

# Nord Country School

## Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Wednesday, October 10, 2012 6:00 pm  
5554 California Street, Chico, CA 95973

### Board Members

Kelli Ruley, President  
Robert Cann, Vice President  
Marcia Worden, Secretary  
Richard Aguilera, Treasurer  
Lexie Aceves  
Luke Messenger  
Vivian Appleby

### **1.0 Call to Order**

**1.1 Flag Salute:** President Kelli Ruley called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm with the flag salute.

**1.2 Attendance:** Board Members present were Kelli Ruley, Lexie Aceves, Marcia Worden, Vivian Appleby, Richard Aguilera and Luke Messenger. Robert Cann was absent.

Guests: Kathy Dahlgren, Lisa Speegle, Sheila Koester, Junell Lawrence, Gary Steele, Mike Elliot, Juana Diaz, Monique Dey, Linda Hovey and Patty Roche.

**1.3 Approve Agenda:** Marcia Worden moved to accept the agenda moving the public members who wish to address the board up to follow 2.1.

Vivian Appleby seconded the motion.

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

### **2.0 Consent Calendar**

#### **2.1 Approval of minutes of previous meeting:**

Richard Aguilera moved to accept the minutes of the September 12, 2012 Regular Board Meeting. Lexie Aceves seconded the motion.

Motion was voted on. Ayes – 6 Nays – 0 Abstain – 0

#### **Public Members Who Wish to Address the Board of Directors on items not on the agenda**

Kelli Ruley introduced Linda Hovey who is a candidate for C.U.S.D. school board in the November election.

Linda Hovey told the board a little about herself and reasons for running for the position on the CUSD school board.

### **3.0 Reports**

#### **3.1 Facilities Report**

##### **3.3.1 Progress of portable classroom**

Kathy Dahlgren and Luke Messenger updated the board on the progress of the new portable classroom.

#### **3.2 Principal's Report**

Kathy Dahlgren reported that the student count is at 135. Attendance is at 98.03%.

The Harvest Festival is this upcoming Saturday.

Halloween Carnival is October 27.

Stone Soup Day is November 8.

Saturday October 6th all the teaching staff attended a math conference. Kelli Ruley and Katrina Gutierrez were presenters at the event.

#### **3.3 Teacher's Report**

Kelli Ruley told the board some of the activities that were going on in each of the classrooms.

#### **3.4 Technology Report - no report this month**

### **3.5 Safety Report**

Kathy Dahlgren reported that Jesse Meza completed his safety inspection of each room on campus using a checklist.

There was an earthquake drill this week.

### **3.6 PTO Report**

Sheila Koester reported that 10 to 12 people attended the last PTO meeting held on campus. The Garden Party was a success. Those attending trimmed trees, pulled weeds and had a potluck lunch.

The next PTO meeting will be held at The Bear on October 17. There will be a fundraiser from 6 to 8 pm. The PTO will receive 20% of receipts from food purchased by those bringing NCS flyers.

Sheila presented board with copies of PTO treasurers report.

At the next meeting they will be discussing how they would like to use the funds.

## **4.0 Financial Report**

### **4.1 Budget Discussion**

Lisa Speegle discussed the latest changes to the budget. She explained the hold back from state in the General Purpose funds and the effects of the initiatives on the November ballot will have on the cash flow.

### **4.2 Financial Reports**

### **4.3 September Donations**

Richard Aguilera moved to accept September Donations. Vivian Appleby seconded the motion. The motion was voted on. Ayes – 5 Nays – 0 Abstain – 01 - Kelli Ruley recused

### **4.4 September Payments to Vendors**

Luke Messenger moved to approve the September Payment to Vendors.

Lexie Aceves seconded the motion.

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

## **5.0 General Business**

### **5.1 Family Involvement**

Kathy Dahlgren went over the Family Involvement Policy that went out in the first day packet to families.

### **5.2 Common Core**

Kathy Dahlgren went over the Overview of the Common Core Standards. They have been adopted by 46 states.

Three of NCS teachers attended a Math Leadership Conference this summer (Kelli, Katrina and Sheila). They will be able to train the other teachers and start to implement what they have learned this year.

Allison Chang attended the Language Arts Training and will be sharing what she learned.

### **5.3 "Could It Be Dyslexia" grant**

Juana Diaz told the board about the grant proposal she wrote with Monique Dey and Monica Hill - "Could it be Dyslexia?" It is a 2 year grant for \$21,185. These funds will give them the opportunity to attend professional development trainings and purchase instructional supplies and software to be used in working

with students.

Kathy Dahlgren expressed her gratitude to Juana, Monique and Monica for all of their efforts in obtaining this grant. Their dedication to helping our students is remarkable. The information they gather will benefit our students greatly.

Marcia Worden personally thanked the grant team and appreciated the work they are doing on behalf of the students at Nord Country School.

#### **5.4 Pie Auction**

Kathy Dahlgren reported that a committee has started to work on next year's Pie Auction. It will be held on March 10 at the Elk's Lodge. They have discussed what the funds (\$29,000) raised in last year's auction could be used for. They will make a proposal to the board.

#### **5.5 Playground**

Richard Aguilera wanted this kept before the board's attention.

#### **5.6 Test Scores**

Kathy Dahlgren went over the API and AYP reports. Since we didn't meet all of the relevant AYP criteria we will be identified for PI (Program Improvement) year 1.

#### **6.0 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)**

Junell Lawrence pointed out that while she is very pro Playground she would like the board to consider unfreezing wages in the future as important an issue as the playground.

**8.0 Adjournment: Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.**