

Nord Country School

5554 California Street, Chico, CA 95973

Meeting of the Board of Directors

Wednesday, November 29, 2017 at 6:00 pm

Regular Meeting Agenda

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

6:01pm.

1.2 Attendance: Board Members present were Roy Roney, Richard Aguilera, Jillian Damon (arrived 6:04), Sheila Koester (arrived 6:05), Lexie Aceves, Hilary Tricerri, Janet Ellner

and Tom Enneking (arrived 6:48). Tom Williams was absent.

Guests: Lisa Speegle, Kelli Ruley, 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.)

Kelli Ruley said that invitations to the Christmas Party have been sent out, and reminded everyone that it will be at a new location.

Janet Ellner commented on the new state law about spraying pesticides and enquired whether this would have any effect on the school.

Sheila Koester would like to add After School Options to the regularly scheduled board meeting agenda in January.

4.0 Reports and Presentations

4.1 Principal's Report

Kathy Dahlgren reported on student enrollment (182), Positive Behavior Intervention & Supports (PBIS) at K-5 including minor and major referrals, the PBIS Matrix at the middle school, and staffing updates. Kelli Ruley gave the PBIS report for middle school and provided detention updates.

4.2 Teacher's Report

Sheila Koester shared the following:

Kindergarten and Grade 1: attended Aladdin

Grades 2-5: Attended performances at the Performing Arts Center at Chico State

Middle School: Tri-Tip dinner was a success and basketball has begun.

4.3 Facilities Report – Lisa Speegle

4.3.1 Construction Projects Update

The drainage committee for the track met. A new plan for drainage is being drawn up by a civil engineer.

4.3.2 Well/Water Update

The first reverse osmosis filter has been installed on campus. The water sample from the unit was tested and showed the filter was effective. The filters will continue to be installed. After

installation, water from each unit will be tested. The current water operator will not longer be available, and we will be collecting bids for a new one.

4.4 Safety Report – Kelli Ruley

Kelli has addressed questions from concerned parents about school safety plans and protocols. All safety drills have been scheduled for the 2017-18 school year in compliance with regulations. There is a drill scheduled for December, and the Safety Committee will meet to debrief.

4.5 Technology Report

Students are becoming familiar with using Chrome Books. Middle School students each have their own computer for use at school.

4.6 PTO Report

Kathy Dahlgren reported the cookie dough orders will arrive next Tuesday. PTO delivered some gift baskets for Thanksgiving and will also be delivering presents to some families for the holidays. There has been strong attendance at PTO meetings.

5.0 Consent Calendar

5.1 Consider Approval of Meeting Minutes from the Regular Meeting on September 27, 2017 and the special meetings on October 23, 2017 and October 27, 2017

5.2 Consider Approval of September & October Financial Statements, Payments to Vendors & Donations

5.3 Consider Approval of Audit Report

5.4 Consider Approval of Sale of Equipment (Lawn Mower)

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

Richard Aguilera made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar.

Lexie Aceves 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

Thomas Enneking – (Absent - Had not arrived yet.)

Tom Williams - Absent

6.0 Discussion/Action Items

6.1 Consider Approval of Board Policy #1100 – Conflict of Interest

At the September 27, 2017 meeting, the board voted to rewrite BP#1100 Conflict of Interest based on the current legal requirements for charter schools. The board discussed BP #1100. Lisa Speegle answered the questions asked.

Roy Roney made a motion to approve BP #1100 with the proposed amendment.

Richard Aguilera 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
Thomas Enneking – Aye
Tom Williams - Absent

6.2 Discussion of Local Indicators for the School Dashboard

This was a discussion item only; no vote was needed. California’s dashboard system is based on multiple measures. These measures are used to determine local educational agency (LEA) and school progress toward meeting the needs of their students. Kathy Dahlgren discussed the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) indicators based on the information collected by the school, LEA. The board will review the Dashboard again in January.

6.3 Discussion on Pie Auction

Sheila Koester updated the board on the Pie Auction; this was a discussion item only. The first Pie Auction Planning Session will be on December 7. The Pie Auction is on February 3, 2018. Save the Date postcards have been mailed, and sponsor letters will be sent out. The board was updated on Pie Auction Committees & Chairs; there is a need for a few more Chairs for Committees.

6.4 Consider Approval of First Interim Budget Report

Lisa Speegle shared the details of the First Interim Budget Report. The report compares the initial board approved budget from June, with the current budget proposed for approval. The board discussed the First Interim Budget Report.

Roy Roney made a motion to approve the First Interim Budget.

Thomas Enneking 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

Thomas Enneking – Aye

Tom Williams - Absent

6.5 Consider Approval of NCNB Construction Loan Payoff

Lisa Speegle updated the board on the loan from Northern California National Bank, which was borrowed by Nord Country School (\$295,000) to build two classrooms. The board discussed the approval of the NCNB Construction Loan Payoff, considering the advantage the low fixed interest rate of the State loan.

Roy made a motion to approve NCNB Construction Loan Payoff with the funds we have received from the state, and then pay back the State of California.

Richard Aguilera 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
Thomas Enneking – Aye
Tom Williams - Absent

6.6 Consider Approval of Next Steps for Cafeteria Rehabilitation and Expansion

Lisa Speegle updated the board on the Measure K funding, the board looked specifically at NCS' cafeteria rehabilitation. The board looked at three architectural proposals for cafeteria options and discussed whether we should move forward with this large project, or if we should instead use the money on several smaller projects. Sheila Koester shared teacher feedback she had gathered on the project via email before the meeting. The board discussed the next steps for the cafeteria rehabilitation and expansion. The board is interested in spending the money on one large project, but would like to gather more information before making a decision. No action taken.

7.0 Future Agenda Items

After School Options, Pesticides and Spraying, Consideration of Water Treatment Contract, Approval of LCAP, Rehab Grant and Construction, and School Accountability and Report Card (SARC).

8.0 Adjournment at 8:05.