



SAN JUAN BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Meeting: San Juan BOCES Board of Directors Meeting

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Date: Wednesday, April 13, 2016

Location: Durango 9R Conference Room

Call-in instructions:

Conference Number: 1-800-832-0736

Room access code: 4687336 (dial *4687336#)

Minutes

I. OPENING OF MEETING

A. Call to Order, Establish Quorum

Meeting was called to order at 5:30p.m.

In Attendance

Boe Hawkins- Mancos Board Member

Carol Blatnik- Bayfield Board Member

Nancy Stubbs- Durango Board Member

Kelly McCaw- Ignacio Board Member

Natalie Rieboldt- Silverton Board Member (Call In)

Brooks Lindner- Archuleta Board Member (Call In)

Mary Rubadeau- San Juan BOCES, Executive Director

Adrea Bogle- San Juan BOCES, ESS Coordinator

Sue Garlick- San Juan BOCES, ESS Coordinator

Steve Otter- San Juan BOCES, Professional Development Coordinator

Paula Sublett- San Juan BOCES, Director of Business Services

Mike Freeburn- Southwest Colorado eSchool Principal

Scott Cooper- Dolores Superintendent

B. Approve Agenda

- Boe Hawkins, Mancos, moved to approve the Agenda. Kelly McCaw, Ignacio, seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Approve Minutes from February 17, 2016 and Special Meeting February 24, 2016.

- Brooks Lindner, Archuleta, moved to approve the minutes from both the February meeting, as well as the Special Meeting on February 24. Nancy Stubbs, Durango, seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Call to Audience for Public Participation

- There was no audience participation

II. REPORTS/INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Board Member Reports/Requests/District Updates

- Kelly reported that Ignacio's construction process has been completed. The district now has a new bus barn and administration building.
- Carol reported that Bayfield just completed state testing week. They are also moving forward on their bond issue to fund a new elementary school. They have applied for a grant as well.
- Nancy from Durango reported that Durango is still contemplating a Mill Levy. They completed all of their community budget meetings, which resulted in good feedback from community and staff. Durango is also looking at how to raise money for replacement of their stadium and field turf.
- Boe reported that Mancos had their first week of state testing. They are also looking at a Bond Issue which would fund additions to the elementary and middle school, as well as rebuild the gym. Mancos also will have one vacancy on their Board of Directors that will be filled on April 18th.
- Scott reported that Dolores has been working on a Collective Impact Initiative with Montezuma, Mancos, Dove Creek and Dolores areas. This initiative includes all of the non-profits in the area that focus on support for families. Since foundations have been less likely to fund small non-profits individually, there have been more cross county collaborations which have collectively presented funding needs to foundations. This results in better funding and closing of service gaps.
- Brooks reported that Archuleta has a new Shared School Liaison position, which will bridge the gap between homeschool and the district, as well as to offer services to the homeschool community. Pagosa Family School is being created to offer a variety of extra-curricular classes to homeschool students. Pagosa is also exploring solutions to teacher pay and class sizes.

B. Executive Director's Report- Mary Rubadeau

- Mary introduced Adrea as the new Executive Director of ESS beginning next year.
- Steve Otter was introduced as the Director of Innovation and Special Projects beginning next year.
- Sue Garlick was introduced as the new ESS Coordinator for BOCES West Side districts

- Highlights from the Director's Report
 - SAC Meetings have been held throughout the region this year, which have included tours of facilities and the opportunity for the superintendents to see colleagues in different settings. Next month's SAC meeting will be held in Silverton, which will include a tour of the facility. CEI may be a part of this SAC meeting to do some strategic planning. The new Commissioner of Education, Rich Crandall, will also be at the SAC meeting in May to on a visit to districts the Southwest region.
 - Regarding recruitment, our level of turnover has gone down this year and most of the resignations are from retirements. BOCES anticipates being fully staffed next year.
 - The leadership team is currently working with data to see which programs need to be shored up. BOCES leadership team has collaboratively identified a gap with Child Find department being understaffed. The Child Find team will be expanded next year in order to support the increase in preschool numbers.
- C. ESS Updates and Highlights- Adrea Bogle
 - Adrea reported that there has been a focus this year on supporting our Special Education teachers within the districts by providing focused training. This included an institute for both Elementary and Secondary staff. These were successful trainings, with positive feedback from those who attended. There has also been an increase in support for paraprofessionals throughout the districts. BOCES employees have guided and presented at trainings, which has encouraged relationship building between service providers and school based staff.
 - There has been an increase in successful recruitment and retainment this year. Relationships with districts have helped to increase retention of employees. There remains one Speech Therapist position that needs to be filled, as well as a position for a School Psychologist. A new School Psychologist intern position has been added for next year, which is a new recruitment strategy for BOCES.
 - New Wings Day Treatment Center in the Montezuma region is in the process of expansion. This will allow an increase in support for Elementary aged children in this region.
 - This year BOCES has supported the Bayfield, Ignacio and Pagosa school districts to address continuum of services for Special Education students who have more severe needs. Districts have done a great job of bringing those students back into their home districts and providing appropriate programming and supports.
 - The Boker Games track and field event is coming up on April 28th at Escalante Middle School from 10:00-2:00. This is similar to Special Olympics. Board members are welcome to attend.
- D. Southwest Colorado eSchool Funding Model- Mike Freeburn
 - Mike presented a shift in the funding model that will better match rural district populations and budgets. The advisory committee that has been meeting all year has come up with a new funding model for review and will be brought to the Board meeting in May for approval. This model is based on Full Time Enrollment (FTE) with a goal of 36 total eSchool students, with each district committing to a fixed number of students for the year. Many combinations of FTE are offered, including part time and full time student attendance.
 - The eSchool graduation will be May 26th at Rotary Park at 4:00.
- E. HB 1345- Mary Rubadeau
 - This is a bill that provides BOCES specific funding. BOCES member districts determine what the best use of the funding is. This year the superintendents set priority unified goals and created a proposal which will allow BOCES to pursue appropriate grants and initiatives. The superintendents made a few changes to the proposal and signed off at the SAC meeting earlier that day. This will support collaborative initiatives within each of the districts, including Regional Instructional Supports for Literacy, MTSS, Leadership Development for Principal and Teacher Effectiveness, including Principal PLCs and College and Career Readiness.
- F. Gifted Personnel & Screening Grant .25 FTE- Mary Rubadeau
 - This is an entitlement grant from the state to support gifted education in the region. BOCES uses this to fund the Gifted Director.
- G. School Health Professional Grant- Mary Rubadeau
 - This grant was presented to the board for approval. BOCES is in the process of building a team together to write the grant. Designed to lower ratio of students to health professionals. BOCES will write this for school social workers in the hope of adding two social workers to the BOCES region.
- H. 2016-2017 Contracts/Staff Listing- Mary Rubadeau
 - List of all current staff presented for board approval. Contracts of current staff being drafted for signature in May.
- I. 2016-2017 Calendars- Mary Rubadeau
 - Asked board to approve staff calendars, which are modified from school district calendars.
- J. Preliminary Budget "Draft"- Paula Sublett
 - Paula presented preliminary budget for the 16-17 year, which shows the membership changes that are based on the current October Count. There will be no change in totals of district contribution for the 16-17 School Year. Allocation for IDEA or ECEA have not yet been posted, so current numbers were used in this presentation. High Cost Reimbursement will be determined in June. The 2016-17 detailed budget will be presented for approval in May.
- K. Financial Statements through March 31, 2016- Paula Sublett
 - Paula presented and reviewed the Financial Statements, including the balance sheet, through the end of March 2016.
- L. Raleigh Marmorstein, .20 FTE Added Psych Duty, West - Mary Rubadeau
 - Added FTE for compensation for added duties due to lack of School Psychologist staff for the west side from November to the end of this contract year.
- M. New Hires to date for 2016-2017- Mary Rubadeau
 - Shane Nelson – School Psychologist Intern

- Sue Garlick – ESS Coordinator - West
- N. Resignations- Mary Rubadeau
 - Jessica Spencer – ESS Coordinator, West, relocating
 - Betsey Krill – Gifted Ed Regional Consultant (GERC), retiring
 - Destiny Eldridge – Literacy Specialist, relocating
 - Krystle Owen – Speech Language Pathologist, relocating
 - Giovanina Bucci – School Psychologist, relocating
 - Carrie Hladik- Child Find Admin Assistant, entrepreneurial opportunity
 - Kristin Spiegel- Child Find Coordinator, private business
 - Pam Chipman – Physical Therapist, .40 FTE
 - Tara Viosca – Educational Interpreter
- O. Vacancies- Mary Rubadeau
 - Speech Language Pathologist- rolling opening- interviews pending
 - School Psychologist- rolling opening
 - Child Find Administrative Assistant

III. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approve Gifted Universal & Screening Grant application
- B. Approve School Health Professional Grant application
- C. Approve HB1345 Budget
- D. Approve Contracts/Staff listing
- E. Approve Calendars
- F. Accept Financial Statements through March 31, 2016
- G. Approve .20 FTE Added Psych Duty, West
- H. Approve New Hires
- I. Accept Resignations
 - Boe Hawkins, Mancos, moved for an Opportunity of Consent to approve Action Items A through I. Nancy Stubbs, Durango, seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Next SAC Meeting, Wednesday, May 18, 2016, Noon – 4:30 p.m., Silverton
- Next San Juan BOCES Board Meeting, May 18, 2016, 5:30 p.m. Durango 9R Conference Room
- All BOCES Staff Meeting at the Powerhouse Science Center on May 24th from 11:00-3:00. Board is invited to attend

- V. ADJOURNMENT- The meeting was adjourned at 6:55p.m.