

Nord Country School

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Wednesday, March 12, 2014 6:00 pm

Nord Country School, 5554 California Street, Chico, CA 95973

Board Members

Kelli Ruley, President
Robert Cann, Vice President
Lexie Aceves, Co-Secretary
Janet Ellner, Co-Secretary
Richard Aguilera, Treasurer
Luke Messenger
Tom Williams

1.0 Call to Order

1.1 Flag Salute: President Kelli Ruley called meeting to order at 6:07.

1.2 Attendance: Board Members present were Kelli Ruley, Richard Aguilera, Robert Cann, Janet Ellner and Luke Messenger. Lexie Aceves and Tom Williams were absent.

Guests: Kathy Dahlgren, Lisa Speegle, Patty Roche Steve Hoff and Sheila Koester.

1.3 Approve Agenda: Kelli asked that 4.4.1 E-Rate Consultant be stricken from the agenda.

Rob Cann moved to approve the agenda as amended.

Richard Aguilera seconded the motion.

The motion was voted on. All voted aye Ayes - 5 Nays- 0 Abstain- 0

2.0 Consent Calendar

2.1 Approval of minutes of previous meeting: Regular Meeting on February 12, 2014
Luke Messenger moved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of February 12, 2014.

Janet Ellner seconded the motion.

The motion was voted on. All voted aye Ayes - 5 Nays-0 Abstain-0

3.0 Discussion of potentially adding 7th and 8th grade to Nord Country School (20 minute limit)

Kelli Ruley asked the board members to add their ideas to the Pro's, Cons & Needs posters.

Kathy Dahlgren reported that she had a meeting with Julie Kissel from CUSD about the facilities grant application. She gave them the letter of intent and received a project tracking number. The School Finance Authority application is very complicated. She would need help if the application was to be turned in by April first.

She was told that portable classrooms can be used but there are restrictions.

Janet Ellner suggested that the board break down the tasks into areas of concern that have to be investigated.

Kathy Dahlgren and Janet Ellner reported on their visits to Wildflower and Achieve Charter Schools. They spoke with the directors about their 7 & 8th grade programs.

Luke Messenger suggested that the board first work on making a decision if they want to have 7 & 8 grades and if they can afford it and can we make it work.

Luke suggested that Kathy look into hiring a consultant to help with the Grant Application.

Luke talked to Alan Chambers the architect we have worked with in the past.

He said there are two things we need to comply with to add 7th & 8th grade. There has to be a PE Program which would require a Gymnasium. We would have to have a long term plan in place. There also has to be a Library in the plan.

Luke also talked to Matt Damon, the fire marshal. He is willing to work with us to bring things up to standards.

Luke said that Kathy and Lisa should be compensated for their extra time.

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Luke will follow up with PG&E.

4.0 Reports

4.1 Principal's Report: Kathy Dahlgren reported that there are 146 students.

Attendance is at 95.90%

She gave an update on the Pie Auction. Rob and Cody were on the noon news.

Sheila and her daughter Kiera will be on the morning show on Friday, making a pie.

CUSD visit will be on April 1st.

Kathy went over the PBIS report.

We co-hosted a Dyslexia Seminar, about 200 people attended.

Juana applied for another grant and received another \$15,000.

Ernie applied and received \$100 Garden Grant.

The Common Core tests are coming up.

4.2 Teacher's Report

Kelli Ruley reported some of what was going on in each classroom.

Kindergarten is working on their science fair project. 1st grade is learning about

mapping. 2nd grade is focusing on reading groups with the extra aid and are

working on writing multi sentence paragraphs. 3rd graders are working on Butte

county history reports. 5th grade had a rummage sale to raise funds for the

Balcultha fieldtrip, they earned \$1400. 6th grade had their cribbage partners &

pegs get together. They had an adult with each student. They were able to interact

with adult and work on small talk while they played cribbage.

4.3 Facilities Report

4.3.1 Prop 39 (Energy Efficiency) update

Kathy Dahlgren reported that we will a site inspection next week and are looking into ways to improve the school's energy efficiency.

We have a new door in the cafeteria.

We have a new sink in room 5. It is so nice to have for art clean-up.

4.4 Technology Report

It is taking longer than planned to get the new laptops ready. The new tech person is coming in on Saturdays to get this done. He is doing a great job

We need an air conditioner in the server room.

~~4.4.1 E-Rate Consultant~~ stricken

4.5 Safety Report

Kathy reported the Safety Committee will be meeting on April 11.

4.6 PTO Report

Sheila Koester reported that the next meeting will be the 1st Tuesday of April at Mt. Mikes Pizza.

PTO has been discussing buying Ipads for each classroom.

The Papa Murphy's Fundraiser will be April 14 to 25.

5.0 Policies

5.1 Fiscal Policy Review

Richard Aguilera moved to accept all Fiscal Policies as revised.

Luke Messenger seconded the motion.

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The motion was voted on. All voted approval. Ayes - 5 Nays- 0 Abstain- 0

6.0 Financial Report

Lisa Speegle reviewed the budget and the 2nd Interim Budget

6.1 Financial Reports

6.2 February Payments to Vendors

Luke Messenger moved to accept the February payments to vendors.

Richard Aguilera seconded the motion.

The motion was voted on. All approved Ayes - 5 Nays- 0 Abstain- 0

6.3 February Donations

Rob Cann moved to accept the February donations.

Richard Aguilera seconded the motion.

The motion was voted on. All approved Ayes - 5 Nays- 0 Abstain- 0

6.4 2nd Interim Budget

Rob Cann moved to accept the 2nd Interim budget.

Richard Aguilera seconded the motion.

The motion was voted on. All approved Ayes - 5 Nays- 0 Abstain- 0

7.0 General Business

7.1 2014-2015 School Calendar

Kathy Dahlgren presented the draft calendar.

Rob Cann moved to approve the 2014-2015 School Calendar.

Janet Ellner seconded the motion.

The motion was voted on. All approved Ayes - 5 Nays- 0 Abstain- 0

7.2 Auditor

Kathy reported that the contract with our auditor Matsom & Isom is up. She reported we are very pleased with the work they have done and recommends that we do another 3 year contract with them.

Luke Messenger moved to renew the contract with Matsom & Isom.

Rob Cann seconded the motion.

The motion was voted on. All approved Ayes - 5 Nays- 0 Abstain- 0

7.3 ConApp (Consolidated Application)

Kathy Dahlgren went over the ConApp.

Rob Cann moved to approve the ConApp.

Richard Aguilera seconded the motion.

The motion was voted on. All approved Ayes - 5 Nays- 0 Abstain- 0

7.4 LCAP

Kathy went over the Local Control Accountability Plan. The state has 8 priorities. We have to come up with plans for each one. It will be on the agenda for the April meeting.

It is due by July 1.

7.5 Upcoming Board Vacancies

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Kelli reported that terms are coming up for 3 positions on the board. Lexie's Parent Representative position, and Luke and Robb's Community Member positions.

7.6 Memorial trees

The Board discussed planting trees for deceased members that supported the school. It was agreed to plant a Memorial tree in honor of John Worden one of the founders of the school.

7.7 Charter Facilities Grant

Kathy Dahlgren discussed the opportunity for a charter school facility grant. Discussion ensued. The board approved that Kathy apply for both the New Construction Grant and the Rehabilitation Grant.

8.0 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)

Richard Aguilera thanked Sheila Koester for the delicious Pecan Pie.

Janet Ellner told us she had an acupuncture appointment with a former student Olivia Lazaro Peters.

9.0 Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.