

Ute Pass B.O.C.E.S. Board Minutes
March 3, 2015

**Ute Pass B.O.C.E.S.
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Regular Board Meeting – March 3, 2015

BOARD MEETING CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:07p.m. by Kelly Butts. The following members were present: Kelly Butts, Beth Huber, and Gwynne Dawdy.

Also in attendance were: Jed Bowman, Kendal Kelly, Les Lindauer, Ed Longfield and Marcy Palmer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Butts to approve the meeting agenda for March 3, 2015

Second: Huber

Discussion: None

MOTION CARRIED; Voting Aye Butts, Huber, Dawdy

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

MOTION: Butts to approve Consent Items including meeting minutes from January 13, 2015

Second: Huber

Discussion: None

MOTION CARRIED; Voting Aye Butts, Huber, Dawdy

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

Director's 2015-16 Contract

MOTION: Butts moves to renew the director's 2015-16 contract contingent on the District Superintendent's decision and review. Butts will ask superintendents to provide commendations and recommendations.

Second: Huber

Discussion: None

MOTION CARRIED; Voting Aye Butts, Huber, Dawdy

INFORMATION ITEMS/DISCUSSION

BOARD POLICY REVIEW

We follow policy governance. Kelly assigned a section of the board policies to each board member. They did not get through all of them. Please take home and look them over. We will discuss at the June 2015 meeting.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Special Education

BUDGET

We do not need to make changes to the budget at this time. We are planning to request 100% of our allocated IDEA funds this fiscal year. We only budgeted for 70%, which is the amount we have received by June in the past. If we should receive 100%, we will introduce a supplemental budget in June to process this as well as any High Costs funds we might receive in June.

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STAFFING UPDATE

Occupational Therapy:

We have contracted with Gillem Services for an OT for 1 day per week and a COTA 3 days per week to serve Cripple Creek and Manitou. The OT's duties are to evaluate, write IEP's, and supervise the Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA). The COTA is providing the direct services to the students. Woodland Park is also contracting with Gillem for the same services.

Physical Therapy:

Pat Urban contacted a previous PT, Laura Hatler, and she began last week in Manitou, working one day per week. She also agreed to work in Cripple Creek half-day per week for the remainder of the school year. With the closures and delays, she will begin Monday, March 2nd.

We are posting for these positions through Teachers-Teachers.com, a recruitment website linked to CDE. Candidates can join this nationwide site free, and we are able to reach out to viable candidates. It also has an application component, which makes management so much easier!

TRAININGS

We will offer Non-Violent Crisis Intervention Training April 24th, and will create our 2015-16 training schedule in May. With Nancy Ellis retiring, we will need to add another Certified Instructor. Sean Goings, Woodland Park's Safety and Security Officer, has offered to become an Instructor this summer. We will need to budget for this additional cost for his initial training, \$2,500.

I will be attending the Gifted Education Directors meeting this Thursday-Friday. I will also attend the Colorado BOCES Association's quarterly meeting in early April, as well as a specially requested directors' meeting on March 19th, with State Assistant Commissioner, Randy Boyer.

Annual training of our teachers for the DLM and CMAS assessments has been completed. These are the alternate assessments required for our students with significant cognitive disabilities. (1%)

GRANTS

HB 1345 Funding Assistance for BOCES (\$96,194):

Our new application for the 2015-16 school year is due May 1, 2015. Superintendents agreed to continue to utilize these funds to expand our Educator Effectiveness product, ExModula, and flow through the remaining amount for the required district assessments.

Educator Effectiveness Liaison (\$60,000):

We agreed to use these funds to stipend Tina Cassens in this role, to work with each district on their individual needs for improving principals' observations and feedback skills. We also agreed to stipend Scott Black in Cripple Creek to assist principals and teachers in utilizing the ExModula product and organizing professional development. They have been doing an amazing job working with principals on effective observations/feedback of teachers! The rest of the funds will be spent on professional development of our principals.

Universal Screening for Gifted (\$3309):

We received this funding to update our CogAT assessments given to all 2nd and 6th graders, and for update scoring/reporting. We use this information to screen for possible Gifted Learners (above 95th percentile).

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Medicaid Coordinator Grant:

School Health Services will open a grant for a coordinator within the next few months. We would like to apply for this position as a BOCES to coordinate and centralize Medicaid. This is a 3-year “step-down” grant, that should be funded by the increased Medicaid funds by the fourth year.

GIFTED EDUCATION

Our BOCES is on schedule May 7-8 for the state evaluation process, CGER (Colorado Gifted Education Review). Pat, Adric and I met with our regional Gifted Education Resource Consultant to review the process and prepare for the site visit this spring. They will assist us in examining our identification process, parental involvement, programming, and dispute resolution. Much of March will be spent preparing information for this team and organizing the site visit.

Each district will be working on their UIP due April 15th, and will be imbedding the analysis of the growth of our gifted learners, as well as planning improvement strategies for them.

HIGH COST (Handout)

Kendal worked hard with each of the districts to apply for our High Cost funding this year. (submitted last Friday!) We will receive the determinations in June.

OTHER

Next board meeting: June 25, 2015 at 5:30pm

ADJOURN

MOTION: Butts to adjourn meeting at 5:55pm

Second: Huber

Discussion: None

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Attest:

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

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