

Ute Pass B.O.C.E.S. Board Minutes  
March 6, 2013

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

Regular Board Meeting – March 6, 2013

**BOARD MEETING CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Brent Kennedy with the following members present: Bill Blackburn, Kelly Butts, Brent Kennedy and Molly Stevens. Also in attendance were: Jed Bowman, Sue Holmes, Kendal Kelly, Ed Longfield, Tim Miller, and Marcy Palmer.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION: Butts to approve meeting agenda for March 6, 2013

Second: Blackburn

Discussion: None

MOTION CARRIED; Voting Aye Blackburn, Butts, Kennedy, Stevens

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS**

MOTION: Butts to approve consent items.

Second: Stevens

Discussion: None

MOTION CARRIED; Voting Aye Blackburn, Butts, Kennedy, Stevens

**BOARD ACTION ITEMS**

**a. Director Contract Renewal for 2013-14**

MOTION: Butts to approve 2013-14 Director contract renewal.

Second: Blackburn

Discussion: Kendal will email the 2013-14 contract to board members.

MOTION CARRIED; Voting Aye Blackburn, Butts, Kennedy, Stevens

**b. BOCES Alternative Ed. Program – EARSS Grant (Expelled At-Risk Student Services)**

MOTION: Butts to approve submission of a grant request for an Alternative Education Program.

Second: Stevens

Discussion: Our Superintendents and I discussed the possible need for a combined alternative education program under our BOCES. We met with key stakeholders from each of our districts to identify our current practices and student needs. All three districts have effective programming to support most students within their existing schools, but continue to have at least 1% that could benefit from an alternative setting and program. In Woodland Park, the program developed through EARSS Grant Funding has been reduced significantly due to the recent budget issues. We would like to pursue a combined program that adds to the strengths of each of our existing programs to develop a higher quality and more effective option for our students who are expelled or at-risk of expulsion/dropping out of high school. The grant is due April 2<sup>nd</sup> and would require approval of our Board. A core team is meeting weekly in March to discuss program requirements and develop a “cost-neutral” budget for the districts that best utilizes the grant funds, and provides sustainability for the future.

Other items noted during discussion:

- 60 students between our three districts could be enrolled for the 2013-14 school year
- Location is TBD
- A 20 to 1 student/teacher ratio is recommended
- The program would be open to both Middle and High School students

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- Funding would range from \$1,000 to \$3,000 per student (totaling \$60,000-\$180,000)
- A letter of promise to sustain the program is required.
- The BOCES would need to hire additional staff.
- The idea of using existing space during the evenings was discussed.
- Bill Blackburn asked for additional information on students attending these programs and demographics. He may have some other possible funding sources.

MOTION CARRIED; Voting Aye Blackburn, Butts, Kennedy, Stevens

### **INFORMATION ITEMS/DISCUSSION**

#### **Director's Report**

##### TRAININGS

Feb. 26-28, Nancy Ellis, Sonia Reavis and I attended our Renewal Certification to continue as Certified Instructors in Non-Violent Crisis Intervention for another 4 years. We're a little sore from all the restraints, but passed our tests with flying colors!

##### HB 12-1345 FUNDING ASSISTANCE TO BOCES

We received \$35,916.53 this year to assist us with the implementation of the Educator Effectiveness evaluation system and Standards and Assessments. Pending state budget approval, this same funding will be available for next school year. The Request for Funds is already available, and due May 1, 2013, for the implementation of the state initiatives. We will expend these funds on the development of the evaluation tools electronically and the conversion of our student data. The remainder of the funds will be used to offset some of the cost of NWEA's MAP Assessments. The new funds will be available July 1<sup>st</sup> pending approval.

##### PROGRAM EVALUATION

From our Comprehensive Plan, the first program on the evaluation cycle is our High Schools/Transition. We are gathering effectiveness information using Quality Indicators for our transition and significant needs programs as well as TCAP, MAPS, and individual student progress monitoring data. I will present the findings of the program evaluation at our June board meeting.

##### GIFTED and TALENTED PROGRAM

Our BOCES is scheduled for the Colorado-Gifted Education Review (C-GER) next school year. Our GT staff will meet this semester to ensure our program plan is in place, and identify areas of strength and need.

##### ENRICH UPDATE

We are working constantly with staff and Excent to best utilize and implement the new IEP program. Overall, it is a highly functional and intuitive program, but as with any new product, we have had to work out some "bugs." Excent is very responsive, and our state representatives seek our input as they improve each version. Our Infinite Campus connection for Woodland Park is still not linked, but we are working with the IT Director to investigate the possibility of hosting the linking "agent" during the summer. It is connected directly with Powerschool in Cripple Creek-Victor and Manitou Springs. It imports the SIS data weekly, which keeps our student access up-to-date.

##### HIGH COST REIMBURSEMENT APPLICATION

Kendal submitted our High Cost application on Friday and has provided a three-year comparison of the costs and funding received. We submit a worksheet on each student whose services cost over \$25,000

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in-district, and \$40,000 out-of-district. We will expect to be notified of any funding reimbursements by May. These are determined per student, using a formula that evaluates the impact of the costs on each district.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION INFORMATION - DECEMBER COUNT ANALYSIS**

The provided charts and graphs show the trends of our students with disabilities over the past 3 years. We have shown overall decreases in our numbers, especially of students with Learning Disabilities. We have seen a slight increase in numbers of students with more significant disabilities such as Autism and Multiple Disabilities.

**Director Evaluation Process/Discussion**

Brent Kennedy asked the Superintendents to begin the evaluation process for Marcy Palmer, providing the Board with commendations and recommendations by June 2013.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION/Personnel Matter – Director’s Evaluation**

MOTION: Butts to move into Executive Session at 7:04pm to discuss personnel matter pursuant to Colorado Revised Statute 24-6-402 (4)(f)

Second: Blackburn

Discussion: None

MOTION CARRIED; Voting Aye Blackburn, Butts, Kennedy, Stevens

MOTION: Blackburn to adjourn from Executive Session at 7:33pm

Second: Stevens

MOTION CARRIED; Voting Aye Blackburn, Butts, Kennedy, Stevens

**OTHER**

Next board meeting: June 19, 2013, dinner at 5:30pm, meeting will begin at 6pm.

A supplemental budget will be presented at the June meeting to account for the \$65,574 in Educational Orphans funding that was just received. We will wait until June in case we also receive any high cost funds and account for both in the same budget.

**ADJOURN**

MOTION: Stevens to adjourn meeting at 7:34p.m.

Second: Blackburn

Discussion: None

MOTION CARRIED; Voting Aye Blackburn, Butts, Kennedy, Stevens

Attest:

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

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