

Nord Country School

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Wednesday, May 14, 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 6:09 pm.

1.2 Attendance: Board Members present were Kelli Ruley, Richard Aguilera, Lexie Aceves and Luke Messenger. Janet Ellner arrived at 6:14. Robert Cann arrived at 6:20. Tom Williams was absent.

1.3 Approve Agenda

Lexie Aceves asked for item 6.5 to be moved up on the agenda to 3.1.

Richard Aguilera moved to approve the amended agenda.

Lexie Aceves seconded the motion.

The motion was voted on. Ayes - 4 Nays- 0 Abstain- 0

2.0 Consent Calendar

2.1 Minutes of Regular Meeting on March 12, 2014

Lexie Aceves noted a change in Policies 5.1 Fiscal Policy Review. The previous wording "moved to accept Fiscal Policy Review" needed to be changed to "moved to accept all Fiscal Policies as revised."

Luke Messenger moved to approve the Minutes of Regular Meeting on March 12, 2014 as amended.

Richard Aguilera seconded the motion.

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

3.0 Discussion of potentially adding 7th and 8th grade to Nord Country School

Kathy Dahlgren reported on her attempts to get financial figures from PG&E, possibility of purchasing property adjacent to the school for 7th and 8th grade.

Luke Messenger stated 7th and 8th grade require a gymnasium. Luke read from Alan Chambers' report on purchasing private property for Charter Schools. Discussion ensued. Luke requested a business proposal for 7th and 8th grade.

Kathy Dahlgren and Lisa Speegle will develop two proposals for 7th and 8th grade. One that would be off-site and the other would be portables added on-site.

Kathy Dahlgren discussed the progress of the facilities grant application.

A material revision of charter would be needed in order to add a 7th and 8th grade.

Roy Roney discussed the mission statement of Nord Country School in relation to adding 7th and 8th grade. Discussion ensued.

Matt Damon, fire Marshall for Cal Fire of Butte County, discussed permit requirements and fire codes. Discussion ensued.

3.1 Upcoming Board Vacancies

3.1.1 Parent Representative

As stated at the previous board meeting, the remaining two years of Lexie Aceves' Parent Representative term needed to be filled. The candidates are Billy Aldridge and Kristy Dailey. The parent community held an election and the winner was Kristi Dailey. The votes were cast by the board as follows:

Lexie Aceves voted for Kristy Dailey

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Robert Cann voted for Billy Aldridge
Janet Ellner voted for Kristy Dailey
Richard Aguilera voted for Kristy Dailey
Luke Messenger voted for Billy Aldridge
Kelli Ruley voted for Billy Aldridge

With a tied vote by the board the deciding factor is the parent vote, making Kristy Dailey the new Parent Representative.

3.1.2 Community Representatives

As stated at the previous board meeting, Luke Messenger and Robert Cann's Community Representative terms are due to expire.

Roy Roney stated he received two letters of interest for the Community Representative position, one letter from Roy Roney and one letter from Lexie Aceves. Discussion ensued.

After reviewing the procedures stated in the bylaws, Robert Cann stated interest in renewing his term and possibly Luke Messenger.

The Community Representative Forum was set for Monday, June 9th 2014 at 6:00pm.

4.0 Reports – discussion/action

4.1 Principal's Report: Kathy Dahlgren reported that there are 146 students. Open House will be May 28th at 6pm. The new standardized testing has been completed. All school end of the year Dibels testing will be taking place. April 1st CUSD had their annual visit of Nord Country School. Kathy finished the grant and Lisa Speegle turned it in on the first day April 1st.

4.2 Teacher's Report

End of the year field trips, events and 6th grade promotion.

4.3 Facilities Report

Kathy Dahlgren stated Prop 39 Clean Energy Act funds have arrived but there are some hurdles that need to be overcome before those funds can be spent. Finishing the playground is still on the to-do list.

4.4 Technology Report

Kathy Dahlgren stated that 54 new laptops were set up for testing

4.4.1 New Server

Kathy Dahlgren reported about \$8,000 for one new server that would replace the three. More information will be presented next month.

4.5 PTO Report

The last PTO meeting was a concert at DeGarmo Park. All positions were filled in PTO except for president. Ending balance for PTO account minus expenses is approximately \$2,427.

5.0 Financial Report – discussion/action

Lisa Speegle reviewed the budget.

5.1 Financial Reports

5.2 April Payments to Vendors

Lexie Aceves moved to accept the April payments to vendors.

Richard Aguilera seconded the motion.

The motion was voted on. Ayes -6 Nays- 0 Abstain- 0

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5.3 April Donations

Lexie Aceves moved to accept the April payments to vendors.

Luke Messenger seconded the motion.

The motion was voted on. Ayes -6 Nays- 0 Abstain- 0

5.4 Pie Auction Account

Kathy Dahlgren reported that credit card sales from the pie auction were accidentally put into the pie auction account instead of operating account which is roughly \$14,000. The net income for the pie auction is \$48,174 total for pie auction.

Lexie Aceves moved to transfer funds from the pie auction account at Northern California National Bank to the operating account at Northern California National Bank and to authorize Kathy Dahlgren to close the pie auction account.

Janet Ellner seconded the motion.

The motion was voted on. Ayes -6 Nays- 0 Abstain- 0

5.5 2014-2015 Budget

5.6 Salary Schedule

Lexie Aceves moved to table the items 5.5 and Luke's friendly amendment of including 5.6 until June's board meeting.

Luke Messenger seconded the motion.

The motion was voted on. Ayes-6 Nays-0 Abstain-0

6.0 General Business – discussion/action

6.1 LCAP

Kathy Dahlgren further reviewed this rough draft of a new accountability program. The final draft will be presented and voted on at next months meeting.

6.2 Summer School

Richard Aguilera moved to approve a 4 week Summer School program at a proposed cost of \$2,900.

Janet Ellner seconded the motion.

The motion was voted on. Ayes-6 Nays-0 Abstain-0

6.3 P2 Attendance Report

Richard Aguilera moved to accept the P2 attendance report.

Robert Cann seconded the motion.

The motion was voted on. Ayes-6 Nays-0 Abstain-0

6.4 Parent Survey

Kathy Dahlgren discussed the results of the parent survey. Very high satisfaction rate.

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)

8.0 Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:42.