

Ute Pass B.O.C.E.S. Board Minutes
January 17, 2017

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BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Board Meeting – January 17, 2017

BOARD MEETING CALL TO ORDER

This meeting was held as a conference call this month. The meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m. by Gwynne Dawdy. The following members were present on the conference call: Gwynne Dawdy, Corbin Graber, Tana Rice and Sonya Teigen.

Also on the call: Jed Bowman, Kendal Kelly, Tim Miller, Marcy Palmer, and Tory Richie

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Dawdy to approve the meeting agenda for January 17, 2017

Second: Rice

Discussion: None

MOTION CARRIED; Voting Aye Dawdy, Graber, Rice, Teigen

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

MOTION: Dawdy to approve Consent Items including meeting minutes from October 11, 2016

Second: Graber

Discussion: None

MOTION CARRIED; Voting Aye Dawdy, Graber, Rice, Teigen

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

2015-16 BOCES Audit

MOTION: Dawdy to accept the 2015-16 Ute Pass BOCES Audit

Second: Rice

Discussion: None

MOTION CARRIED; Voting Aye Dawdy, Graber, Rice, Teigen

Revised 2016-17 Budget

MOTION: Dawdy - Be it resolved by the Board of Education of the Ute Pass BOCES that the amounts shown in the following schedule be adopted and appropriated as specified in the Revised Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017.

Fund, General Fund \$1,693,832

Total Appropriations \$1,693,832

Second: Rice

Discussion: None

MOTION CARRIED; Voting Aye Dawdy, Graber, Rice, Teigen

INFORMATION ITEMS/DISCUSSION

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

AUDIT

CDE has approved and certified our audit. Mr. Miller will share the results. The Board will need to take action to accept the audit.

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BUDGET

Mr. Miller will also share the revised budget. The Board will need to take action to accept the revised budget.

STAFFING UPDATE

We have had some programming and staffing changes in Woodland Park, which has led to some positive restructuring for our students with significant needs.

In October, in response to crises with 2 students with autism at the Woodland Park High School, the leadership team made some difficult decisions. We offered an open teaching position at Summit to one of our current high school teachers so we could add additional behavioral support to the autism program, PLACE. This allowed us to add a Board Certified Behavior Specialist to this program in January. Robin Nuss, our Occupational Therapist, is also a BCBA with incredible expertise in this area. She agreed to transfer into this position for the remainder of the school year and has already made significant progress!

This, of course, has impacted our Occupational Therapy and IEP Review Coaching. Our current Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant in Manitou, Samantha DeNaray, agreed to increase her time from 2 days per week to 4 days per week to add Woodland Park to her caseload. Robin will continue to serve as our OT 1 day each week. She will also continue to coach our new teachers by phone, email, and before or after school for the remainder of the year.

An SSN teacher at WPHS also moved over Winter Break, which left an opening. We were blessed to hire Alex Lewis, a teacher with experience in teaching students with autism.

Although it has been a difficult semester, I am very hopeful that this semester will be much smoother and more stable for our students. I am also very grateful to Dr. Bowman and the Woodland Park leadership team for the significant time, energy and support they have given to this difficult situation. We will continue to monitor and seek ways to improve our PLACE programs as they serve students from all 3 districts. (11 total students; 2-CCV; 2 MSSD; 7 WP)

TRAININGS

Non-Violent Crisis Intervention- we are offering our next Initial Training February 21st for our new staff.

My certification as an instructor, and one of our other instructors are due in June, so we will be taking the recertification course in March for 4 days. This course contains new content, and we are looking forward to offering additional trainings this summer.

We will also be offering additional training opportunities for our new teachers on a weekly basis. Teachers will be able to take advantage of these opportunities according to the topics they most need, and I will ask that they attend at least one per month.

I will also be attending the Colorado BOCES Association's Quarterly Meeting Feb. 6-7.

SPECIAL EDUCATION GENERALIST WORKGROUP

Our group is making progress designing the content for teachers adding the Special Education Generalist Endorsement to their licenses. Our next meeting will be February 7th in Denver.

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GIFTED EDUCATION

Our teachers have been working this semester to address the identification changes, and update to the new categories. They are also investigating the most effective practices and services to offer our students.

REPORTING

Kendal has just completed the December Count Report. I will share our student information during the March Board meeting.

OTHER

Next board meeting: **Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 6:00pm (Conference Call)**

ADJOURN

MOTION: Dawdy to adjourn meeting at 5:59p.m.

Second: Graber

Discussion: None

MOTION CARRIED; Voting Aye Dawdy, Graber, Rice, Teigen

Attest:

Secretary, Ute Pass B.O.C.E.S. Board of Education

President, Ute Pass B.O.C.E.S. Board of Education