

EAST CENTRAL BOCES BOARD MEETING

August 21, 2024

7:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Diana Elliot – board president; the following Board members were in attendance:

Doug Purdy – Agate
Jake Smith – Arriba/Flagler
Alyssa Pae – Bennett
Amie Powell – Bethune
Stacie Perez – Burlington
Allison Harris – Byers
Jake Pelton – Cheyenne Wells

Ken Stroud – Genoa/Hugo
Janet Kravig - Karval
Jake Herrera - Limon
Diana Elliott - Strasburg
Darren Hornung - Stratton
Jake Coraor - Woodlin

Those Board members not in attendance were:

Drew Axsom – Arickaree
Gale Bell – Deer Trail
Joel Tanner – Hi-Plains
Andrea Louthan - Idalia

Andrew Pruitt - Kiowa
Kaitlin Johnson – Kit Carson
Kari Schultz - Liberty

Those Superintendents in attendance were:

Kelly Packer – Arriba/Flagler
Robin Purdy – Bennett
Shane Walkinshaw – Burlington
Tom Turrell - Byers
Corey Doss – Cheyenne Wells
Mike Jobman – Deer Trail

Dan Melendrez – Genoa/Hugo
Rhonda Puckett - Liberty
Rob McMullen - Limon
Kelle Bongard - Strasburg
Kandy Davis – Stratton
Jack Daly - Woodlin

Those Superintendents not in attendance were:

Melinda Walls – Agate
Mike Page – Arickaree
Terry Weber - Bethune
Giget Brubacher – Hi-Plains

Myles Johnson - Idalia
Sarah Nuss – Karval
Travis Hargreaves – Kiowa
Robert Framel – Kit Carson

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

II. Approval of Agenda

Jake Smith – Arriba/Flagler, made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. A second by Allison Harris – Byers; roll call vote was taken; motion carries.

III. Approval of Minutes

Jake Coraor - Woodlin, made the motion to accept the minutes as presented, a second by Jake Herrera - Limon. Roll call vote was taken; motion carries.

IV. Public Comments

There were none.

V. Consent Agenda Items

A motion was made by Jake Herrera - Limon, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The following are in the Consent Agenda: Resignations, New Employment, there were no Non-Renewals. The following policies are the 2nd reading for Policies: AC, AC-R-2, AC-R-3, AC-E-1, AC-E-2, GBAA and repealing AC-R-1. Second Reading of policies: GBJ, ACA. A second by Kari Schultz – Liberty.

A roll call vote was taken; motion carries.

VI. Business – Action Items

A. Election of EC BOCES Board Vice President

Janet Kravig – Karval made the motion to nominate Stacie Perez – Burlington, as the Vice-President. A second by Jake Herrera – Limon; A roll call vote was taken; all were in favor with Stacie Perez abstaining. Motion carries.

VII. Discussion Items

A. Strategic Planning Session

Our yearly Strategic Planning Session is scheduled for September 12th and 13th. Those who want to will come the afternoon before and the guys golf and the ladies usually do some type of art project and then we all get together for dinner.

The next day we start our meeting with some team building, and then we bring in representatives from CDE, Rural Alliance, and Ed Bowditch our Lobbyist to help prioritize our legislative platform.

We have 3 new superintendents to the BOCES, Giget Brubacher – Hi-Plains, Kelle Bongard – Strasburg, Jack Daly – Woodlin. We also have Terry Weber at Bethune, but he has been a superintendent in our BOCES before.

Our BOCES is the envy of the Colorado BOCES Association (CBA), they can't believe that we actually get our superintendents to meet on a monthly basis and that our Board meets five times per year. And that all our districts work together for benefit of all our students. We hope that you encourage your superintendents to attend this worthwhile event. Not only are those relationships of support and trust built, but there is a lot of information shared and planning for the school year.

B. November Board Meeting Details

The law says that we have to come together at least one time per year for a face-to-face meeting. We will have that meeting on November 20th. We will start by having dinner at 6 p.m. and then come back over to the BOCES office for our meeting at 7 p.m. Our auditor will have finished our audit and will give a report on his findings. We will be sending more information out to you.

VIII. Reports - Enclosed

A. Executive Director – Enclosed

We have a SAFER Grant that we received for direct communication with our law enforcement agencies in our communities. We have 11 of our districts participating in this grant.

One of Jason's directives from his evaluation is to evaluate the Leadership staff, which are those people here at the office. He reported that all of those evaluations were finalized in June. We had been doing them and then during Covid it was not done. We now are back on track.

Diana Elliott asked if the paraprofessionals in the center-based programs were evaluated. Nicole Kollath shared that yes, they use do a self-evaluation at the beginning of the year, and teachers are doing an evaluation with the at beginning, mid and end of year.

B. Additional Staff Reports – Enclosed

Beverly Blagg shared that they are finalizing topics for the Fall Inservice with SPED staff. One of the topics is AI and how to use it with SPED students. Also focusing on specially designed instruction for students. We have had a great start to the school year so far.

Mitzi Swiatkowski shared that we received \$50,000 more in Perkins because of Strasburg, Bennet and Elbert School Districts were up more than 30%. We plan to buy welding equipment for Ag. Programs.

Megan Eikleberry shared that the Consolidated Application revisions have been done so as soon as we hear from CDE we can start using those funds.

C. Quarterly Financial Report

Craig shared that we have a few new finance people in our districts this year so he would be willing to help support any or all of them. He will also be setting up some meetings throughout the year for professional development. Please encourage your Business Directors to attend.

IX. Adjournment

The next BOCES Board meeting will be November 20, 2024 starting at 6 p.m. with dinner at the Senior Center and the meeting immediately following at 7 p.m.

There was a motion by Alyssa Pae - Bennett to adjourn the meeting. A second by Allison Harris - Byers; roll call vote was taken; motion carries. Meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

BOCES Board Secretary

Date Approved