



SAN JUAN BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Meeting: San Juan BOCES Board of Directors Meeting
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Date: Monday, November 9, 2009
Location: Ignacio High School Library

Minutes

I. OPENING OF MEETING

(Audio recording made of the meeting)

In Attendance:

- Pagosa - Mark DeVoti, Superintendent
Ken Fox, BOCES Board Member
- Durango - Lane Gibson, Finance Director for Keith Owen, Superintendent
Jeff Schell, BOCES Board Member
- Bayfield - Dean Hill, Superintendent
Barbara Wickman, BOCES Board Member
- Ignacio- Juvie Jones, Superintendent
Chris Ribera, BOCES Board Member
- Silverton - Not in Attendance
- San Juan BOCES - Randy Boyer, Executive Director
Paula Sublett, Director of Business Services
Steve Otter, Career Tech Education, RSA
Rose Burek, SWAP (School to Work)
Betsy Krill, Gifted Education Coordinator
- Bondi & Co. – Julia Stone, Auditor

A. Call to Order, Establish Quorum, Barbara Wickman, President

5:55 pm

- Archuleta-present
- Durango-present
- Ignacio-present
- Bayfield-present
- Silverton (not present)

B. Approve Revised Agenda-Passed

Motion to approve, Jeff Schell; second Ken Fox; passed unanimously

C. Approve Minutes from September 14, 2009

Motion to approve, Jeff Schell; second Ken Fox; passed unanimously

D. Call to Audience for Public Participation

There was no audience participation.

II. REPORTS/INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Auditor's Report - Julia Stone

No adjusted entries; the best report rating you can receive; Julia went through the audit in detail. Paula explained the Balance Sheet for the Board.

B. Gifted Education Report - Betsy Krill

Betsy distributed and explained a report to the group. Proportionality is one of the goals; there is a need to identify students from all categories, not only students that come to school from enriched environments. We are making steady progress in that area. The second part of the report discusses achievement over time. Are our advanced students showing growth? If a child scores at the very highest advanced range, some of it can be attributed to the finite points available at the highest level of assessment. So in response we are looking at other ways to measure that growth for our gifted students, so we are able to triangulate the growth. Working to improve parent outreach. Need to focus on Gifted Education Teachers acquiring Gifted Education Endorsement. Even though a teacher may have a concentration of coursework in Gifted Ed, which does not constitute a Gifted Education Endorsement, unless officially applied for and identified by CDE.

C. SWAP Report - Rose Burek

Site review documentation was presented. Two years had elapsed since the last site review. The SWAP program did very well on the review. Services for the students through SWAP are being provided utilizing a waiting list. This has presented some unique challenges. The requirements for SWAP this year are 40 clients and 20 successful closures. SWAP is serving 60 clients at this point, with 5 successful closures. Jobs are at a premium currently and to keep the unemployed clients engaged we are pointing them towards alternatives such as training. A successful closure is a client with 90 days in a job placement. An investment of \$2.8 million was extended toward moving clients from the waiting list. Approximately 50% of SWAP services for the past several years have been job placement. The remaining 50%, new for this year, is devoted to transition efforts, assessment, and supporting schools in their efforts around College in Colorado. Jody Gladden retired this year, Warren Hall was hired to fill the vacancy. He is doing very well.

D. Executive Directors Report - Randy Boyer

1. Recommendation of Janae Biard, Contract Audiologist

The Audiology position is being changed from employee to contracted service. We need to increase the quality of Audiology services. Janae is from Cortez, and she brings the added benefit of clinical experience, as well as experience with Cochlear implants, to the position.

2. Recommendation of Lynn Schneider, Science Fair Coordinator

Jeff Hatfield is handing off Science Fair to Lynn in order to pick up Erate responsibilities from Steve.

3. Indicator 10 CDE File Review

We were found non-compliant with identification of Native American students with Specific Learning Disabilities, only by a fraction of percent.

Representatives from CDE conducted a review of our files and our processes and

were very pleased with their findings and in particular, our new procedural manual. The manual that is available on our website required a tremendous amount of effort by BOCES staff. They left a checklist to utilize for self-review. Some problems are created when parents change the ethnicity identification of students.

4. C-FIRS Title III Site Visit

The Title III Grant was reviewed based on an Indicator Checklist. CDE representatives visited Durango, Ignacio, and Pagosa, and recommended some PD that could benefit our consortium. We would like to get the ELL folks together and offer some PD for them as a group. The ELL dollars are increasing for the state. Our ELL consortium includes Ouray, West End, Ridgeway, Norwood and our 9 districts in SW Colorado.

5. ARRA Implementation Planning Process Update

We have submitted the second revision of our plan and are anticipating final approval to come any day. A steering committee is meeting to work on the identified ARRA fund goals. The timeline to obligate funds and the use of funds was discussed.

6. Southwest and San Juan BOCES Merger Discussions

Randy provided a list of merger talking points. We have entered into discussions around merging the 2 BOCES in our area. The 9 districts are currently collaborating with RSA9 and post-secondary education. Additional areas of potential collaboration could be Induction, Erate, and Professional Development. Unlike SJBOCES, SWBOCS is solely a Special Ed AU. At the Western Slope Sups meeting, the Superintendents selected potential steering committee members. Paula will be reviewing both current budgets and prepare a budget analysis for further discussion. Randy and Paula have invested considerable time and effort in this budget analysis. The analysis includes comparison of similarities and difference between the two budgets. Barb asked if it possible to test the merger waters? Mark DeVoti pointed out that the joint SAC meetings have been very effective. Chris asked if this is a win for SJBOCES? Are we giving anything up? Randy sees this as a potential strength as there are advantages to collaboration. Randy also pointed out that the regionalization of rural districts probably is a reality for the future. Jeff Schell said that he would be in contact with Randy to discuss adding someone to the steering committee, from Durango.

E. Director of Business Services Report - Paula Sublett

Financial Statements with Balance Sheets, through October 31, 2009, were reviewed and modifications were explained. Revised 2009-2010 Budget was presented and revisions explained.

F. RSA9C/CTE Update-Steve Otter

1. RSA Funding

We have learned that the RSA funds **cannot** be carried over. As a result, RSA9C will look at the best use of funds this budget cycle. Our RSA9C officers met last week and began discussion of how to utilize available funds. The RSA9C is funding a regional CTE Meeting on the West Campus of Southwest Colorado Community College. This will include principals, counselors, and CTE instructors. Scott Stump from the state will discuss ICAP rules and concurrent

enrollment rules. A discussion panel of representatives from SW Colorado K-12 Programs will present at the meeting. We will be providing tours of the updated campus for those that have not had the opportunity to see it.

2. College in Colorado and ICAPs

Information regarding the state's rules around ICAPS was presented.

III. ACTION ITEMS

A. Accept Auditor's Report

Motion to Approve, Ken Fox

Motion seconded, Jeff Schell

Archuleta, Bayfield, Durango and Ignacio voted in favor of approval.

Motion passed unanimously.

B. Approve Recommendation of Janae Biard, Contract Audiologist

C. Approve Recommendation of Lynn Schneider, Science Fair Coordinator

D. Approve Financial Statements through October 31, 2009

E. Approve Revised 2009-2010 Budget

Motion to Approve Items B-E, Jeff Schell

Consent Agenda

Jeff Schell had a motion to approve Items B-E

Motion seconded, Ken Fox

Archuleta, Bayfield, Durango and Ignacio voted in favor of approval

Motion passed unanimously.

IV. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Next Board Meeting: Monday, February 1, 5:30 p.m., Durango 9-R Conference Room

Next SAC Meeting: Wednesday, January 20, 9:30 a.m., Durango 9-R Conference Room

V. ADJOURNMENT

Time Adjourned: