

EAST CENTRAL BOCES BOARD MEETING

August 23, 2023

7:00 p.m.

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
Rena Saffer – Arriba/Flagler
Nancy Barden – Bennett
Seth Ebright – Bethune
Allison Harris - Byers
Jake Pelton – Cheyenne Wells
Patrick Duff – Deer Trail
Ken Stroud – Genoa/Hugo

Janet Kravig - Karval
Donnie Gabehart - Kiowa
Alisha Sears – Liberty (Alt.)
Jake Herrera - Limon
Diana Elliott - Strasburg
Jerry Clapper - Stratton
Jake Coraor - Woodlin

Those Board members not in attendance were:

Drew Axsom – Arickaree
Stacie Perez – Burlington
Joel Tanner – Hi-Plains

Andy Richards - Idalia
Mike Buchanan – Kit Carson

Those Superintendents in attendance were:

Robin Purdy – Bennett
Corey Doss – Cheyenne Wells
Mike Jobman – Deer Trail
Dan Melendrez – Genoa/Hugo
Sarah Nuss - Karval

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

Those Superintendents not in attendance were:

Melinda Walls – Agate
Mike Page – Arickaree
Kelly Packer – Arriba/Flagler
John Haddan – Bethune
Shane Walkinshaw - Burlington
Tom Turrell - Byers

Jerry Monks – Hi-Plains
Myles Johnson - Idalia
Travis Hargreaves - Kiowa
Robert Framel – Kit Carson
Aron Jones - Woodlin

Others in attendance were: Jason Westfall, Beverly Blagg, Mitzi Swiatkowski, Nicole Kollath, Megan Eikleberry, Jarred Masterson and Craig Bailey – BOCES

II. Approval of Agenda

Diana Elliott - Strasburg, made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. A second by Patrick Duff – Deer Trail; roll call vote taken; motion carries.

III. Approval of Minutes

Renae Saffer – Arriba/Flagler, made the motion to accept the minutes as presented with the noted change; a second by Diana Elliott - Strasburg. Roll call vote taken; motion carries.

IV. Public Comments

There were none.

V. Consent Agenda Items

Nancy Barden – Bennett read the items on the consent agenda. A motion by Diana Elliott – Strasburg. Second by Janet Kravig – Karval. Craig pointed out that the policy adoption of the second reading but neglected to include the first reading of policies AC, BC-R, GBAA and KDB-R. There was a revised motion by Diana Elliott – Strasburg, to include the afore mentioned policies in the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. A second by Allison Harris – Byers. A roll call vote taken; motion carries.

VI. Business – Action Items

A. November Meeting Date Change

Over the years, the November BOCES Board has often been held on the third Wednesday of that month, with this year it falling on the 15th. However, in election years this has created some difficulty in getting BOCES Board members to the meeting as they go off a local Board or are just coming onto their local Board. If a local election has not been certified, this could mean that no representative for a member Board has been appointed. We are asking to move the November BOCES Board meeting to the 29th to allow local elections to be certified and BOCES Board representatives to be appointed.

Diana Elliott – Strasburg, made the motion to change the BOCES Calendar date from the 15th to the 29th with a meal prior to the meeting starting at 6 p.m. A second by Donnie Gabehart – Kiowa. Both Nancy and Diana felt this was a great idea. A roll call vote was taken; motion carries.

VII. Discussion Items

A. Strategic Planning Session

We will be gathering for our yearly Strategic Planning Session in Monument, September 6-8. With three new superintendents coming into our BOCES, we will be spending part of this time getting to know each other while updating our EC BOCES Legislative Platform. My goal is to continue to create an inclusive and supportive dynamic among our superintendents through collaborative work. I would ask you to please encourage your superintendent to attend. Our agenda is included at the end of my report. .

VIII. Reports - Enclosed

A. Executive Director – Enclosed

Jason mentioned in his report about meeting with 3 new superintends on how the East Central BOCES runs. He is excited for the new superintendents to be a part of a good SAC group. They are all a good support system for each other.

Our superintendents also support us by getting their board members at these meetings so that we have a quorum and conduct the business that we need to.

Nancy Barden also wanted to share that we are close to finalizing the contract with Byers School.

B. Additional Staff Reports – Enclosed

Nothing to add.

IX. Adjournment

The next BOCES Board meeting will be November 29th starting with dinner at 6 p.m. and meeting at 7 p.m. There was a motion by Dianna Elliott - Strasburg, to adjourn the meeting. A second by Allison Harris – Byers. Roll call vote taken; motion carries. Meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

BOCES Board Secretary

Date Approved