

## EAST CENTRAL BOCES BOARD MEETING

April 21, 2021  
7:00 p.m. (Over Zoom)

### I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Nancy Barden, President; roll call was taken; the following Board members were in attendance:

Doug Purdy – Agate  
Deanna Schrock – Arickaree  
Rena Saffer – Arriba/Flagler  
Nancy Barden – Bennett  
Allison Harris – Byers  
Jake Pelton – Cheyenne Wells  
Wesley Thompson – Deer Trail

Julia Boger – Genoa/Hugo  
Janet Kravig - Karval  
Justin Golding - Kit Carson  
Christine Herrick - Liberty  
Diana Elliott - Strasburg  
Jerry Clapper - Stratton  
Doug Vondy - Woodlin

Those Board members not in attendance were:

Shawna Calhoon – Bethune  
Stacie Perez – Burlington  
JoBeth Mills – Hi-Plains

Dustin Weyerman - Idalia  
Kurt Wassail - Kiowa  
Wendy Pottorff – Limon

Those Superintendents in attendance were:

Eve Pugh – Agate  
Valorie McCleary – Arriba/Flagler  
Robin Purdy – Bennett  
John Haddan – Bethune  
Myles Johnson – Idalia

Rhonda Puckett - Liberty  
John McCleary - Limon  
Monica Johnson - Strasburg  
Kandy Davis - Stratton

Those Superintendents not in attendance were:

Tonya Rodwell – Arickaree  
Tom Satterly – Burlington  
Randy Holmen – Cheyenne Wells  
B.J. Buchmann – Deer Trail  
Terry Weber – Genoa/Hugo

Mike Clark – Hi-Plains  
Sarah Nuss - Karval  
Scott Mader - Kiowa  
Robert Framel – Kit Carson  
Chris Whetzel - Woodlin

Others in attendance were: Jason Westfall, Beverly Blagg, Mitzi Swiatkowski, Lorie Coonts, Moira Hawks, 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 Rena Saffer – Arriba/Flagler. Roll call vote; motion carries.

### III. Approval of Minutes

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

### IV. Public Comments

There were none.

## **V. Consent Agenda Items**

Jason talked to the lawyer and the more things we can put under consent agenda the few roll call votes we have to do and the quicker we can get through our meetings. So we have put all the Quarterly Financials, Auditor Agreement, the 2021-2022 BOCES Calendar, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the policy adoption. We can take anything out and talk about it if you would like.

Nancy Barden – Bennett did have a question at the BOCES Calendar. Bennett's spring break is the week of the 14<sup>th</sup> and this calendar has the week of the 21<sup>st</sup>. What week are other districts doing? The rest of the districts that were present were the week of the 14<sup>th</sup>. Lorie will change that on the calendar and you can adopt it with that noted revision.

Diana Elliott - Strasburg, made the motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented with the noted change to the EC BOCES Calendar. A second by Doug Vondy - Woodlin. Roll call vote; motion carries.

## **VI. Business – Action Items**

### **A. 2021-2022 Proposed Preliminary Budget**

Jason highlighted the following on the preliminary 2021-2022 budget:

- On the pink pages our local sources are down \$89,548 due to less PPR. We have an ending fund balance of \$1.3 M so we will be able to cover the shortage in local revenue.
- Due to Covid and not spending as much of our Title II dollars on professional development Mitzi has decided to pay a stipend of \$320 for completing their 45 hours of READ Act training. Megan will also be purchasing some resources and paying stipends to the Impact Team coaches.
- Most of BEST Grant funds will be spent by the end of June.
- Total Local Revenue is down 748,705.69
- State SPED funds are up.
- Have not received any new dollars for at-risk funds
- Total State Revenue is down \$42,058
- Title I At-Risk Student Support is up \$72,931 and there is carryforward by paying out stipends and purchasing resources.
- We have spent all the ESSERI dollars
- Total Federal Revenue is down \$211, 891.22
- We will have a step increase and overall benefits are projected at an 8% increase.
- Flow through to districts is \$3,433,962.24.
- We are planning to spend \$161,497.00 on equipment upgrade through ESSER, RUS and BEST Grants.
- We will not have final allocations from the state and federal sources until the June meeting.

There was a motion by Renae Saffer – Arriba/Flagler to accept the preliminary budget for 2021-2022 as presented. A second by Julia Boger – Genoa/Hugo. There was a roll call vote and motion carries.

### **B. Salary Schedule Adjustments**

We have just a couple of changes on our Salary Schedules. Last year with the minimum wage was increased by \$.32 we have to reissue all of our para contracts reflecting the \$.32 increase. We would like to avoid that by increasing our base salary to \$13.00 so if there is an increase in minimum wage we will not have to be issuing new para contract in January and it will also keep us competitive with surrounding districts/businesses.

Salary Schedule G- For several years we have employed a Migrant Education Graduation

Advocate (MEGA) but did not have an established pay scale due to this position being paid with funds flowing through Centennial BOCES in Greeley. This year Centennial BOCES has asked us to create a salary schedule for this position. In order to comply with that request, we have added the MEGA (200 day) salary column to schedule G which contains our other coordinator positions with a \$700 step.

A motion by Doug Vondy – Woodlin to approve Salary Schedules A and G as presented. A second by Diana Elliott - Strasburg. There was a roll call vote and motion carries.

## **VII. Discussion Items –**

### **A. June EC BOCES Board Meeting**

There was discussion about whether to do the next meeting over Zoom or have regional meetings. There were different preferences; some would like to do Zoom and some would like to meet together regionally. Jason said he would leave it up to each individual region how they decide to meet. Limon will be hosting with dinner at the BOCES office at 6 p.m. and meeting starting at 7 p.m. on June 16<sup>th</sup> for all the central area districts or anyone else that might be interested in attending in person.

## **VIII. Reports - Enclosed**

### **A. Executive Director – Enclosed**

Jason shared that in he has met his goal of regional meetings with superintendents. Next year with 7 new superintendents we will need to move a little slower so that we can get them all up to speed about our BOCES before we start having regional meetings. Our director team always travels to the new superintendent's district to meet them, their principals and go over the programs offered through East Central BOCES. Any board member is welcome to attend those meetings as well.

Jason shared that any district interested in changing the accounting program we have secured a deal with Fund Accounting II/Apptifund with the same pricing we received which all startup fees are being waved and the pricing is based on how many W-2's that are printed in your district. We currently have 9 districts that are on this program and the old version of Fund Accounting will be phased out within the next couple of years. Apptifund is a web-based upgrade.

Jason also shared that there are some rural school districts that have met and are investigating an alternative to CHSAA because of the implications of some of their decisions to small rural districts. They have bylaws in place and have asked to meet with CHSAA Board, but so far Rhonda Blandford-Green, CHSAA's Commissioner, has not yet given them time on the agenda.

### **B. Additional Staff Reports – Enclosed**

Diana Elliott has a question as to reporting how many teachers are attending and if it can be calculated by a percentage of SPED teachers and regular ed teachers. She understands that there are an array of variables but would like to have that information and hopefully get more teachers to attend the PD offered here at the BOCES. There are reports given to the superintendents of their teachers participating in the PD that BOCES offers on the website.

Mitzi shared that due to the EL requirement and the READ Act requirement of 45 hours each, most of our teachers are participating in those offerings in order to meet that requirement by the time they renew their current professional license.

## **IX. Adjournment**

There was a motion by Doug Vondy - Woodlin, to adjourn the meeting. A second by Diana Elliott – Strasburg. Roll call vote; motion carries. Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.