



SAN JUAN BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Meeting: San Juan BOCES Board of Directors Meeting
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Date: Wednesday, August 19, 2015
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 5:30 p.m.

In Attendance:

Boe Hawkins- Mancos Board Member
Agnes Sanchez – Ignacio Board Member
Greg Spradling– Durango Board Member
Jack Schuenemeyer – Cortez Board Member
Carol Blatnick- Bayfield Board Member
Joann Irons – Archuleta Board Member, via phone
Brooks Linder – Archuleta replacement Board Member, via phone
Vangi McCoy– Dolores Board Member, via phone
Scott Cooper – Dolores Superintendent, via phone
Alex Carter – Montezuma Cortez Superintendent
Mary Rubadeau – San Juan BOCES, Executive Director
Paula Sublett – San Juan BOCES, Director of Business Services

B. Approve Agenda

Boe Hawkins, Mancos moved to approve the Agenda with amendments to add one additional resignation and three last minute new hires. Agnes Sanchez, Ignacio seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Approve Minutes from May 13, 2015

Agnes Sanchez, Ignacio moved to approve the Minutes from May 13, 2015. Carol Blatnick, Bayfield 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

- Ignacio reported hosting a well attended open house for the new High School and successful back to school professional development. They have three open seats on their Board.
- Mancos reported that they would have alternative accountability from state testing. They have three open seats on their Board.
- Bayfield reported also having three open seats on their Board. They had a great opening day for staff with an inspirational speaker.
- Cortez had a positive start, with the dedication of the new High School. They have five open seats on their Board.
- Durango has two open seats on their Board. They are decreasing their Board from seven members to five members.
- Archuleta has three open seats on their Board. Joann Irons is term limited; Brooks Linder will be the BOCES Board member for Archuleta.
- Dolores has three seats open on their Board. Dolores reported that they were refunded for the Transition to Kindergarten Grant.

B. Executive Director's Report

Mary Rubadeau

Highlights:

- Recruitment/New Hires, ESS updates – New hires will be addressed later on the Agenda.
 - Several districts are starting new severe needs or Affective Ed programs, most notably Bayfield and Ignacio. Transition plans are in process for serving as many students as possible in home districts.
 - Recruitment continues to be the biggest challenge for ESS. We have not been able to fill a full time Psychologist opening in Pagosa, therefore the assignment will be covered with two days a week from a rehire, and another day or two with added duty from current staff. Similarly the full time vacancy on the West side will currently be served by a .50 FTE returning Psychologist.
 - We have reached out to the President of Fort Lewis College to promote the Special Ed Teachers program. Additionally BOCES staff will contact Universities that may have potential candidates at mid-year.
- BOCES Culture and Retention Strategies; implications for schools
 - A staff survey was presented (sent in Board documents via email) and results were discussed. It is especially meaningful to include staff in convocations, back to school events and setting them up with office space, etc. making them feel welcome in the schools they serve.
 - We will continue to have a committee to gather ongoing constructive feedback from staff.
- Literacy Specialists: Initial goals and work plans
 - The two new Literacy Specialists met this summer to design the first 90 days of literacy support for the nine districts. They are enthusiastic to continue the LDC professional development work.
- Common Assignment (CAS) Meeting 8/17
 - The CAS model will be replicated in the region, as teachers report that this is some of the best professional development and support they have experienced.
- ED Search
 - Dale McCall, president of the Colorado BOCES Association (CBA) will be present at the SAC and Board meetings in October to discuss executive leadership models used in BOCES throughout Colorado.

C. Board and ED/SAC Communications

Mary Rubadeau

Notes from the SJBOCES Board work session held on June 8, 2015 at the June Summit were presented. A key issue is that communication between the Board and Superintendents is critical to the success of the organization. A representative group of Superintendents will rotate attending Board meetings.

D. Resignations

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- SWAP Coordinator – Shaunna Mata, took job with Social Security
- SWC E-School Student Services – Jennifer Stark, full time job opportunity
- Julie Harrison – Scheduling Admin Assistant, relocated to Chicago, husband's job
- Tod Lokey – SWC E-School Principal, hired by Bayfield as MS Principal

E. New Hires

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Contracted Services:

Lawrence Speech and Hearing Services, 1.45 FTE SLP Services

- SWC E-School Principal – Mike Freeburn
- SWC E-School Student Services – Cindy Houston
- Hollye Bronson, - Occupational Therapist
- Sheri Higgins – SLP (rehire)
- Ashley Howell – Social Worker
- Carrie Hladik – Child Find Admin Assistant
- Rhonda Padilla – Cortez SWAP Specialist
- Cherrie Brock – Scheduling Admin Assistant (previously Cortez SWAP Specialist)
- Sarah Harmeyer - .50 FTE, Psychologist, West (rehire)
- Amber Kirkham - .30 FTE, Early Childhood Special Educator, Pagosa Springs
- Julie Kostuch - .40 FTE, Psychologist, Pagosa Springs (rehire)

F. Vacancies

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- Psychologist – .60 FTE, Pagosa; .50 FTE West side
- Physical Therapist- 1 FTE (may possibly have filled)
- Orientation & Mobility Specialist - .2 FTE
- Social Worker - .50 FTE, Ignacio (may possibly be filled)

III. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Accept Resignations
- B. Approve New Hires and Contracted Services

Boe Hawkins, Mancos moved to approve Action Items A and B. Vangi McCoy, Dolores seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Next SAC Meeting Wednesday, September 23, 2015, Noon to 4:30 p.m., 9R Conference Room
- Next San Juan BOCES Board Meeting, September 23, 2015, 5:30 p.m., Durango 9R Conference Room

V. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.