

# EAST CENTRAL BOCES BOARD MEETING

August 24, 2022  
7:00 p.m. (Over Zoom)

## I. Call to Order

**Meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Nancy Barden, President; roll call was taken; the following Board members were in attendance:**

Rena Saffer – Arriba/Flagler  
Nancy Barden – Bennett  
Allison Harris – Byers  
Patrick Duff – Deer Trail  
Ken Stroud – Genoa/Hugo  
Janet Kravig - Karval

Donne Gabehart - Kiowa  
Mike Buchanan – Kit Carson  
Kenna Dible - Liberty  
Jake Herrera - Limon  
Jake Coraor - Woodlin

**Those Board members not in attendance were:**

Doug Purdy – Agate  
Drew Axsom – Arickaree  
Seth Ebright – Bethune  
Stacie Perez – Burlington  
Jake Pelton – Cheyenne Wells

Joel Tanner – Hi-Plains  
Andy Richards - Idalia  
Diana Elliott - Strasburg  
Jerry Clapper - Stratton

**Those Superintendents in attendance were:**

Lisa Weigel – Arickaree  
John Weigel – Arriba/Flagler  
Robin Purdy – Bennett  
Tom Turrell – Byers  
B.J. Buchmann – Deer Trail

Dan Melendrez – Genoa/Hugo  
Sarah Nuss - Karval  
Rhonda Puckett – Liberty  
Dan Huff - Strasburg

**Those Superintendents not in attendance were:**

Melinda Walls – Agate  
John Haddan – Bethune  
Shane Walkinshaw – Burlington  
Mike Vagher – Cheyenne Wells  
Jerry Monks – Hi-Plains  
Myles Johnson - Idalia

Travis Hargreaves - Kiowa  
Robert Framel – Kit Carson  
Rob McMullen – Limon  
Kandy Davis - Stratton  
Aron Jones - Woodlin

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

## II. Approval of Agenda

Jason would like to move the discussion item VII. A. Byers Online School Contract with EC BOCES up to VI. Business Action Items A. Allison Harris – Byers, made the motion to approve the agenda with the noted change. A second by Mike Buchanan – Kit Carson. Roll call vote taken; motion carries.

## III. Approval of Minutes

Rena Saffer – Arriba/Flagler made the motion to accept the minutes as presented, a second by Jake Herrera – Limon. Roll call vote taken; motion carries.

#### **IV. Public Comments**

There were none.

#### **V. Consent Agenda Items**

All of your information is in the packet on those people we have hired. Also, all the financial reports are in there also. Donnie Gabehart – Kiowa, made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented; a second by Renae Saffer – Arriba/Flagler. A roll call vote; motion carries.

#### **VI. Business – Action Items**

##### **A. Byers Online School Contract with East Central BOCES**

The Byers online school, Colorado Education Solutions, wanted to make some minor changes to our contract/Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). When we received the proposal MOU there were more than minor changes. We have been going back and forth with our lawyers trying to come to a consensus. Some of the things that we are trying to come to a compromise on are:

- Funding
- State Complaint Processes
- Anything that might put any of the other 19 districts at risk

We want to do this contract right, not quickly. So we are asking you to let myself, Executive Director of East Central BOCES, Beverly Blagg, SPED Director, Moira Hawks, Asst. SPED Director, and Nancy Barden, EC BOCES Board President, to work with Tom Turrell, Byers Superintendent, Brian Bissell, Executive Director at Colorado Education Solutions and our lawyers to continue negotiations. Once we have a solution and a MOU that we can all agree to, I will give you the changes that have been made in the contract.

Mike Buchanan – Kit Carson, made the motion to allow Jason Westfall, Executive Director of East Central BOCES and Nancy Barden, East Central BOCES Board President, negotiate and approve contract with Colorado Education Solutions. A second by Donnie Gabehart, Kiowa. Roll call vote taken; motion carries.

#### **VII. Discussion Items**

##### **A. Strategic Planning Session**

Our Superintendents Strategic Planning Session is planned for September 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> at the Hideaway Lodge. In the afternoon of the 6<sup>th</sup> some of us will be meeting to play golf and then go somewhere to dinner together to get to know each other a little better.

The 7<sup>th</sup> we will be working on our Strategic Plan; I have sent the agenda out to your superintendents. I encourage board members to encourage and allow your superintendents to attend this event. Not only does it build relationships but it keeps us all working towards the same goal as a BOCES.

##### **B. November BOCES Board Meeting**

Our November Board meeting is our one face-to-face meeting that we are held to by statute. The meeting is November 16<sup>th</sup>, we will have dinner across the parking lot at the Senior Center catered by the local 4H Foundation. Then promptly at 7 p.m. we come over to the BOCES west training room and start our meeting. At this meeting our main topic will be our audit. Also, will be going over my evaluation and asking for superintendents and board members to serve on my evaluation committee.

**VIII. Reports - Enclosed**

**A. Executive Director – Enclosed**

Nothing else to add.

**B. Additional Staff Reports – Enclosed**

No other comments or questions.

**IX. Adjournment**

There was a motion by Renae Saffer – Arriba/Flagler to adjourn the meeting. A second by Allison Harris – Byers. Roll call vote; motion carries. Meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

---

BOCES Board Secretary

---

Date Approved