

Nord Country School

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Wednesday February 8, 2012 6:00pm

Nord Country School

5554 California Street

Chico, CA 95973

Board Members

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

Minutes

1.0 Call to Order

1.1 Flag Salute: President Kelli Ruley called the meeting to order at 6:02 with the flag salute.

1.2 Attendance: Board Members present were Kelli Ruley, Marcia Worden, Richard Aguilera, Vivian Appleby, Lexie Aceves and Robert Cann. Luke Messenger arrived at 7:10.

Guests: Kathy Dahlgren, Lisa Speegle, Junell Lawrence, Sheila Koester, Bob Hennigan, Ernie Dalton, Amber Hawker, Mikey Aceves and Patty Roche.

1.3 Approve Agenda: Kelli Ruley asked that item numbers 6.2 and 6.4 be moved forward to follow the consent calendar.

Marcia Worden moved to accept the agenda with the changes. Robert Cann seconded the motion. The motion was voted on. Ayes – 6 Nays – 0 Abstain – 0

2.0 Consent Calendar

2.1 Approval of minutes of previous meetings: Patty noted changes to the minutes that had been sent to board. Richard Aguilera moved to accept the minutes of the January 11 2012 Regular Board Meeting with the changes. Robert Cann seconded the motion

Motion was voted on. Ayes – 6 Nays – 0 Abstain – 0

Lexie Aceves moved to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting on January 13, 2012 Richard Aguilera seconded the motion.

Motion was voted on. Ayes – 6 Nays – 0 Abstain – 0

6.2 Playground Committee Updates - moved forward on agenda

Junell Lawrence introduced playground committee members, Bob Hennigan and Amber Hawker. Bob Hennigan told the board that most of the playground equipment has been around for a long time. The slide for at least 50 years. His father dedicated the "new playground equipment" 31 years ago.

He explained the benefits of PE and play and how they enhance the education of children.

Bob went over the proposed Playground and explained how the 3 phases could be implemented. Phase 1 would be the most expensive because it included taking down the old structure and laying the foundation for the whole structure - put in the footings, all the sockets and the bark. All of the equipment meets the current state standards.

Amber explained that the school acts as a community center and the new structure would be a valuable place for the community.

Bob Hennigan asked the board to think about it and asked that it be put on next month's agenda for a vote. Vivian asked that it be put on the agenda.

Richard asked who has to approve the project. Kathy said CUSD, JPA insurance and maybe DSA. The company putting in the structure would be responsible for obtaining all permits required.

Marcia Worden asked the board to set up some priorities for- the playground equipment, the new classroom, the running track, technology, etc.

Kathy told the board that Nord Cana Community Association made a large donation to the school, close to \$24,000. She would like to earmark it to go toward the new classroom. The Pie Auction and other donations could fund some of the other things. She agreed that the board would have to prioritize these things and make the decision.

Lisa Speegle told the board they could consider borrowing the funds using the CD's as collateral. The interest is usually only about 1 to 1.25% over the CD rate.

Kelli thanked the Playground Committee for all their work.

6.4 Campus Improvements - moved forward on agenda

Ernie Dalton told the board that on Thursday mornings the school has a whole school run.

Currently they run on the streets around school. Since they paved the streets several students have fallen and skinned their knees and they have been chased by dogs.

He explained the need for a running track - which is currently on the plan. He would like this to be considered in the priorities. Ernie was asked to come up with some criteria to ask Luke so we could estimate the cost.

Kathy told the board that the estimate for the basketball court was \$15,000.

Ernie told the board it is important to get rid of the gophers. We might have to hire a professional. We have to do something to level the playing field.

Kathy told the board PTO is looking into obtaining security cameras.

3.0 Policy Review

3.1 Fiscal Policies The board continued going over Board Policy 2020 from where they left off at #10.0. Lisa Speegle will write up changes and present them to the board.

Robert Cann moved to approve Fiscal Control Policies with noted changes. Richard Aguilera seconded the motion. Motion was voted on. Ayes – 7 Nays – 0 Abstain – 0

Passed out the 3000 & 4000 Board Policies. Next month we will go over Board Policies 3010, 3020, 3030 and 4000's as time allows.

4.0 Principal's Report Kathy Dahlgren reported:

* Student count is down to 145. We have put an ad in Growing Up Chico and are looking in to advertising in the Charter School edition of North State Parent Magazine.

* The sixth grade snowshoeing fieldtrip was a success.

- * The end of the second trimester is Feb 16. Teachers and aides will be doing testing. In March we will have a report on the results of the testing.
- * Loved Ones Day is Feb 28 - PTO event.
- * Dr. Seuss Day is Friday March 2nd. Community members will be coming to Read Across America.
- * PTO Sheila Koester reported the next meeting is Wednesday Feb 15th. PTO will be discussing the Pie Auction, Family Math Night - March 8th, Purchasing security cameras, the egg drop.
- * Kathy told the board, the school used \$994 from PTO Scholastic Book Fair to purchase books for the library and classrooms and a rug for the library.
- * The National Food Program is conducting a food audit. We will have the exit interview on Friday.
- * There is a new requirement that the agenda be posted on the school website 72 hours prior to the board meeting.
- * Spelling Bee will take place Feb 22nd at 9:00am. The top 2 will go on to the County Spelling Bee.
- * On Monday there will be an article on the Playhouse donation in the Chico Enterprise Record - Snapshots section.

5.0 Financial Report

5.1 Financial Reports Lisa Speegle went over the changes that make up the budget. She told the board the 2nd interim budget is due March 5th. Lisa will put information from the budget in the financial report into the form required by CUSD. Richard Aguilera moved to accept the Financial Report. Lexie Aceves seconded the motion. Motion was voted on. Ayes – 7 Nays – 0 Abstain – 0

5.2 January Payments to Vendors -

Luke Messenger moved to accept the January payment to vendors. Richard Aguilera seconded the motion. Motion was voted on. Ayes – 7 Nays – 0 Abstain – 0

5.3 January Donations

Marcia Worden asked that Kathy Dahlgren or Board President write the thank you to the Nord Cana Community Association for their donation.

Luke Messenger asked that a thank you be sent to Mike Wood from North Valley Readymix & Precast for the concrete used to put up the sign. Marcia will write the thank you.

Luke Messenger moved to accept the Donations with great appreciation. Richard Aguilera seconded the motion. Motion was voted on. Ayes – 7 Nays – 0 Abstain – 0

5.4 2nd Interim Budget

Lisa explained that she will use the information to make up the Second Interim Budget.

Marcia moved to have Lisa Speegle use the information from the existing budget and make up the Second Interim Budget to turn in to CUSD. Robert Cann seconded the motion.

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

Kathy told the board that one of the CD's matured on Monday. It will be rolled over but at a lower interest rate. We were earning .6% now it will be .46%.

6.0 General Business

6.1 Pie Auction Updates Vivian Appleby told the board that the letters are ready to be sent out to our sponsors. Tickets will be on sale next week. We Skyped with our auctioneer. Luke asked that the names of the winners of the bids be recognized. Vivian assured him they will be. Ellen Livingston will be working with auctioneer. We will cut pies being auctioned to 40. The classrooms will have themed baskets that will be auctioned between the pies. We are also going to auction a 7 day trip for 6 to Cabo San Lucas. The changes will be in the program. The auctioneer also recommended we have a Fund The Need. This will be an opportunity for those who want to contribute but can't afford a pie. People can donate at different levels. Another idea was to auction off a year of pies. They can get a pie every month. There will be a silent auction. Vivian thanked Lisa for all the wine her sister donated. Marcia thanked Vivian and Ellen Steele for all their hard work.

6.2 Playground Committee Updates -moved to after consent calendar.

6.3 Prop 39 Kathy Dahlgren updated board on Prop 39 negotiations. We were offered this site as well as three classrooms at Emma Wilson. Kathy will respond that we will accept this facility, we don't agree they should offer classrooms at another site. She will continue with negotiations.

6.4 Campus Improvements moved up to follow 6.2 after consent calendar.

6.5 School Accountability Report Card (SARC) Kathy Dahlgren went over what was contained in the report. It will also be put on the school website. Kelli Ruley prepared the report and will submit it. Luke Messenger moved to approve the SARC report with Kathy Dahlgren's approval of final numbers. Richard Aguilera seconded the motion. Motion was voted on. Ayes – 7 Nays – 0 Abstain – 0

6.6 Special Education Local Plan - Kathy explained that Achieve Charter School has recently been approved by Special Education Local Plan to be their own LEA for Special Education. When there is a new school approved into SELPA every board has to approve their joining. Marcia Worden moved to approve the SELPA plan to approve the new school joining. Lexie Aceves 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.

Kelli Ruley brought the sign up for Read Across America for board members to sign if they wished

8.0 Adjournment: Regular Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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Notice is hereby given that the order of consideration of matters on this agenda may be changed without prior notice.

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