

EAST CENTRAL BOCES BOARD MEETING

November 16, 2022

7:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Nancy Barden, President; roll call was taken; the following Board members were in attendance:

Doug Purdy – Agate
Rena Saffer – Arriba/Flagler
Nancy Bardin – Bennett
Seth Ebright – Bethune
Jake Pelton – Cheyenne Wells
Patrick Duff – Deer Trail
Ken Stroud – Genoa/Hugo
Amber Hardwick - Idalia

Terri Harris – Karval (on Zoom)
Donnie Gabehart - Kiowa
Kenna Dible – Liberty
Ryan Erwin – Limon
Diana Elliott - Strasburg
Jerry Clapper – Stratton
Jake Coraor - Woodlin

Those Board members not in attendance were:

Drew Axson – Arickaree
Stacie Perez – Burlington
Jake Pelton – Cheyenne Wells

Joel Tanner – Hi-Plains
Mike Buchanan – Kit Carson

Those Superintendents in attendance were:

Robin Purdy – Bennett
John Haddan – Bethune
Dan Melendrez – Genoa/Hugo
Myles Johnson – Idalia

Rhonda Puckett – Liberty
Rob McMullen – Limon
Dan Hoff - Strasburg
Kandy Davis - Stratton

Those Superintendents not in attendance were:

Melinda Walls – Agate
Lisa Weigel – Arickaree
John Weigel – Arriba/Flagler
Shane Walkinshaw – Burlington
Tom Turrell – Byers
Mike Vagher – Cheyenne Wells

Mike Jobman – Deer Trail
Jerry Monks – Hi-Plains
Sarah Nuss - Karval
Travis Hargreaves - Kiowa
Robert Framel – Kit Carson
Aron Jones – Woodlin

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

II. Approval of Agenda

Diana Elliott - Strasburg, made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. A second by Rena Saffer – Arriba/Flagler; roll call vote taken; motion carries.

III. Approval of Minutes

Patrick Duff – Deer Trail, made the motion to accept the minutes as presented; a second by Diana Elliott – Strasburg. Roll call vote taken; motion carries.

IV. Public Comments

There were none.

V. Consent Agenda Items

Under the Consent Agenda are resignations and employments since the last time we met. Also Revenue and Expenditure Reports and Quarterly Financial Report. Also enclosed are the first reading of the enclosed policies. I think you have probably already seen these in your districts.

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

VI. Business – Action Items

A. Presentation and Approval of EC BOCES 2021-2022 Audit

Scott Szabo was in attendance to give his audit report. He started by sharing that you have an excellent staff here at the BOCES, they are very easy to work with.

The first document on white paper is summary of the audit, there are some charts and graphs that you might like to look at when you have time. The other document lines your roles and our roles.

On the bound document on pages 1-3 that is our Independent Auditor's Report we do on your behalf. On page 2 there is some change to the language and 5 bulleted points for generally accepted auditing standards and Government Auditing Standards. On pages 4-8 is a lead into our report and pages 7-8 the General Fund Highlights and Capital Assets and Debt Administration. On page 14 is the Balance Sheet. As of June 30th cash on hand was \$1.8 M, CD's are \$455,280, grants receivables were \$854,063 and other receivables are \$389,141 for a total of \$3,501,889.

On the liabilities side we have accounts payable of \$113,315, accrued salaries and benefits of \$390,388, payroll withholdings \$77,130 and unearned grant revenue for a total of \$998,756 for a total fund balance of \$2,503,133 which is about 2.5 months of expenses of the BOCES.

Page 16 is the governmental funds with a total revenue of \$13,002,905 and expenditures of \$12,676,081. The excess of revenue over expenditures is \$326,824.

On page 76 the BOCES received \$4,143, 881 in Federal Funds; Title I and SPED were \$2,324,707 and Carl Perkins was \$289,198.

On page 84 is a summary of the audit. Want to call attention to #7 which tells you the two programs that were audited this year, Special Education Cluster and Career Technical Education; and #9 says the BOCES is a low-risk audit. The last page is the fund balance page.

I applaud the staff on the work they do and doing their job correctly, which make my job easier.

Nancy Barden – Bennett, asked if BOCES had shopped around for interest rates throughout the BOCES catchment area for higher CD's rates. Craig said he has not, but you are right, with interest rates increasing we need to check with other banking institutions and possibly move them if need be.

Diana Elliott - Strasburg, made the motion to approve the 2021-2022 EC BOCES Audit as presented. A second by Kenna Dible – Liberty. Roll call vote taken; motion carries.

B. FAMLI Insurance

Jason explained the reasons we are asking to decline the FAMLI are because we give leave days for employees, we have a volunteer leave bank that employees can opt into if their leave of absence meets the criteria. By opting out it still allows employees to enroll in the program on their own through the Department of Labor. We surveyed all our employees and all but a few of them did not want to participate because they don't want any more deductions coming out of their checks. The ones who were interested in it are family planning and would still be able to enroll in a plan through the Department of Labor.

This vote will be good for 8 years.

Patrick Duff – Deer Trail, made the following motion:

WHEREAS, the East Central Board of Cooperative Educational Services (EC BOCES) has reviewed the requirements of the Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance ("FAMLI") Act, C.R.S. § 8-13.3-501 et seq. and its accompanying program; WHEREAS, the EC BOCES has the discretion to decline participation in the FAMLI program pursuant to C.R.S. § 8-13.3-522;

WHEREAS, declination of participation in the FAMLI program does not prohibit the EC BOCES's employees from independently enrolling in the FAMLI program and benefiting from the administration of paid leave as provided in C.R.S. § 8-13.3-514;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the East Central Board of Cooperative Educational Services declines to participate in the FAMLI program as created by C.R.S. § 8-13.3-501 et seq.

Ryan Erwin – Limon, made a second. Roll call vote taken; motion carries.

VII. Discussion Items

A. Executive Director Evaluation

Nancy shared that we evaluate the Executive Director in January. We ask for representation from the West, Central and East areas. We ask for a Board member and superintendent from each area and a staff member. The BOCES Board President and the SAC Chair are both required to serve on the committee. Can we have volunteers from the other areas?

These people will be servicing on the committee:

Nancy Barden – Bennett, Board Chair - Central
Stacie Perez – Burlington, Board Member - East
Janet Kravig – Karval, Board Member – Central
Rhonda Puckett – Liberty, Superintendent – Central
Robin Purdy – Bennett – Superintendent – East
Robert Framel – Kit Carson - Superintendent – SAC Chair – East
Megan Eikleberry – Staff Member

We ask that board members reach out to other board members and get their input and superintendents reach out to other superintendents. Megan will send out an evaluation to the staff. Jason will be sending out a doodle with some dates to see what works best for everyone and will let you know what date we will be meeting. We appreciate your willingness to serve.

B. January Board Meeting Over V-NET's

We will be presenting the Exec. Directors evaluation at the January 25th Board Meeting over Zoom. It will be presented to the superintendents at their meeting on January 11th. This meeting will be over Zoom so would Bennett and Burlington be willing to host and we will host here in Limon for the central area. Robin Purdy said they would be willing to host, Jason will check with Shane and we will have something here in Limon for the central area people.

VIII. Reports - Enclosed

A. Executive Director – Enclosed

Report is enclosed. Our Alt. Licensure programs have big numbers this year, 39 in the regular Alt. Program, 18 in the SPED Alt. Program and 9 in the Principal Alt. Program. As well as teacher shortages we have really experienced the shortage problem with our Special Service Providers (SSP's). There are several things we are working on with CBA to get more people into programs, highlighted some of the regulations behind licensing, etc.

As in my report, Bennett will be opening a new charter school. Bev and I have met with Robin and her team. Everything was spelled out specifically, the contract has been written in line with how the Bennett district MOU with BOCES is written. We aren't sure yet what SPED funding for the first year will look like, since we won't get funding for those SPED students until the next year. However it is done you can be assured it will be fair and equitable to all our member districts.

Nancy wanted to update everyone on the Byers online contract since this group gave Jason and her the authority to negotiate on your behalf. It is still unresolved, but we are very close. We are being cautious and working through it slowly. We will let you know when it is resolved.

B. Additional Staff Reports – Enclosed

No other comments or questions.

IX. Adjournment

There was a motion by Diana Elliott - Strasburg to adjourn the meeting. A second by Renae Saffer – Arriba/Flagler. Roll call vote; motion carries. Meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

BOCES Board Secretary

Date Approved