

EAST CENTRAL BOCES BOARD MEETING

June 16, 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
Renea Saffer – Arriba/Flagler
Nancy Barden - Bennett
Allison Harris - Byers
Wesley Thompson – Deer Trail
Janet Kravig – Karval

Justin Golding – Kit Carson
Christine Herrick - Liberty
Wendy Pottorff
Diana Elliott - Strasburg
Doug Vondy - Woodlin

Those Board members not in attendance were:

Deanna Schrock – Arickaree
Shawna Calhoon – Bethune
Stacie Perez – Burlington
Jake Pelton – Cheyenne Wells
Julia Boger – Genoa/Hugo

JoBeth Mills – Hi-Plains
Dustin Weyerman - Idalia
Kurt Wassail - Kiowa
Jerry Clapper - Stratton

Those Superintendents in attendance were:

Robin Purdy – Bennett
John Haddan – Bethune
Tom Turrell – Byers

B.J. Buchmann – Deer Trail
Myles Johnson - Idalia
Kandy Davis - Stratton

Those Superintendents not in attendance were:

Eve Pugh – Agate
Tonya Rodwell – Arickaree
Valorie McCleary – Arriba/Flagler
Tom Satterly – Burlington
Randy Holmen – Cheyenne Wells
Terry Weber – Genoa/Hugo
Mike Clark – Hi-Plains

Sarah Nuss - Karval
Scott Mader - Kiowa
Robert Framel – Kit Carson
Rhonda Puckett - Liberty
John McCleary - Limon
Monica Johnson – Strasburg
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. Doug Vondy – Woodlin, made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Allison Harris – Byers. Roll call vote; motion carries.

III. Approval of Minutes

Diana Elliott - Strasburg, made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. A second by Renae Saffer – Arriba/Flagler. Roll call vote; motion carries.

IV. Public Comments

There were none.

V. Consent Agenda Items

Jason shared that we are putting the SAC Recommendation for hiring Ed Bowditch as our EC BOCES Lobbyist for the 2021-2022 Legislative session. His evaluation is enclosed in the packet. Also the FY 2021-2022 Consolidated Application Review and Approval. Those documents were also included in your packet. Lastly we need to amend the resignations to take out Kim Quintana; we have worked with her she will not be resigning as our janitor.

Doug Vondy – Woodlin, made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the removal of Kim Quintana resignation. A second by Janet Kravig – Karval. Roll call vote; motion carries.

VI. Business – Action Items

A. Adoption of 2021-2022 EC BOCES Budget

Jason highlighted the following on the 2021-2022 budget:

The BOCES Beginning Fund Balance is projected at \$1,653,934.88 and the final budget is projecting an ending balance of \$1,316,783.34. That's a spend-down of **\$337,151.54** if everything is received and spent as budgeted.

Here are the Funds that make up our Fund Balance:

- 601 has a spend-down of \$20,310.69 – this is due to the reduction of PPR; this is a reflection of the districts numbers down last year, but because we are behind a year we are seeing it now. We think though after our audit it will not be this much.
- 603 has a spend-down of \$251,165.95 – this is due to the purchase service contracts for OT, Audiology, and we will be using outstanding ESSR funds and backfill with 603 funds to purchase 3 more cars that need to be replaced.
- 614 & 669 Alternative Licenses has a spend down of \$50,987.00 – this is also due to lower enrollment.
- 651 Local PD have a net spend-down of \$5,700.00
- 657 VNETS has a spend-down of \$8,987.90 – this is for the network build that needs to be paid prior to August of this year.

On the Revenue Budget in the adjustments column you see on the

- Center-Based Program an increase of \$158,276.47 – This is due to more of your students in the program.
- Flow- through Program a \$66,497.00 and this is a contract that we carried for Elizabeth School District that we no longer have.

Down on the revenue for State Sources:

- At-Risks Grants an increase of \$22,869.14 these are dollars for paying grant writers in member districts.

Revenue from Federal Funds

- Preschool was an increase of \$36,938.00 federal dollars we received
- IDEA Part B Federal Special Ed is up \$383,641, this is an increase in student numbers in the Byers online and these are dollars we flow out.

On the Expenditure Summary:

- On the purchased professional services is an increase of \$125,311.66 is the spend down in SPED for OT, Speech, Audiology purchase service contracts.
- On the Flow Thru to Districts line there is an increase of \$329, 834.01 and this is again due to the increase in Byers Online that we flow to them.
- On Equipment and Buildings line there is an increase of \$64,697.10 and this is addition to ESSR funds and carry forward being using to purchase vehicles.

There was a motion by Renae Saffer – Arriba/Flagler to adopt the 2021-2022 EC BOCES Budget as presented. A second by Diana Elliott - Strasburg. There was a roll call vote and motion carries.

B. Adoption of the Budget Resolutions

A motion by Diana Elliott - Strasburg to approve the Budget Resolutions: Appropriate Funds for the 2021–2022 EC BOCES Budget, 2021-2022 Beginning Fund Balance Spend Down and Resolution to spend down a portion of Beginning Fund Balance of L.G.L. Andersen Scholarship for the fiscal year 2021-22. A second by Doug Vondy - Woodlin.

Diana read the following resolutions:

A RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE SUMS OF MONEY

Be it **RESOLVED** by the Board of Education of East Central Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) in Lincoln County that the amounts shown in the following schedule be appropriated to each fund as specified in the “Adopted Budget” for the ensuing fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.

General Fund	\$12,704,236.57
Trust Fund Scholarship	\$2,000.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$12,706,236.57

A RESOLUTION TO SPEND DOWN THE BEGINNING FUND BALANCE OF THE BOCES GENERAL FUND

Be it **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of East Central Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) authorizes the use of a portion of the beginning fund balance from the General Fund for FY 2021-2022. This is a planned spend down of funds. The Beginning Fund Balance will be spent down by \$337,151.54 to help support the VNETS network build, possible deferred maintenance, Special Education purchases service contracts, and other BOCES support programs. The July 1, 2021 Beginning Fund Balance is projected to increase by \$196,659.54 from the July 1, 2020 audited beginning fund balance. We believe the beginning fund balance is adequate for cash flow for East Central BOCES and its programs.

A RESOLUTION TO SPEND DOWN THE BEGINNING FUND BALANCE OF THE BOCES SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Be it **RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of East Central Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) authorizes the spend down of the Beginning Fund Balance from the Scholarship CD for FY 2021-2022. The portion to be overspent is approximately \$2,000. The fund spend down is due to one scholarship being awarded in this fiscal year and interest rates being too low to keep up with the scholarship award.

BOCES received permission from the scholarship benefactor to spend down the funds. Funds will eventually be spent to zero and the scholarship will be done in approximately fifteen years.

There was a roll call vote and motion carries.

VII. Discussion Items –

A. Evaluation of the Executive Director - Progress Review

Jason shared that he did not have time to get his progress review Goal #1, his visit last week to Robert Framel at Kit Carson to tour his beautiful new facilities. They also discussed local needs around SPED services.

B. August EC BOCES Board meeting details - Jason

The August 25th Board meeting will be approving any new hires or resignations that we may have prior to starting school. We will also probably do a SPED discussion detailing the pink pages and a detail for the numbers that go into these pages. The local expenditures and tuition for your kiddos. Would you all like to come together face-to-face for this meeting or continue to have a Zoom meeting or come together regionally. After some discussion they will continue to meet over Zoom and Limon will be the central area that anyone can come together face-to-face and we will provide dinner for those attending in Limon.

VIII. Reports - Enclosed

A. Executive Director – Enclosed

B. Additional Staff Reports – Enclosed

There were comments/questions at the end of the meeting:

- Deer Trail was wondering how we are going to open schools next year if local health agencies like TriCounty requires masks and quarantining. We are not out of the woods yet on requirements; we might need to pass resolutions at our local districts.
- Strasburg wondered about the participation in Impact Teams. Jason thought that 11 of our 20 districts have some form of Impact Team. The model is flexible and designed to be what the school district needs, it is locally driven.

IX. Adjournment

There was a motion by Allison Harris - Byers, to adjourn the meeting. A second by Diana Elliott – Strasburg. Roll call vote; motion carries. Meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

BOCES Board Secretary

Date Approved