

Meeting: San Juan BOCES Board of Directors Meeting

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Date: Wednesday, October 12, 2016

Location: La Plata County Fairgrounds

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

Boe Hawkins- Mancos Board Member

Jack Schuenemeyer- Cortez Board Member

Vangi McCoy- Dolores Board Member

Carol Blatnick- Bayfield Board Member

Deanna Clauson- Silverton Board Member

Kelly McCaw-Ignacio Board Member

Nancy Stubbs- Durango Board Member

Jenny Smith- Dove Creek Board Member (call-in)

Brooks Lindner- Pagosa 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

Lisa Reimers- San Juan BOCES, Executive Assistant

Scott Cooper- Superintendent of Dolores School District

Rocco Fuschetto- Superintendent of Ignacio School District

Marcy Lawrence- Durango 9R Director of ESS

B. Approve Agenda

- Kelly McCaw, Ignacio, made a motion to approve the agenda. Vangi McCoy, Dolores, seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Approve Minutes from September 21, 2016

- Nancy Stubbs, Durango, made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 21st board meeting. Kelly McCaw, Ignacio seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Call to Audience for Public Participation

- There was no audience participation.

II. REPORTS/INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Presentation of the Audited Financial Statements- Paula Sublett/ Wall, Smith, Bateman, Inc for Fiscal Year 15-16

- Auditors from Wall, Smith and Bateman, Inc. presented a review of the 15-16 fiscal audit.

B. Board Member Reports/Requests/District Updates

- Ignacio reported that they have been removed from their Improvement Plan. They will also host a community Veteran's Dinner on November 8th.
- Dolores reported that they will be hosting a free family concert in Cortez on Friday, October 14th.
- Bayfield reported that the fundraiser for Troy Zabel was a success. They are also continuing to work on their bond issue for this upcoming election.
- Mancos reported that the district has started an FFA program and three beef were donated to the school this year.
- Silverton reported that they have received a \$75,000 grant which will fund a community green house, professional development for mindfulness and movement, as well as funding for a position for coordinator of the school and community gymnasium. Silverton was also accredited with distinction this year.
- Pagosa reported that they are moving forward with the due process of the charter school application that they have received. On October 24th they will be holding a community input meeting as part of this process, with the hopes of having a decision by their November 8th board meeting.
- Durango reported they are continuing to have meetings and work on their Mill Levy for the upcoming election. They are also working on revising the graduation requirements for the 2021 graduating class. The new Academic Counseling format at the High School is off to a great start this year.

- Dove Creek reported that this year is moving smoothly and commented that their Mill Levy was passed during the last election.
- C. ESS Updates- Adrea Bogle
- a. Special Service Provider Report- Speech Therapy Department
 - Presentations from Kasey Hope, the SJBOCES Audiologist, as well as Stacey Baxter and Lauren Mulvaugh who presented on how BOCES Speech Language Pathologists provide services to students and school districts.
 - b. School Psychologist Intern
 - Consideration of giving Shane Nelson, the SJBOCES Psychologist Intern, a full caseload while continuing to provide enough supports for him to be successful in this internship program.
 - c. Preschool
 - BOCES continues to keep an eye on the increase in preschool numbers. Currently preschools are requesting support with de-escalation training and proactive behavior strategies that would be specific to preschool age students. BOCES is receiving help from mental health professionals, including the Early Childhood Mental Health Specialists within our region to find an appropriate training to meet this request.
 - d. SEAC Notes
 - Special Education Advisory Committees met at the end of September in both Cortez and Durango. The advisement from this meeting related to the challenges regarding hiring and training quality paraprofessionals for significant needs students. Parents were also interested in having more information on the impact that the possible separation of 9R from BOCES will have on families and students.
- D. Executive Director's Report- Adrea Bogle
- a. Updates from Colorado BOCES Association State Meeting
 - Meeting last week with conversation about framework and accountability within districts, preschool population increases, and finding and retaining hard to fill specialized service provider positions throughout the state.
 - b. SAC Meeting Updates
 - Collaborative meeting earlier today. Discussion about the addition of the Special Education Generalist endorsement within the Boettcher Education Program.
 - c. Application for Administrative Unit Separation Update
 - The Durango 9R School District's application is at CDE for review. The state asked for additional information to be provided by 9R, with a deadline of October 1st. The state has also asked the Executive Director for perspective from the BOCES, as well as financial information, resulting in the submission from BOCES of the financial audit as well as an Executive Director statement letter. Jack Schuenemeyer, the BOCES Board president, has been providing crucial support in assisting with reviewing content and added his name to the statement letter, resulting in some questions. Those questions have been cleared with a statement written by Jack to both the BOCES board and to CDE. Currently the state has the application and all parties are waiting for a decision. The board was in agreement to let the state know that they would like a decision as soon as they reasonably can.
 - Nancy Stubbs, Durango, commented that 9R did not agree with the Executive Director's statement letter, as the letter was not brought before the board before submittal to the state. She reiterated that 9R continues to believe strongly in continued collaboration.
 - Nancy Stubbs, Durango, recommended that the BOCES board add to a future agenda the review of policies and a discussion of how best to manage board decisions.
 - Jack Schuenemeyer, Cortez, commented that the BOCES board position is to provide the best services for the students that we serve and cooperate with all districts. Proposed a component of the orientation to board members to continue to include a formal presentation on board policies and procedures, as well as continued presentations of the various departments within the BOCES.
 - Boe Hawkins, Mancos, proposed having a board work session that includes a pass-down style orientation for new board members, and would include a review of policies and by-laws. This was proposed for the beginning of 2017.
- E. Innovation and Collaboration- Steve Otter
- a. Presentation from Gifted Education
 - Deb Nielson, the Gifted Education Coordinator for SJBOCES, presented on the work that she does with students and schools within the nine districts.
 - b. Grant updates/status
 - Take 10 grant- 110 teachers registered for trainings.
 - CEI envisioning day on November 8th to discuss how to meet goals identified by superintendents.
 - Math and Science partnership grant is available, which BOCES will support but not be the representative of this grant.
 - MTSS- BOCES will be applying for a grant together with some districts, while other districts are applying for this grant independently.
- F. Financial Statements through September 30, 2016- Paula Sublett
- Paula presented Financial Statements through the end of September, including balance sheets.
 - Amidst the presentation of the financial statements, a discussion took place around the location and cost of rent for the location of the Southwest Colorado eSchool.

- G. New Hire- Adrea Bogle
 - a. Emily Hughes- SLPA- .35 FTE- to assist with Speech caseloads in Bayfield.

III. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Accept Audit for Fiscal Year 15-16
 - Boe, Mancos, clarified that the board is approving the first reading of the audit
- B. Accept Financial Statements through September 30, 2016
- C. Approve New Hire
 - Boe Hawkins, Mancos made a motion for Opportunity of Consent to approve action items A, B and C. Deanna Clauson, Silverton, seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Nancy Stubbs, Durango, asked the board to consider moving the meeting location back to the 9R building. After discussion, the board concluded to continue having meetings at the Public Library as it is more accessible for public participation and has better access to parking.

IV. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Next SAC Meeting, November 9, 12:00pm-4:30pm, Cortez
- Next San Juan BOCES Board Meeting, December 14, 2016, 5:30pm-7:30pm, Durango Public Library- Dinner served at 5:00pm

V. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:31pm