

Nord Country School

Meeting of the Board of Directors

5554 California Street, Chico, CA 95973

Wednesday, April 12, 2017

Board Meeting Minutes

Board Members

Richard Aguilera, President
Roy Roney, Treasurer
Lexie Aceves, Co-Secretary
Janet Ellner, Co-Secretary
Tom Williams
Sheila Koester
Jillian Damon
Kristin Staup
Tom Enneking

1.0 Brown Act Training

Daniel Robertson from the Young, Minney and Core Charter Law Firm provided the training.

2.0 Call to Order

1.1 Flag Salute: President Richard Aguilera called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm.

1.2 Attendance: Board Members present were Richard Aguilera, Roy Roney, Janet Ellner, Sheila Koester, Jillian Damon, Tom Williams, Tom Enneking and Kristin Staup. Lexie Aceves was absent. Kristin Staup left at 6:15.

Guests: Kathy Dahlgren, Lisa Speegle, Monica Hill, Ana Enneking, and Mike Vessels.

3.0 Changes/Deletions to Current Meeting Agenda

The Board was not able to vote on any items since the agenda had not been posted in time.

4.0 Consent Calendar

(Not considered at this time.)

5.0 Public Comments on Items not on the Current Meeting Agenda

There were no public comments.

6.0 Discussion /Action Items

6.1 Presentation of the 2017/2018 budget

Lisa Speegle discussed the budget, including the significance of expected increased costs due to changes in the minimum wage and STRS contributions.

6.2 Consider Health Benefits for Employees

Lisa reviewed benefit costs as they affect the budget. Kathy discussed the impact that the reduction in health benefits is having on teaching staff, and is concerned about the repercussions of further cuts. Sheila Koester pointed out that teachers had already given up 4 years on the salary schedule.

6.3 New Suicide Prevention Policy-not discussed at this time

6.4 Consider Approval of Purchase of New Fire Alarm System

Kathy informed the Board regarding her discussions with CUSD about helping with the cost of a new alarm system, since CUSD is responsible for maintenance (for which NCS pays 2%). She is waiting for a response. This item will be addressed at a Special Board Meeting.

6.5 Discuss Information from the Concealed Carry Weapons (CCW) Committee and Consider Language for a Policy.

Jillian Damon shared an update of the progression of California Assembly Bill AB-424 (Possession of Firearm in a School Zone), which would strike the provision allowing CCW on campus with written permission from the superintendent. No action was taken.

7.0 Reports and Presentations

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7.1. Principal's Report

7.1.1 Every Student Succeeds Act- Kathy reported on the training she and some BOD members attended regarding the new accountability system and its "Dashboard" feature.

7.1.2 Student Assessment Reports-Kathy indicated that there has been quite a bit of growth, particularly at the Middle School.

7.1.3 Parent Survey Results-Most (about 95%) responses were positive. Incentives succeeded in achieving the return of completed surveys; there were 2 classes with 100% returns. Staff will meet to consider strategies to address any problem areas.

7.1.4 PBIS Report-Three classified staff attended a PBIS training. Jillian recommended that a teacher also be trained.

7.2 Teacher's Report

Sheila reported that the Egg Drop was rescheduled for April 20. The Talent Show (Loved Ones Day) is on April 25. There was a good turnout for softball team tryouts.

7.3 PTO Report

Ana Enneking reported that parents talked about plans for 8th Grade Graduation and ways to increase attendance. The snack money mailbox has been successful.

Tom Williams' parent representative Board Member position will be open, and any interested candidate will need to present a letter of intent at the next PTO meeting.

7.4 Pie Auction Report

Kathy said that the fundraiser was a success. We earned about \$60,000 less about \$8,000 in expenses. She would like us to consider scheduling the event on a Saturday next year, depending on whether the auctioneer and a venue are available, but not just before or just after the end of Spring Break.

7.5 Safety Report

Kathy reported that we had a power outage, which meant there was no flushing. The Safety Committee will come up with a procedure to determine at what point to send the kids home. Roy Roney suggested having a PG&E liason; Kathy said she does have a contact and called her, but soon after that power came back on. Drinking water is kept on campus. Tom Enneking suggested we have a generator in case of fire; Lisa pointed out that a fire truck has its own pump. There will be an Evacuation Drill in May.

8.0 The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.