

East Central BOCES

January 29, 2025

7:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Diana Elliot – board president; the following Board members were in attendance:

Doug Purdy - Agate	Sharon Mason - Genoa/Hugo
Lindsay Micheal - Arriba/Flagler	Andrea Louthan - Idalia
Alyssa Pae - Bennett	Andrew Pruitt - Kiowa
Scott Powell - Bethune	Kari Schultz - Liberty (arrived 7:10)
Stacie Perez - Burlington	Jake Herrera - Limon
Allison Harris - Byers	Diana Elliott - Strasburg
Jake Pelton - Cheyenne Wells	Darren Hornung - Stratton
Gale Bell - Deer Trail	Brandy Cutshaw - Woodlin
Sharon Mason - Genoa/Hugo	

Those Board members not in attendance were:

Drew Axsome - Arickaree	Janet Kravig - Karval
Joel Tanner - Hi-Plains	Kaitlin Johnson - Kit Carson

Those Superintendents in attendance were:

Robin Purdy - Bennett	Dan Melendrez - Genoa/Hugo
Terry Weber - Bethune	Rhonda Puckett - Liberty
Shane Walkinshaw - Burlington	Rob McMullan - Limon
Tom Turrell - Byers	Kelle Bongard - Strasburg
Corey Doss - Cheyenne Wells	Kandy Davis - Stratton
Mike Jobman - Deer Trail	

Those Superintendents not in attendance were:

Melinda Walls – Agate	Sarah Nuss - Karval
Mike Page – Arickaree	Travis Hargreaves - Kiowa
Kelly Packer – Arriba/Flagler	Robert Framel - Kit Carson
Giget Brubacher - Hi-Plains	Jack Daly - Woodlin
Myles Johnson - Idalia	

Others in attendance were: Jason Westfall, Beverly Blagg, Moira Hawks, Mitzi Swiatkowski, Megan

Eikleberry, Nicole Kollath, Lorie Coonts, Craig Bailey and Jarred Masterson - BOCES.

II. Approval of Agenda

Scott Powell - Bethune, made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. A second by Stacie Perez - Burlington; roll call vote was taken. Motion carried.

III. Approval of Minutes

Andrea Louthan - Byers made the motion to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2024 meeting as presented. A second by Jake Herrera - Limon; roll call vote was taken. Motion carried.

IV. Public Comments

There were none.

V. Consent Agenda Items

There was a motion by Allison Harris - Byers to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. A second by Stacie Perez - Burlington; roll call vote was taken. Motion carried.

VI. Business – Action Items

Recommendation of EC BOCES 2024-2025 Revised Budget

Jason wanted to point out the following revisions in the budget

REVENUES:

- Interest income has increased to \$100,000.00
- We have a new program that is housed at the Bennett School District that was created to help reduce the cost of sending kids to the metro area to schools/facilities that can accommodate their needs. It works like the center-based programs and is billed out to the participating districts. We did not have as many students as we originally thought but we were able to get an addendum to the contract to reflect the students that are actually there. This should reduce the cost per student and reflect savings to our districts.
- Alternative Teacher Licensure program has increased partly due to an increase of students and that the students are able to apply and receive grants that take care of their tuition cost to the program.
- Revenue - under State Sources is High Cost Apps increased \$100,000.00 which is what we think we will receive from the High Cost Application that was recently submitted. We don't know for sure, but we are going from previous awards to EC BOCES.
- Connecting Colorado Students Grant is a grant that was received to connect students/families with free internet services. That grant will be finished this year.
- Carry forward in Title II is \$22,680.44 which is our PD costs

EXPENDITURES:

- There was a reduction in Salaries & Benefits due to the fact that we cannot find employees to hire.
- On the Tuition, Out of District & In District is up the \$1.3 M for the Sierra School in Bennett that you saw on the revenue side and that is a flow-through; it comes and goes right back out.
- On the Flow Thru Districts, etc. line there is a \$189,374.39 increase and that is the change in ECEA dollars and for zSpace to pay for licenses paid out to the schools.
- Under the Supplies and Materials that is for Connecting Colorado and some other small dollar items paid out
- Overhead and Indirect costs went down by \$54,181.67 and we try to get those numbers correct but it is just a guess. This is a percentage of programs and grants that we can keep for administrative costs as a result of being the fiscal agent.
- As you can see By Program a vast majority of our budget is expended on Instructional and Support Services

Jason asked if there were any questions; there were none.

There was a motion by Lindsay Micheal - Arriba/Flagler to approve the 2024-2025 Revised Budget as presented. Second by Jake Herrera - Limon; roll call vote taken. Motion carried.

EC BOCES 2024-2025 Budget Appropriation Resolutions

There following motion was made by Alyssa Pae - Bennett:

A RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE SUMS OF MONEY

Be it RESOLVED by the Board of Education of East Central Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) in Lincoln County that the amounts shown in the following schedule be appropriated to each fund as specified in the "Adopted Budget" for the ensuing fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.

General Fund	\$22,994,927.00
Trust Fund Scholarship	\$0.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$22,994,927.00

A RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE **ADDITIONAL** SUMS OF MONEY

Be it RESOLVED by the Board of Education of East Central Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) in Lincoln County to appropriate the additional amount of \$2,155,073 to the original amount of \$22,994,927 to equal a total appropriation of \$25,150,000 in the General Fund. With the additional source of funds coming from the beginning fund balance, local sources, state sources, and federal grants.

A second by Andrea Louthan - Idalia. Roll call vote was taken; motion carried.

Executive Director Evaluation

Diana Elliott shared who was on the committee: Dan Melendrez - G/H Superintendent/SAC Chair, Rhonda Puckett - Liberty Superintendent/SAC Vice-Chair, Tavis Hargreaves - Superintendent Kiowa, Diana Elliott board president/Strasburg, Darren Hornung - Stratton Board Member, Janet Kravig - Karval Board Member, and Emma Richardson - Distance Learning Coordinator as BOCES employee representation.

Diana went through the evaluation and shared their ratings and any comments that were made. Overall he does a great job and we are lucky to have him. There were three goals were given to Jason:

- #1 - to compile a job description for the new incoming Executive Director.
- #2 - Develop a transition plan with the new Executive Director.
- #3 - Continue to build those relationships and trust with staff and superintendents to make the upcoming transitions as smooth as possible.

Also transitioning will be the SPED Director position. Beverly Blagg, current SPED Director and Nicole Kollath, Assistant SPED Director will be transitioning into that position. Based on the discussions we have had this will be taking place between July 2025 through June 30, 2027. We are working very hard to have as much stability as possible for our districts throughout these transitions.

There was a motion by Lindsay Michael - Arriba/Flagler to accept the Executive Director's Evaluation as presented. A second by Scott Powell - Bethune; roll call vote was taken. Motion carried.

Executive Director's Contract

Jason's contract will be extended from July 1, 2025 and including June 30, 2027. It will depend on whether he is needed until 2027 for the transition whether he stays that last year. His contract amount will stay at the current \$130,000.00 with no salary change increase unless the rest of the employees receive one.

There was a motion by Stacie Perez - Burlington to accept the Executive Directors Contract as presented. A second by Alyssa Pae - Bennett. Motion carried.

VII. Discussion Items

April EC BOCES Board Meeting Details

Our next BOCES Board Meeting will be April 16th at 7 p.m over Zoom. We will be approving the initial budget, although this is a best guess because we won't have final allocations yet. We will be sharing pink pages with the superintendents at the February SAC meeting. If you plan to come here to the BOCES for the meeting be sure and let Lorie know so that she has enough food ordered.

VIII. Reports - Enclosed

Executive Director – Enclosed

Jason shared that he will be including his new goals in his ongoing reports.

Additional Staff Reports – Enclosed

Nothing else to add.

Quarterly Financial Report

Nothing more to add.

IX. Adjournment

The next BOCES Board meeting will be April 16, 2025 starting at 7 p.m. over Zoom.

There was a motion by Allison Harris – Byers, to adjourn the meeting. A second by Stacie Perez - Burlington; roll call vote was taken; motion carries. Meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

BOCES Board Secretary

Date Approved