

Nord Country School

Meeting of the Board of Directors

5554 California Street, Chico, CA 95973

Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at 6:00 pm

Board Meeting Minutes

Board Members

Richard Aguilera, President
Kelli Ruley, Vice President
Roy Roney, Treasurer
Lexie Aceves, Co-Secretary
Janet Ellner, Co-Secretary
Tom Williams
Kristy Dailey

1.0 Call to Order

1.1 Flag Salute: President Richard Aguilera called meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

1.2 Attendance: Board Members present were Richard Aguilera, Kelli Ruley, Roy Roney, Lexie Aceves, Tom Williams and Kristy Dailey. Janet Ellner was absent.

Guests: Kathy Dahlgren, Lisa Speegle, Sheila Koester and Radley Ott.

2.0 Changes/Deletions to Current Meeting Agenda

None

3.0 Consent Calendar

3.1 Consider Approval of Meeting Minutes from Regular Meeting on March 9, 2016.

3.2 Consider Approval of March's Financial Statements, Payments to Vendors and Donation Report

Roy Roney made a motion to accept the Consent Calendar.

Tom Williams seconded the motion.

The motion was voted on.

Richard Aguilera – Aye

Kelli Ruley - Aye

Roy Roney - Aye

Lexie Aceves-Aye

Janet Ellner - Absent

Tom Williams – Aye

Kristy Dailey – Aye

4.0 Public Comments on Items Not on the Current Meeting Agenda

None

5.0 Discussion/Action Items

5.1 Guest Mr. Ott to discuss Active Transport Project (used to be Safe Routes to Schools)-
Discussion and Possible Action to Move Forward with an Application

Mr. Ott, a civil engineer and parent of a kindergartener at Nord, reviewed the current Active Transportation Program and how it could possibly be used by Nord Country School. Discussion ensued. The board decided to form a committee to further investigate possibilities to improve the current issues on the street side of the school. The issues being (but not limited to) pedestrians, sidewalks, right of way, parking and pick-up/drop-off locations.

5.2 Middle School Update – Information only

Kathy Dahlgren reported that the contractor will be starting work on the completion of the middle school next week with most of the project being completed before school is out.

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5.3 Revised Bylaws – Discussion and Consideration for Approval

Kelli Ruley presented the most recent edition of the bylaws. Discussion ensued.

Roy Roney made a motion to change the bylaws to a nine member board with three community members, four parents, one teacher and one educational representative that is board appointed.

Lexie Aceves seconded the motion.

The motion was voted on.

Richard Aguilera – Aye

Kelli Ruley - Aye

Roy Roney - Aye

Lexie Aceves-Aye

Janet Ellner - Absent

Tom Williams – Aye

Kristy Dailey – Aye

5.4 2016 – 2017 Budget – Discussion Only

Lisa Speegle reviewed the budget and how the new minimum wage bill that was signed in to law by Governor Davis will be affecting future budgets. Discussion ensued.

5.5 Board Self Evaluation Process – Discussion and Examples

Kathy Dahlgren explained the self evaluation process and handed out the surveys to the board. The surveys are to be filled out and returned at or before the May board meeting.

6.0 Reports and Presentations

6.1 Principal's Report

6.1.1 Chico Unified School Bond – Information

Kathy Dahlgren updated the board on the CUSD bond process. Discussion ensued.

Kathy Dahlgren reported 163 students are currently enrolled at Nord Country School.

Kathy reviewed the March PBIS report and shared that the teachers have currently provided 142 days of Independent Study for students.

6.2 Teacher's Report

Kelli Ruley reported that teachers wanted to thank the board for the 2016-17 school calendar. The teachers are beginning to prepare for upcoming testing. The Talent Show and Loved Ones Day will be on the 26th of April. 7th graders will be heading to Ashland, Oregon for four days to experience the Shakespeare Festival. Juana Diaz and Monique Dey will be taking four students with disabilities to the San Francisco Giants Stadium for the Educational Revolution event that offers motivational speakers and breakout sessions for students to participate in.

6.3 PTO Report

Kristy Dailey reported that the PTO will fund one yearbook per family this year and additional yearbooks can be purchased. The PTO has kicked off their Chico Bag Spring fundraiser. The PTO announced the opening of the parent representative position on the Nord Country School board.

6.4 Safety Report

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Kelli Ruley reported that a new gate has been installed that allows the gate to be closed.

6.5 Facilities Report

Kathy Dahlgren reported that the new occupancy sensors have been installed and she is looking forward to the new buildings arriving for the middle school.

7.0 Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:09 pm.