



SAN JUAN BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Meeting: San Juan BOCES Board of Directors Meeting
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Date: Wednesday, September 21, 2016
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 5:26pm

In Attendance

Carol Blatnick- Bayfield Board Member

Jack Schuenemeyer- Cortez Board Member

Vangi McCoy- Dolores Board Member (call in)

Nancy Stubbs- Durango Board Member

Kelly McCaw- Ignacio Board Member

Boe Hawkins- Mancos Board Member

Brooks Lindner- Pagosa Board Member (call in)

Deanna McCarty- Silverton Board Member (call in)

Adrea Bogle- San Juan BOCES, Executive Director

Steve Otter- San Juan BOCES, Director, Innovation and Collaboration

Paula Sublett- San Juan BOCES, Business Services Director

Robyn Kellogg, San Juan BOCES, OTR, Assistive Technology Coordinator

Lisa Reimers- San Juan BOCES, Executive Administrative Assistant

Rocco Fuschetto- Ignacio Superintendent

Kim White- Silverton Superintendent

Jackie Oros- Chief Student Advocacy Officer

B. Approve Agenda

- Carol Blatnick, Bayfield motioned to approve the agenda with the modification of adding Agenda Item F- Discussion of Space and Room Rental to the Report and Information Items. Vangi McCoy, Dolores seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Approve Minutes from August 17, 2016

- Boe Hawkins, Mancos, motioned to approve the minutes from the August 17th Board Meeting. 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

- Mancos reported that they continue to work on their Bond Issue, which would result in building improvements and increase school safety, as well as update the gym and the track.
- Durango reported that they are continuing to work on their Mill Levy, which would include charter school. The ribbon cutting for new football field will be held this week.
- Bayfield reported that they are holding a fundraising event for Troy Zabel, Bayfield's Superintendent. The event will take place on October 2nd at the Bayfield High School. Bayfield is also working on a Bond Issue, which would build a new elementary school for 3-5th grades as well as help with remodeling the Primary School.
- Cortez reported that they are trying to accomplish the task of demolishing one of their old buildings.
- Ignacio reported that the district is refinancing their bonds which will result in a savings for the district, as well as lower the current Mill Levy that is being proposed.
- Pagosa reported that the school board continues to review the application submitted for a new charter school.

B. ESS Updates- Adrea Bogle

- a. Special Service Provider report: Robyn Kellogg, OTR, Assistive Technology
Robyn Kellogg presented on the Assistive Technology work that she does at the BOCES.
- b. Staffing Updates - Paraprofessionals

- Current staffing shortages are being noted across the region, including difficulty with employing certified Special Education teachers, and paraprofessionals. New Special Education Generalist program hosted by the BOCES to allow people to study for the Place or Praxis exam to obtain a Special Education certification. This builds an awareness and a capacity for a variety of people within the school buildings to work with students with disabilities.
 - Districts are struggling with filling paraprofessional positions throughout the region. Durango 9R has partnered with SCCC to set up a paraprofessional training program. An educational support class will be offered through SCCC for second semester of this school year. Additional information on this program will be given at the next SAC meeting. BOCES has also added time to one Occupational Therapist who has an extensive background of paraprofessional supports and training. She will be spending time in the districts providing skill based trainings for our current paraprofessionals. A paraprofessional handbook and evaluation rubric are also being put into use for support staff.
- c. Student Populations and End of the Year Report
- Data was presented comparing students served throughout the year with the number of students counted on the December Count snapshot, as well as Total student populations and percentages that are used to calculate membership fee model.
- d. Student Achievement Data
- Information was requested from the state relating to student achievement and growth by disability for our region. This data will be presented at next board meeting as we begin to look at programming and funding models that may include braiding services with a variety of interventions.
- C. Executive Director's Report- Adrea Bogle
- a. Superintendent Meeting Update
- Discussions at the SAC meeting today included Innovation and Collaboration work in relation to CEI, collaboration with community colleges and concurrent enrollment.
- b. Durango 9-R Separation Update
- i. State Letter
- CDE sent a response letter regarding Durango's application, stating that the application had been accepted, however there is additional follow up information that is being requested from 9R. This additional information must be submitted to CDE by October 1. BOCES will also be providing additional information to the state by the October 1st deadline.
- ii. Fiscal Audit
- BOCES compiled a detailed financial picture of funding and staff breakdowns by district to present to superintendents and the board, in order to better analyze any impact that that an AU separation would have on our remaining districts. The current fiscal year was used to create this model. Through the analysis of this information, no significant financial impacts were discovered.
- c. Board Meeting Structure and Information
- i. Orientation work
- New board member orientation is currently being developed with the welcomed feedback from any board member. Presentations from various departments and service providers throughout the BOCES are proving helpful in educating board members about the variety of services provided to our districts.
- d. MOU between BOCES and 9R Connections Academy
- The special education compliance of Durango's online school is required to be overseen by the BOCES AU. BOCES is not currently providing Special Education services since those services are being provided through contract with Connections Academy, therefore an MOU was written to state that Durango will take full financial liability if there are any legal or compliance issues.
- D. Innovation and Collaboration- Steve Otter
- a. CEI, MDC MOU
- Colorado Education Initiative would like to work with BOCES on a second round of funding, as they support areas of focus identified through the Superintendent Advisory Committee. Next steps for this plan will be to bring CEI and representatives from each district to work on Action Plans. The funding cycle will begin in January 2017 and extend through 2018. Additionally, a proposal was made to CEI to support a math design collaborative cohort resulting in a grant of \$11,000 to support this project.
- E. New Hires- Adrea Bogle
- Shaun Burke, eSchool Math Specialist, .25 FTE
 - Elijah Dougherty, Para Sign Language Interpreter, .40 FTE
- F. Space and Room Rentals
- a. Board discussion regarding board meetings being held at the public library rather than the 9R district office building.
- b. Discussion by the board of the current location of the eSchool in the West Building downtown rather than the Durango High School based on the decision to provide a neutral location for students from all member districts that is conducive to their individual learning.

III. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approve MOU for Durango 9R Connections Academy and BOCES
- B. Approve CEI MDC MOU
- C. Approve New Hires

Boe Hawkins, Mancos, motioned to approve an Opportunity of Consent for Action Items A-C. Carol Blatnick, Bayfield, seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Next SAC Meeting, October 12, 2016, 12:00pm-4:00pm, Mancos
- Next San Juan BOCES Board Meeting, October 12, 2016, 5:30pm-8:00pm, Durango Public Library
 - Presentation of Financial Statements and Audit

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36pm