

**Meeting:** San Juan BOCES Board of Directors Meeting  
**Time:** 5:30 p.m.  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 15, 2017  
**Location:** Durango Public Library  
**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 5:30pm  
In Attendance:  
Brooks Lindner- Archuleta Board Member (Call In)  
Carol Blatnick- Bayfield Board Member  
Jack Schuenemeyer- Cortez Board Member  
Vangi McCoy- Dolores Board Member  
Kelly McCaw- Ignacio Board Member  
Boe Hawkins- Mancos Board Member  
Natalie Rieboldt- Silverton Board Member  
Adrea Bogle- San Juan BOCES, Executive Director (Call In)  
Steve Otter- San Juan BOCES, Director, Innovation and Collaboration  
Paula Sublett- San Juan BOCES, Business Services Director  
Lisa Reimers- San Juan BOCES, Executive Administrative Assistant
- B. Approve Agenda
- Boe Hawkins, Mancos, made a motion to approve the agenda. Vangi McCoy, Dolores, seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- C. Approve Minutes from December 14, 2016
- Kelly McCaw, Ignacio, made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 14<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. Boe Hawkins, Mancos, seconded the motion. 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
- Mancos provided the board with an update on Cathy Epps' improving health condition. It was also reported that Dr. Seuss Day in their district is quickly approaching.
  - Bayfield provided the board with a health update on their superintendent, and commented that Amy Lyons is doing a great job of filling in as superintendent. Bayfield is also breaking ground for their new elementary school and preparing to renovate their current elementary school.
  - Ignacio reported that their school board is currently in the process of going through their board policies which has been a great learning experience for the members of their school board.
  - Pagosa reported that their board postponed the approval of their district's charter school application, to give them time to answer questions and hammer out final details.
  - Cortez commented that the district is battling an asbestos issue which is slowing down the demolishing of the old high school building.
- B. ESS Spotlight - Child Find - Adrea Bogle
- Presentation by Carly Curtis, the BOCES Child Find Coordinator for our east districts, and Patrick Callahan, the BOCES school psychologist for our east district preschool students, which described the work that their department does with families, students, preschools and community partners.
- C. SW Colorado eSchool presentation- Mike Freeburn
- Presentation by Mike Freeburn, the principal of the eSchool, who described the variety of services offered to students and discussed increasing student enrollment and success.
- D. Board Terms and positions- Jack Schuenemeyer
- Jack stated that he is planning to transition out of his role as president of the BOCES board, and he asked other board members to consider stepping up as President.

- E. San Juan BOCES Report- Adrea Bogle/Steve Otter
  - a. Family Day and Growing Together Summit
    - As part of the Growing Together Summit for this year, the BOCES will be hosting a Family Day. This will focus on Exceptional Student Services, and include participation from ARC, Community Connections and Southwest Center for Independence. More information will be provided at the April board meeting.
  - b. Finance Director
    - There have been several applications for this position and interviews have been set up for this upcoming Friday. The board will be updated at the next meeting as to the outcome of these interviews.
  - c. El Pomar
    - Adrea met with El Pomar to discuss the need for proactive mental health resources in our region, emphasizing suicide prevention, and school based trainings. As this process moves forward, we will keep you informed on the initiatives that will be supported by El Pomar.
  - d. CEI
    - Accelerator II grant is in its design phase, which includes defining how each district will be working with CEI and which projects they will be focusing on.
  
- F. Draft Preliminary Budget 17-18/ Staffing Projections- Adrea Bogle/Paula Sublett
  - Adrea presented the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2018, speaking to the adjustments that had been made in attempt to maintain costs to member districts. This presentation included costs in this fiscal year in comparison to 17-18. . The model that was presented for 17-18 reflected holding of district contributions relative to district population percentage, as Durango's membership was excluded from the total proposed budget and the remaining total membership funds were divided between our eight districts by pupil enrollment size. There was also a proposed staff projection by FTE presented, that detailed the number of staff who will remain with the BOCES for the 17-18 year. The first reading of the preliminary budget will be presented at the April board meeting, with a request for approval in May.
  
- G. Financial Statements through January 31, 2017- Paula Sublett
  - Paula presented financial statements through the end of January, including balance sheets
  
- H. New Facility- Adrea Bogle
  - There is a current consideration on a space in Bodo Park that is a total of 8,000 square feet. The owner of the building is willing to split this space and build out the portion that we need to suit our office needs. Our next step is to negotiate final square footage and price to bring back to the board for approval of a lease.
  
- I. Proposed New Positions- Adrea Bogle
  - Behavior Health Coordinator position would provide increased support throughout our region to meet the increased need for mental and behavioral health. This position would also focus on suicide prevention training as well as provide student services to high risk students in secondary schools, and improve communications and collaborative services with community based mental health agencies.
  - Assistant ESS Director Position is a proposed restructure of the BOCES organization in terms of Exceptional Student Services' administrative needs, as this proposal moves away from having Special Education coordinators, and creates one position that provides oversight and fills the current gaps of services. Such gaps include transition services, procedure and IEP oversight, training and compliance. The Assistant Director position would provide training to resource teachers, compliance oversight and transition services. Jack commented that the board has three options for the board as they consider this proposal- they can withdraw this proposal and ask Adrea to create an alternate solution to meet the needs that were discussed, or the board could request to have more time to consider, or they could choose to put this position to a vote for approval tonight. Vangi commented that there has recently been a restructuring of our organization and she expressed concern for changing to this model would result in having both the Director and Assistant on the east side, leaving no representation for our west districts. Board members all were in agreeance that they would like to have more time to consider their decision before voting. Brooks suggested that other options outside of restructuring and hiring an assistant director be discussed, and it was decided that an additional meeting should be scheduled to further discuss this topic.

### III. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Accept Financial Statements through January 31st
- B. Approve Behavior Health Coordinator Position
  - Boe Hawkins, Mancos, made a motion for opportunity of consent to approve action items A and B. Vangi McCoy, Dolores, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- C. Approve Assistant ESS Director Position
  - The board agreed to withdraw action item C until further discussion could take place. The board agreed to add an additional call-in meeting on March 15th to discuss the topic of organizational structure and decision on the Assistant Director position.

IV. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Next SAC Meeting, March 15, 2017 from 11:00-3:30 in the Dolores Office PD Room
- Next San Juan BOCES Board Meeting, April 12, 2017, 5:30pm-7:30pm, Durango Public Library- Dinner served at 5:00pm

V. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting was adjourned at 7:46pm