

EAST CENTRAL BOCES BOARD MEETING

April 20, 2022

7:00 p.m. (Over Zoom)

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
Stacie Perez – Burlington
Jake Pelton – Cheyenne Wells
Ken Stroud – Genoa/Hugo
Janet Kravig - Karval

Donnie Gabehart - Kiowa
Mike Buchannan – Kit Carson
Kenna Dible – Liberty
Jake Herrera – Limon
Diana Elliott - Strasburg
Jerry Clapper - Stratton
Jake Coraor - Woodlin

Those Board members not in attendance were:

Drew Axsom – Arickaree
Allison Harris – Byers
Reagan Hahn – Deer Trail

Joel Tanner – Hi-Plains
Andy Richards - Idalia

Those Superintendents in attendance were:

Lisa Weigel – Arickaree
John Weigel – Arriba/Flagler
Robin Purdy - Bennett
John Haddan – Bethune
Shane Walkinshaw - Burlington
Randy Holmen – Cheyenne Wells

Myles Johnson - Idalia
Silvia McNeely - Kiowa
Rhonda Puckett - Liberty
Rob McMullen - Limon
Kandy Davis - Stratton

Those Superintendents not in attendance were:

Melinda Walls – Agate
Tom Turrell - Byers
B.J. Buchmann – Deer Trail
Terry Weber – Genoa/Hugo
Jerry Monks – Hi-Plains

Sarah Nuss - Karval
Robert Framel – Kit Carson
Monica Johnson - Strasburg
Chris Whetzel - Woodlin

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

II. Approval of Agenda

Jason asked that under V. Consent Agenda, B. Business, we need to add item **vi. Consolidated Application**. Dianna Elliott – Strasburg made that motion, a second by Rena Saffer – Arriba/Flagler. Roll call vote; motion carries.

III. Approval of Minutes

Rena Saffer – Arriba/Flagler, made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. A second by Janet Kravig – Karval. Roll call vote; motion carries.

IV. Public Comments

There were none.

V. Consent Agenda Items

Jason went over the Consent Agenda items we can pull any of these items out if you have questions. Under the Business items are the regular finance reports. He expanded on the following:

- Auditor Agreement - Scott Szabo from Lauer, Szabo & Associates, PC is who we use and he does a great job for us. Enclosed is his contract that we need board approval on.
- We also have policy AC – Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity. There is a change in wording from “must” to “is encouraged to immediately” and some reporting procedure changes.
- Policy DJB – Federal Procurement has changes for micro-purchasing procedures.
- BOCES 2022-23 Calendar – We try to align our calendar as close to the districts as possible. We have staff coming back early August, our office is closed the week of Thanksgiving but Service Providers are still serving students if your districts are in session. We are closed for Christmas the last two weeks of December and come back on January 3, 2023. All of our districts have aligned their Spring break for March 13-17, which helps that Service Providers don’t have to split their Spring Break.
- Federal Programs Director, Mitzi Swiatkowski, reviewed the Consortium Consolidated Application Plan for 2022-2023, which has also been shared with superintendents to allow consultation with their local stakeholders and school boards. She stated that if the plan was approved by the board, they would be certifying that they have engaged in meaningful consultation with the BOCES and have agreed to comply with all assurances and provisions included in the Consolidated Application, as well as the relinquishment of the funds for the BOCES to administer on behalf of the consortium districts.

Renee Saffer – Arriba/Flagler, made the motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. A second by Janet Kravig - Karval. Roll call vote; motion carries.

VI. Business – Action Items

A. 2022-23 Proposed Preliminary Budget

The following is what Jason highlighted in the Proposed Preliminary Budget

- **Beginning Fund Balance** is \$2,114,802
- **BOCES Local Costs Revenue** - \$344,183.00 is reflected on the pink pages for SPED Admin.
- Special Ed Local - \$1,376,731 is also reflected on the pink pages. Also, the next two lines are budgeted for Center-Based Programs and Tuition, Out of District.
- V-NETS Program \$348, 850 – there is no more matching funds in this of BEST. You can see below on lines BEST E-Rate Matching and BEST BOCES Matching that is zeroed out.
- **Revenue from State sources** are ECEA of \$2,707,469 – This is on the yellow pages Tier A. High Cost Application is \$575,000 which is a conservative estimate.
- HB 12-1345 has a carryforward of \$230,870.48
- **We have finished the following grants so they are not in the budget:** Computer Science Education (CSED) Grant, Teacher Retention Grant, Connecting Colo. Students Grant, BEST Cash Grant.
- **Revenue from Federal Sources** for SPED is estimated to be \$2,031,145.
- **Finishing the following grants:** Covid 19 ESSER Grants I, II, & III, Covid 19 ARP Grants, RUS Grant Revenue
- **Expenditure Summary Budget** consists of salaries, benefits and purchased professional services. Telephone and Advertising is \$109,490 and Out of District Tuition we pay 75% and the district pays 25% and we currently have budgeted \$860, 226.
- Flow through to Districts on the yellow pages is \$4,387,544. Equipment & Buildings is the grant monies that have already been spent, also the SPED Legal Settlement Costs is finished and won’t be reflected in this year’s budget.

- **Ending Fund Balance** is \$1,875,344 is an average and healthy fund balance.

Diana Elliott – Strasburg made the motion to accept the proposed preliminary budget for the 2022-23 school year. A second by Janet Kravig – Karval. Roll call vote; motion carries.

VII. Discussion Items

A. June EC BOCES Board Meeting

This meeting will be over Zoom. Thank you Shane for bringing in dinner and inviting the east end to your building. If someone would like to start doing that on the west end we would appreciate it and as always we will provide a meal at the BOCES office for those coming centrally. Just remember we have to have a quorum to conduct our business so we appreciate all of you getting on Zoom so that we can get our business completed.

VIII. Reports - Enclosed

A. Executive Director – Enclosed

Reminder that there will be Asbestos Training in late July and the more districts we have in each class the less it will cost everyone. There is a 2 hour, 8 hour and 16 hour training. Shane asked about how things were divided out? Jason will send him an e-mail with last year's billing to show how it is divided out.

Also included in his report is the fact that he is serving as the CBA Board President for another term. The president-elect has moved to a different position outside of CBA.

B. Additional Staff Reports – Enclosed

No other comments or questions.

IX. Adjournment

There was a motion by Mike Buchannan – Kit Carson to adjourn the meeting. A second by Diana Elliott – Strasburg. Roll call vote; motion carries. Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

BOCES Board Secretary

Date Approved