

Nord Country School

5554 California Street, Chico, CA 95973

Meeting of the Board of Directors - Wednesday, January 29, 2020, 6PM Regular Meeting Minutes

Board Members

Kristy Dailey, President
Hilary Tricerri, Vice President
Todd Lewis, Treasurer
Janet Ellner, Secretary
Radley Ott, Member
Jesse Scherba, Member
Levi Russell, Member

Liaisons

Sheila Koester – certificated
– classified
Junell Lawrence – community

- 1.0 Call to Order at 6:02PM
 - 1.1 Flag Salute
 - 1.2 Attendance: Kristy Dailey, Hilary Tricerri, Todd Lewis, Janet Ellner, Radley Ott, Jesse Scherba, Levi Russell, Kathy Dahlgren, Lisa Speegle, Kelli Ruley, and Justin Drane
- 2.0 Changes/Deletions to Current Meeting Agenda - none
- 3.0 Public Comments on Items not on the Current Meeting Agenda – Justin Drane, an adjoining landowner, offered to work with school staff and the board to develop a portion of his unused land for school use. The board asked that after further discussion with staff on what this might look like, that this be put on a board agenda for public discussion.
- 4.0 Reports and Presentations
 - 4.1 Principal’s Report – Kathy Dahlgren shared enrollment remains steady at 193, that the new projection and sound system in the cafeteria was used for events recently and met with very positive results, and led a discussion regarding the recently released State Dashboard Indicators for Nord School.
 - 4.2 Teacher’s Report – Sheila Koester shared about what is happening in the various classrooms.
 - 4.3 Facilities Report – Lisa Speegle had no facilities report except that things are doing well and are quiet.
 - 4.4 Safety Report – Kelli Ruley gave a safety drill update and a Code Red update regarding the cafeteria. She also shared that she is working on gathering more information about alternate ways to handle Code Red events.
 - 4.5 Technology Report – Kathy Dahlgren shared that we have many aging Chromebooks, especially in 5th Grade. We are hopefully they will get us through the end of the school year.
 - 4.6 PTO Report – Kathy Dahlgren reported that the mandarin fundraiser went very well and that the next event is the Jog a Thon in April. PTO hosted a Winter Social for parents and children. The cafeteria was a wonderful venue and there was a good turnout.
 - 4.7 Pie Auction Report – Sheila Koester updated the board on Pie Auction needs and activities, asking for volunteers and silent auction items.
- 5.0 Consent Calendar – Items 5.2, 5.3, and 5.11 were pulled for discussion. Jesse Scherba moved, Janet Ellner seconded that the Consent Calendar be approved except for the pulled items. Ayes: Kristy Dailey, Hilary Tricerri, Todd Lewis, Janet Ellner, Radley Ott, Jesse Scherba, Levi Russell. Noes: none. Abstain: none. Absent: none.
 - 5.1 Consider Approval of Meeting Minutes – November 20, 2019
 - 5.2 Consider Approval of November/December Financial Reports, Payments to Vendors, and Donations – Todd Lewis questioned the year to date loss shown on the budget to actuals report. Lisa Speegle explained that it is not unusual at this time of the year to show a loss like this. Much of our funding arrives late in the year or even after year end. Further questions arose regarding the losses showing in future years and discussion ensued regarding ways to minimize costs. These will be discussed more at length over the next few months as we decide on the calendar and the salary schedules for the next few years. Hilary Tricerri moved, Radley Ott seconded that the Financial Reports be approved as presented. Ayes: Kristy Dailey, Hilary Tricerri, Todd Lewis, Janet Ellner, Radley Ott, Jesse Scherba, Levi Russell. Noes: none. Abstain: none. Absent: none.

- 5.3 Consider Approval of Curriculum and Instruction Policies – Jesse Scherba questioned the process for assuring proper placement of 8th grade math students in 9th grade. Kathy Dahlgren explained the practices the school is putting in place to ensure proper placement. Jesse Scherba moved, Hilary Tricerri seconded that the Curriculum and Instruction Policies be approved as presented. Ayes: Kristy Dailey, Hilary Tricerri, Todd Lewis, Janet Ellner, Radley Ott, Jesse Scherba, Levi Russell. Noes: none. Abstain: none. Absent: none.
- 5.4 Consider Approval of Field Trips
- 5.5 Consider Approval of the P-1 Attendance Report
- 5.6 Consider Approval of the 2018 Federal and State Informational Returns
- 5.7 Consider Approval of the School Accountability Report Card
- 5.8 Consider Approval of the Safe School Plan
- 5.9 Consider Approval of Job Description and Pay Rate for Small School Cafeteria Manager Position
- 5.10 Consider Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with BCOE for Teacher Induction Program
- 5.11 Consider Approval of Consultant Agreement with Jake Scheele for Kickboxing Elective – Radley Ott asked for more detail on this elective class. Kathy Dahlgren shared those details. Radley Ott moved, Levi Russell seconded that the Consultant Agreement be approved as presented. Ayes: Kristy Dailey, Hilary Tricerri, Todd Lewis, Janet Ellner, Radley Ott, Jesse Scherba, Levi Russell. Noes: none. Abstain: none. Absent: none.

6.0 Discussion/Action Items

- 6.1 Consider Approval of a Material Revision of the Charter Allowing Employees on the Board – Lisa Speegle led a discussion about the changes in the law, first not allowing employees on the board anymore and then allowing them to be on the board after all. After discussion about the challenges and advantages to employee board members, Radley Ott moved, Hilary Tricerri seconded, that the charter and the bylaws be amended to once again allow employees on the Nord Country School board. Ayes: Kristy Dailey, Hilary Tricerri, Todd Lewis, Janet Ellner, Radley Ott, Jesse Scherba, Levi Russell. Noes: none. Abstain: none. Absent: none.
- 6.2 Consider Approval of New Audit Firm for 2019/20 through 2021/22 School Years – Lisa Speegle presented some options for audit firms for the next three years. After discussing the various strengths of the proposed firms, Jesse Scherba moved, Todd Lewis seconded, that we contract with Horton, McNulty & Saeteurn. Ayes: Kristy Dailey, Hilary Tricerri, Todd Lewis, Radley Ott, Jesse Scherba, Levi Russell. Noes: none. Abstain: Janet Ellner. Absent: none.
- 6.3 Discussion/Action Regarding Nutrition Services Program – Kathy Dahlgren and Lisa Speegle updated the board on progress to date with our application with CDE for becoming a Food Service Authority. No action taken.
- 6.4 More Goal Setting for LCAP and Strategic Planning – Kathy Dahlgren led a discussion about Vision, Mission, and Beliefs and how they help to guide and inform our LCAP and Strategic Planning process. Teacher input was reviewed by the board and Kathy asked that the board send thoughts to her in the next couple of week to be included in our discussion at the February board meeting. No action taken.

7.0 Future Agenda Items

- 7.1 Drane Property discussions
- 7.2 Nutrition Services Program
- 7.3 LCAP and Strategic Planning

8.0 Adjournment at 8:15PM (Treasurer Todd Lewis left at 8PM during 6.4)

APPROVED:


Board of Education


Administration

