

Nord Country School

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Wednesday, February 13, 2013 6:00 pm

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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

Minutes

1.0 Call to Order

1.1 Flag Salute: President Kelli Ruley called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm with the flag salute.

1.2 Attendance: Board Members present were Kelli Ruley, Marcia Worden, Richard Aguilera, Vivian Appleby, Robert Cann and Luke Messenger. Lexie Aceves arrived at 6:04

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

1.3 Approve Agenda: Robert Cann moved to accept the agenda.

Marcia Worden seconded the motion.

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

2.0 Consent Calendar

2.1 Approval of minutes of Regular Meeting on January 9, 2013

Robert Cann moved to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 9, 2013. Vivian Appleby seconded the motion.

Luke Messenger asked that item 5.3 be checked to see who made and seconded the motion.

Robert Cann amended the motion to approve the minutes but check to see who made and seconded the motion on 5.3. Vivian Appleby seconded the amended motion.

Motion was voted on. Ayes – 7 Nays – 0 Abstain – 0

3.0 Reports

3.1 Board Training Report

Kelli asked if those attending the board training at Blue Oak Charter School on November 15th would like to tell the board about it. Richard told the board that the in service was on Best Practices related to the Brown Act. A Sacramento attorney went over the five areas of the Brown Act. He said it was a very good training. Sheila Koester commented on rules regarding closed session. Salaries are to be discussed in open session unless it is a specific person's salary.

3.2 Facilities Report

Luke Messenger went over the progress on the new classroom. The plumbing is done, they are working on the electrical, and Eagle Security should come within the next week. He is hoping for final inspection next week.

Kathy Dahlgren reported that Sierra Pacific will hopefully donate bark to go under trees to put picnic tables on thanks to Kelli's husband. Both the bark and labor will be donated.

3.3 Principal's Report

- Kathy Dahlgren reported that there are 2 more students. There are now 139 students. In the last 2 months we have had 11 students enroll and 7 students

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leave. Our attendance rate was 97% from out of district students and 96% from in district students. The last few weeks we have been hit by illness.

- Kathy reported on upcoming events.
- CUSD annual site visit will be on March 12th at 9 a.m.
- Butte County Office of Education will be putting on a Board Training soon.
- We have just finished Dibbles testing. Students are tested 3 times a year.
- Juana has a student teacher this semester.
- Six staff members went to a PBIS training (Positive Behavior Intervention and Support). It was a 3-day training that was paid for through a grant. This is a two-year project. The team is really excited about starting this program next year.

3.4 Teacher's Report

- Kelli Ruley reported that last week was Spirit Week. The classrooms had a door-decorating contest with the theme "Why We Love Nord".
- 2nd, 5th & 6th grades took a fieldtrip to Laxon Auditorium to see Cirque de Mechanics.
- A 5th grade parent came in and gave a science lesson on rockets.
- Today the Leadership Club had a Valentine's Day Party with Oakmont Senior Citizens.
- All the classrooms will have Valentine's Day activities tomorrow.

3.5 Technology Report

Trevor from BCOE has been trying to make a change with the servers. We were not able to use our computers for two days. We are still having some email problems. We had three or four techs from BCOE here to fix the problems.

3.6 Safety Report

Kathy Dahlgren reported that we still have two doors left to change the handles so doors can be locked from the inside in the case of an emergency. Luke Messenger asked that the swings be checked. The top bar is rotating and they shouldn't be. Kathy will look into it. Richard asked that students be kept off swings until someone looks at it.

Rob asked if parents have been notified where the reunification spot is in case of evacuation. Safety committee is still working on evacuation plan. We will be having a drill to see how the plan works.

3.7 PTO Report

- Sheila Koester reported the PTO treasury balance is \$ 6,561.15.
- PTO made about \$1,000 on Kleen Kanteen fundraiser.
- They plan on having a flower bulb sale as the spring fundraiser.
- They will be providing juice and cookies for Loved One's Day.
- They will be looking for spotters for the Pie Auction.
- Mr. Aldridge will be coming to PTO to talk about raising funds for an AED for campus. (defibrillator).

4.0 Policy Review

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Kelli handed out the next set of policies for board to look over for future discussion.

5.0 Financial Report

5.1 Financial Reports

Lisa Speegle reported on the changes to the bank accounts. There is no longer a Pie Auction Account. There is now an ICS Insured Money Market Account. She will continue to make changes so all the funds will be insured. She went over the changes to the budget.

Second Interim Budget was handed out and will be an action item at next month's meeting.

5.2 January Donations

Luke Messenger moved to accept the January donations. We have to add the name of who donated the computers. (NorCal 60)

Marcia Worden seconded the motion.

The motion was voted on. Ayes – 6 Nays – 0 Abstain – 1 Kelli Ruley recused

5.3 January Payments to Vendors

Luke Messenger moved to graciously approve the January Payments to Vendors.

Richard Aguilera seconded the motion.

The motion was voted on. Ayes – 7 Nays – 0 Abstain – 0

6.0 General Business

6.1 6th grade Field Trip

Kelli Ruley asked permission to take her sixth class to Whiskeytown on an overnight fieldtrip, from May 13 to 15th. She will report to the board next month how the fundraising has gone.

Kelli went over some of the things the class will be doing while on the fieldtrip.

Richard Aguilera moved to approve the fieldtrip. Marcia Worden seconded the motion.

The motion was voted on. Ayes – 6 Nays – 0 Abstain – 1 Kelli Ruley recused

6.2 School Accountability Report Card

Sheila Koester went over the School Accountability Report Card.

Kelli Ruley reminded the board that a public member had come to them at a previous meeting and requested that the board readdress the salary freeze.

Rob Cann moved to accept the School Accountability Report Card. Richard Aguilera seconded the motion. There was some discussion and the board decided to table the vote.

Rob Cann withdrew his motion. Richard Aguilera agreed.

Rob Cann moved to table the discussion until next meeting. Richard seconded the motion.

The motion was voted on. Ayes – 7 Nays – 0 Abstain – 0

6.3 Unused Curriculum Elimination

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Kathy Dahlgren told the board we are no longer using the Reading Mastery curriculum used by a former kindergarten teacher. She asked the board if we could donate it to another school.

Marcia Worden moved to donate the curriculum. Robert Cann seconded the motion.

The motion was voted on. Ayes – 7 Nays – 0 Abstain – 0

6.4 Pie Auction update

Kelli Ruley gave an update on the Pie Auction. This is the one fundraiser the board puts on.

The auctioneer this year is Kevin O'Callahan (Auction 360) from Lincoln. You can see him auctioneering on You Tube. He has agreed to charge us \$1250 (half of his normal fee).

She listed some of the jobs that people will be responsible for.

There will be a student auctioneer this year. They will have try-outs to select the student.

6.5 Title I and Title II funding

Kathy Dahlgren was asked to look into some of the implications of not receiving NCLB funds.

Since we are in Program Improvement this can have a negative impact on our school.

Kathy went over some of the things she is required to do to be eligible for these funds. We will also have additional requirements and we will have to establish a School Site Plan.

Kathy handed out a report on Title I and Title II funding. The predicted income seemed higher than what Kathy and Lisa had figured. Our English Learners and Free and Reduced Lunch numbers have gone down.

Kathy told the board that Janet Brinson asked her not to send the letter she prepared until CUSD sent their letter. After some discussion the board recommended that Kathy send out the letter she presented to the board in November.

6.6 Board Terms Ending

Kelli reminded the board that two board members terms will be ending in June, Marcia Worden as Community Representative and Vivian Appleby as Parent Representative.

Both Marcia and Vivian told the board they will not be seeking reelection.

We will have to fill these seats.

Kelli went over the process to fill these positions.

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)

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8.0 Adjournment Meeting was adjourned at 8:54

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