AED. He has asked several organizations for donations to purchase an AED for the school. PTO will use additional funds if necessary to purchase the AED. Parent Surveys are being tabulated and results will be reported next month. T Shirt & Sweatshirt sales have just finished. PTO made donations to each classroom (Classroom Blessings).

4.0 Policy Review

4.1 Facilities Policies Board reviewed the Facilities Policies. After discussion Richard Aguilera moved to accept Facilities Policy 6020 as corrected. Luke Messenger seconded the motion. Motion was voted on. Ayes - 7 Nays - 0 Abstain - 0 After review Robert Cann made a motion to move 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3 from Facilities Policy 6030 to our Fiscal Policies. Richard Aguilera seconded the motion. Motion was voted on. Ayes - 7 Nays - 0 Abstain - 0 After review Richard Aguilera moved to approve 6050 with corrections to item 2.1. Lexie Aceves seconded the motion. Motion was voted on. Ayes - 7 Nays - 0 Abstain - 0 After discussion Luke Messenger moved to approve Policy 6070. Robert Cann seconded the motion. Motion was voted on. Ayes - 7 Nays - 0 Abstain - 0 Kelli Ruley will email Policies 6010, 6040 and 6060 for the board to review. It is proposed to delete these policies.

5.0 Financial Report

5.1 Financial Reports Lisa Speegle went over changes to the budget. She noted that funding has been increased based on ADA. One of the deferrals has been eliminated.

5.2 Prop 30 EPA Funds

Prop 30 resulted in schools not really getting any more money. Some funds have been recategorized from General Purpose to EPA.

Education Protection Act funds (EPA Funding) can be spent only on specific things - direct instruction. Lisa recommended it be put in teachers' salaries. (\$153,000)

Richard Aguilera moved to take Prop 30 EPA funds and put them towards salaries. Vivian Appleby seconded the motion.

Motion was voted on. Ayes - 5 Nays - 0 Abstain - 2 Kelli & Lexie recused

5.3 2nd Interim Budget

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Luke Messenger moved to approve the 2nd Interim Budget. Richard Aguilera seconded the motion. Motion was voted on. Ayes - 7 Nays - 0 Abstain - 0

5.4 February Donations

Richard Aguilera moved to accept February Donations. Vivian Appleby seconded the motion.

Motion was voted on. Ayes - 6 Nays - 0 Abstain - 1 Kelli Recused

5.5 February Payments to Vendors

Richard Aguilera moved to accept payments to vendors. Robert Cann seconded the motion. Motion was voted on. Ayes - 6 Nays - 0 Abstain - 1 Luke Messenger recused.

6.0 General Business

6.1 Title I and Title II funding

Kathy Dahlgren had a meeting with Janet Brinson to go over the requirements since we are in program improvement. She presented the new requirements and what funding would be. She is concerned at the time this would take away from her other roles.

Kathy recommended that one of our certificated aides be hired by the board to be Title I Coordinator. The estimated cost would be about \$5,000 (4 hrs per day, one day per week for 34 weeks). She recommended we start as soon as possible.

Luke moved to table the discussion. Rob seconded the motion.

After discussion Luke withdrew his motion. Robert Cann agreed.

Luke moved to create the new position and that Kathy Dahlgren hire someone to coordinate Title I and Title II for this year and the board continue discussion on Title I & Title II funding. Marcia Worden seconded the motion.

Motion was voted on. Ayes - 7 Nays - 0 Abstain - 0

6.2 School Accountability Report Card

Kelli heard from a staff member that the cafeteria leaks when it rains. On the Accountability Report Card item 4 - school Facilities repair status was rated as fair. She wondered what is being done about it. Kathy reported that CUSD has been notified and are responsible for the repair. She will follow up on this.

Richard Aguilera moved to accept the School Accountability Report Card. Lexie Aceves seconded the motion. Motion was voted on. Ayes - 7 Nays - 0 Abstain - 0

6.3 Single Plan for Student Achievement

Kathy Dahlgren explained the Single Plan for Student Achievement.

Luke Messenger moved to accept the Single Plan for Student Achievement.

Richard Aguilera seconded the motion.

Motion was voted on. Ayes - 7 Nays - 0 Abstain - 0

6.4 Pie Auction update

Kelli Ruley estimated the income, before expenses, will be between \$40,000 and \$44,000. There is a follow-up meeting tomorrow.

Kathy Dahlgren had a visit with Tom Dauterman and he showed some interest in helping with the Playground Project. She is going to get him the information.

Richard Aguilera moved that a percentage (to be determined) of the proceeds from the Pie Auction, go toward the playground. Lexie Aceves seconded the motion. Motion was voted on. Ayes - 7 Nays - 0 Abstain - 0

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6.5 6th grade Field Trip Fundraising Report

Kelli reported that so far this year the sixth grade has raised \$686.40 toward the Whiskeytown fieldtrip. There is \$2,643.97 in the sixth grade account. The cost of the Whiskeytown fieldtrip is \$3,515.

Luke Messenger moved to balance the account up to the amount she needs for the trip. Richard seconded the motion.

Motion was voted on. Ayes - 6 Nays - 0 Abstain - 1 Kelli recused

6.6 CONAPP report

Kathy went over the CONAPP Report.

Robert Cann moved to accept the CONAPP report. Vivian Appleby seconded the motion. Motion was voted on. Ayes - 7 Nays - 0 Abstain - 0

6.7 5 year Contract with AT&T for Local and Long Distance services

Kathy Dahlgren told the board it was time to renew the contract with AT&T. She put a notice in the paper for a bid and AT&T was the only one to respond.

Richard Aguilera moved to approve the contract with AT&T. Vivian Appleby seconded the motion.

Motion was voted on. Ayes - 7 Nays - 0 Abstain - 0

7.0 Public Members Who Wish to Address the Board of Directors on items not on the agenda

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

Luke Messenger expressed his concern of how Coach is treating the students in PE. It will be put on a future agenda for discussion.

Richard Aguilera told the board that he heard very positive comments on Dr. Seuss Day. It was very positive PR for the school.

8.0 Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 9:32 p.m.