

EAST CENTRAL BOCES BOARD MEETING

August 26, 2020
7:00 p.m. (Over Zoom)

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Nancy Barden, President; roll call was taken; the following Board members were in attendance:

Doug Purdy – Agate	Dustin Weyerman - Idalia
Renae Saffer – Arriba/Flagler	Janet Kravig - Karval
Nancy Barden – Bennett	Kurt Wassil - Kiowa
Stacie Perez - Burlington	Justin Golding – Kit Carson
Allison Harris - Byers	Christine Herrick - Liberty
Jake Pelton – Cheyenne Wells	Wendy Pottorff - Limon
Wesley Thompson – Deer Trail	Diana Elliott – Strasburg
Julia Boger – Genoa/Hugo	Jerry Clapper - Stratton
JoBeth Mills – Hi-Plains	Penny Haller – Woodlin - Alternate

Those Board members not in attendance were:

Tyson King – Arickaree	Shawna Calhoun - Bethune
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Those Superintendents/Principals in attendance were:

Valorie McCleary – Arriba/Flagler	Myles Johnson - Idalia
Robin Purdy – Bennett	Sarah Nuss - Karval
Shila Adolf – Bethune	Scott Mader - Kiowa
Tom Satterly- Burlington	Rhonda Puckett - Liberty
Tom Turrell – Byers	John McCleary - Limon
B.J. Buchmann – Deer Trail	Monica Johnson - Strasburg
Mike Clark – Hi-Plains	Jeff Durbin - Stratton
	Kandy Davis – Stratton (incoming Supt.)

Those Superintendents not in attendance were:

Hilary Jaynes – Agate	Robert Framel – Kit Carson
Tonya Rodwell – Arickaree	Monica Johnson - Strasburg
John Haddan – Bethune	Chris Whetzel - Woodlin
Randy Holmen – Cheyenne Wells	

Others in attendance were: Jason Westfall, Beverly Blagg, Mitzi Swiatkowski, Lorie Coonts, Moira Hawks, Megan Donnellon, Jarred Masterson and Craig Bailey.

II. Approval of Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda. Julia Boger – Genoa/Hugo, made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Renae Saffer – Arriba/Flagler. Roll call vote; motion carries.

III. Approval of Minutes

Julia Boger – Genoa/Hugo, made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. A second by Janet Kravig - Karval. Roll call vote; motion carries.

IV. Public Comments

There were none.

V. Consent Agenda Items

Julia Boger – Genoa/Hugo, made the motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. A second by Stacie Perez - Burlington. Roll call vote; motion carries.

VI. Business – Action Items

Emergency Reading and Approval of New and Revised Board Policies

Nancy shared that she had given Jason some minor, mostly grammatical changes to the policies. Dianna Elliott – Strasburg, made the motion to approve the new and revised Board policies as an emergency adoption in accordance with Board Policy BG as presented..

Jason brought up the question on Policy AC, page 3 of 4, third paragraph: Employees who knowingly file false complaints of give false states in an investigation may be subject to discipline, up to and including termination. This person being accused may not be able to recover from this career wise because of the circumstance of the accusations. Jason would like to change the may to will in that statement. Everyone agreed with that change. Diana Elliott – Strasburg, changed her motion to state: approve the new and revised Board policies as an emergency adoption in accordance with Board Policy BG as amended. A second from Allison Harris – Byers. Roll call vote; motion carries.

VII. Discussion Items –

Discussion of Services Federal Program – Big Picture

Mitzi Swiatkowski – Federal Programs Director

Mitzi had two handouts she went over. The first was Federal Programs the Big Picture. It talked about the programs that she manages and helps the districts stay compliant. These programs are Title I, II, III, IV, Migrant and Perkins Business and Ag CTE programs. Because you accept federal funds there are compliance and monitoring that has to be done; I help you do that.

The second document was the Consolidated Application Plan for 2020-2021. She submitted the 185 page consolidated application and so far nothing has been approved yet; it is being reviewed by CDE now. For your CTE programs this year there was no travel because of COVID so all that money had to be moved to resources. Your teachers received about \$6,000 in additional resources this year and your district needs to make sure that those items are cataloged and put on your inventory for tracking of federal funds you have received.

Mitzi also serves on Committee of Practitioners (COP) and is the rural voice representing our member districts at that table.

Nancy thanked Mitzi for all that she does, these programs are very important to our districts and she does a great job managing them.

Jason Westfall – General Services

Jason shared the other miscellaneous things that the BOCES does for our member districts:

Shared Technology position – 6 districts share a technology person to help with all their IT needs, which have been huge since COVID hit.

Induction Program – teachers on a provisional license can go through this program document and once completed the superintendent’s requests a certificate saying they have finished the program and they can send that in for the professional license.

We hire and evaluate the lobbyist to represent our BOCES districts in the legislative arena.

We have employed Jodi Church at the Gifted/Talented Coordinator. She works with your districts on identification, testing, and writing ALP’s for your gifted students.

We have both SPED and regular ed Alternative Teacher Licensure Program and a two-year principal licensure program. Jeanne Boice-Wiley is in charge of the SPED program and this is also has a generalist component to is also. Gena Ramey

is the director of both the teacher and the principal alternative licensure programs. Gena has 17 and he was not sure if we have any new principals in the program this year.

We manage At-Risk funds which supports anyone in your district that is writing grants to supplement your work with students in your districts. If you have a teacher or administrator that has or plans to write grants in your district please submit a request. You don't even have to have received the grant to become eligible.

Strategic Planning Session

Our yearly Strategic Planning Session in Monument on September 28th and 29th in Monument, CO at the Hideaway. We will be talking about this at our SAC meeting next week and will need to know who will be coming so that we can give the Hideaway a final count for rooms and meals. Our organizations that attend, such as CDE, CASE, CASB, etc. will probably be attending via Zoom. Please encourage your superintendent to attend, this is the time when we update our EC BOCES Legislative Platform and build those working relationships.

November BOCES Board Meeting

The November meeting in the past has been face-to-face with dinner at the Hub City Senior Center at 6 p.m. and the meeting following that. We will make a decision closer to the meeting as to whether it will be person or regionally again.

VIII. Reports

Executive Director – Enclosed

There was no additional information or questions on Jason's report.

Additional Staff Reports – Enclosed

No questions on any of the staff reports.

IX. Adjournment

There was a motion by Julia Boger – Genoa/Hugo, to adjourn the meeting. A second by Stacie Perez – Burlington. Roll call vote; motion carries. Meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

BOCES Board Secretary

Date Approved