

Nord Country School

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Wednesday, August 14, 2013 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
Luke Messenger
Tom Williams

1.0 Call to Order

1.1 **Flag Salute:** President Kelly Ruley called the meeting to order at 6:04p with the flag salute.

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

Guests: Kathy Dahlgren, Lisa Speegle, Junell Lawrence, Sheila Koester, Patty Roche and Billy Aldridge.

1.3 Approve Agenda

Lexie Aceves moved to approve the agenda.

Richard Aguilera seconded the motion.

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

2.0 Consent Calendar

2.1 **Approval of minutes** of previous meeting: Regular Meeting on July 10, 2013.

Richard Aguilera moved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of July 10, 2013.

Janet Ellner seconded the motion.

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

3.0 Reports

3.1 Principal's Report

Kathy Dahlgren mentioned fluctuating attendance registration as students move and new students enroll. However, the student enrollment has remained consistent at 149 students for the 2013/2014 school year.

Kathy reported that staff trainings and meetings are scheduled for Monday 8/19/13 and Tuesday 8/20/13 to prepare staff for the new school year.

Kathy Dahlgren attended the first two days of a training workshop on Learning Focused Supervision, offered by Butte County Office of Education. She will complete the training in September.

3.2 Teacher's Report

Kelli Ruley reported on Common Core Math trainings that NCS teachers attended at Chico State.

Kathy Dahlgren reported on a Dyslexic training in Chicago that a group of NCS staff attended. The group who attended will present what they learned to the rest of the staff.

3.3 Facilities Report

Tom Williams reported on the status of the playground equipment. The shipping date was Thursday, 8/8/13 and will be delivered within 7 to 10 business days. Tom discussed the process for preparing to install the playground at free or reduced costs. Tom shared with the board a tentative timeline of when the playground could be finished.

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Tom also suggested utilizing the pie auction to obtain new border sections that need to be replaced around the playground.

3.4 Technology Report

Kathy Dahlgren reported that she is waiting on information about an additional T1 line.

She also reported on the purchase of three new computers for the office.

Kathy reported that Common Core Standard grant money can be used for technology or curriculum and there is a need for more laptops for students.

3.5 Safety Report

Kathy Dahlgren reported that Junell Lawrence and Jesus Meza were present for a proactive safety inspection provided by our insurance company. A follow up report will be sent to the school.

Kathy reported Billy Aldridge, PTO fundraising and grants from Butte County Sherriff's Deputy Association and Chico Police Officer's Association made it possible to purchase an AED machine for Nord Country School.

3.6 PTO Report

Sheila Koester presented the PTO treasurers report and went over PTO events and fundraisers.

4.0 Financial Report

4.1 Financial Reports

Lisa Speegle went over the finalizations of the 2012/2013 school year budget. She stated there will be a clearer picture for last year's budget in September. Lisa went over the July profit and loss report and balance sheet.

Lisa discussed the Local Control funding monies and how they are proposed to be distributed. Currently, there is a generic level for the base revenue limit for funding levels. In the next couple of months that rate will increase for NCS due to our higher level of students who qualify for free and reduced lunch.

Lisa went over the Clean Energy Jobs Act and Common Core Implementation and how those monies could be used. Discussion ensued.

4.2 July Payments to Vendors

Richard Aguilera moved to accept the July payments to vendors.

Janet Ellner seconded the motion.

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

4.3 July Donations

Lexie Aceves moved to accept the July donations.

Tom Williams seconded the motion.

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

5.0 Policy Review

Richard Aguilera moved to approve the policies discussed with the minor changes.

Lexie Aceves seconded the motion.

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

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6.0 General Business

6.1 Employee Handbook

Kathy Dahlgren and the NCS Board reviewed the employee handbook. Discussion ensued. Kelli Ruley moved to table voting on the employee handbook until Kathy consults with NCS's lawyer about the specifics of sick leave and personal necessity time. The employee handbook will be an action item on September's agenda.

6.2 Title 1 Coordinator

Tom Williams moved to approve the hiring of a title 1 coordinator for the 2013/2014 school year.

Lexie Aceves seconded the motion.

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

6.3 Teacher Contracts

Richard Aguilera moved to accept the teacher's contracts for 2013/2014.

Tom Williams seconded the motion.

The motion was voted on. Ayes -4 Nays-0 Abstain-1

Kelli Ruley abstained from voting.

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: Meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Approved August 14, 2013

Signed _____ Lexie Aceves Board Co-Secretary