

Ute Pass B.O.C.E.S. Board Minutes
June 29, 2015

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

Regular Board Meeting – June 29, 2015

BOARD MEETING CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m. by Beth Huber. The following members were present: Beth Huber, Gwynne Dawdy, Molly Stevens and Tana Rice.

Also in attendance were: Brian Gustafson, Kendal Kelly, Tim Miller, and Marcy Palmer

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Dawdy to approve the meeting agenda for June 29, 2015

Second: Rice

Discussion: None

MOTION CARRIED; Voting Aye Huber, Dawdy, Stevens, Rice

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

MOTION: Dawdy to approve Consent Items including meeting minutes from March 3, 2015, Employee Contracts, and Senate Bill 191 Assurances Form.

Second: Rice

Discussion: None

MOTION CARRIED; Voting Aye Huber, Dawdy, Stevens, Rice

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

2014-15 Supplemental 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 Supplemental Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015. General Fund \$2,091,586 – Total Appropriation \$2,091,586

Second: Stevens

Discussion: None

MOTION CARRIED; Voting Aye Huber, Dawdy, Stevens, Rice

2015-16 Adopted Budget

MOTION: Dwady - 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 Adopted Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016. General Fund \$1,667,889 – Total Appropriation \$1,667,889

Second: Rice

Discussion: None

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INFORMATION ITEMS/DISCUSSION

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

STAFFING UPDATE / CONTRACTS

Occupational Therapy:

We have been "courting" 2 OT's. One took a higher paying position with Douglas County, and the other had a family emergency and is no longer moving to the area this school year. We are currently looking to hire 2 part-time COTA's, with less OT time, in case we have to contract again. We are talking to 2 COTA's right now, and have posted widely for both positions.

Physical Therapy:

Brandon Stapanowich has accepted our offer as the BOCES PT. He will serve all three districts and have the flexibility to collaborate and serve students across his week. (3 days in WP, 1 day in MSSD, and 1 day in CC-V) He has an extensive background with clubs and activities for people with physical disabilities. (Pikes Peak Achilles, Amputee Running Clinic, Therapeutic Recreation)

We look forward to the opportunities he can bring to our families!

Speech:

We are (knock on wood) fully staffed for our speech needs. We just finalized the hiring of Kandi Coyle to serve Cripple Creek-Victor 20 hours per week.

We are continuing the model in WP with 1.8 SLP FTE (Jan Condron and Danene Schreiner) supervising 2 full-time paras who are committed to continual learning for speech services.

Manitou continues to be thankfully served by Leah Johnson and Denise Spangler with a small contract with Wendy Rich to serve our High School students.

Teacher for Deaf/Hard of Hearing:

We are working with a possible teacher now to provide services for one day per week.

Medicaid Coordinator:

We posted for the new Medicaid Coordinator position this week, set to close June 26th.

BUDGET

Tim is presenting a supplemental budget to include the remainder of the IDEA funds, the High Cost funds, and additional grant funds. He is also presenting the 2015-16 Budget for approval.

MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT (signed certification)

This is the federal requirement that states districts must "maintain" the same level of state and local funding for special education from year to year. (Each year, you sign the certification stating you are committed to ensuring the districts/BOCES "maintain the effort" of funding from the previous year.)

This year we were notified that our BOCES had not met the Maintenance of Effort requirement. We worked hard with CDE and Tim spent many hours working with each district to make coding corrections. We also submitted allowable exceptions for 2 staff salaries we were unable to replace, causing us to spend less the next year. Thank you, Tim, for working so diligently on this!

MOU/Policies

At the last Board Meeting, we discussed the need to review and update our board policies. The Superintendents and I went through them and have a few changes to propose that will make them more

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current and appropriate. Since Kelly Butts cannot attend this meeting, we will hold this item for the September Board Meeting.

TRAININGS

- August 6 & 7 We are offering Non-Violent Crisis Intervention Training for all special education staff this summer, as well as 3 other sessions during the school year for any newly-hired staff.
- July 10 To better serve our students with the most significant needs, we are contracting with the Joshua School to train the teachers, and any paras who would like to attend.
- July 22 Work group of the SSN teachers on curriculum/standards modules.
- TBD Training on new ReThink Curriculum for SSN Teachers/staff.
- August 10-11 Back to School Special Ed. Process Training (WP and CCV)
- August 14 Paraeducator Training open for all paras BOCES-wide
- August 20-21 Back to School Special Ed. Process Training (MSSD)

GRANTS

HB 1345 Funding Assistance for BOCES (\$96,194.41):

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 have spent approximately \$30,000 on the stipends for Tina Cassens and Scott Black, to work with each district on their individual needs for improving principals' observations and feedback skills. The rest of the funds will be spent on professional development for our principals. There will also be an additional \$5,000 for the 2015-16 School Year to cover continued state training costs for Tina.

Universal Screening for Gifted (\$4,458.91):

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

School Counselor Corps for Grant Writing:

Each BOCES receives a portion of this state funding for grant writing/management for those BOCES who coordinate services beyond special education. We became eligible for this funding when our districts began coordinating on the above grants 3 years ago. We use these funds for our IEP Reviewer to oversee compliant IEP's.

Medicaid Coordinator Grant (appr. \$22,000-24,000 depending on salary scale):

We received notification that we have been awarded this grant to hire a .8 Medicaid Coordinator! Currently, Kendal and 2 other administrative assistants manage the Medicaid duties for each of the three districts. Although these ladies have done well, and are responsible for significant revenue reimbursements, one coordinator can more efficiently perform the Medicaid duties for all 3 districts. This person will be able to focus solely on Medicaid and increase Medicaid enrollment, thus increasing Medicaid reimbursements. We have posted the position, set to close June 26th. We hope to interview July 29-30. The new hire will begin July 28th.

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GIFTED EDUCATION

Our state visit on May 7-8 went very well! Our GT teachers arranged for visits at each school. The team observed gifted services and interviewed parents, students, and staff. They were very complimentary of our services, especially the opportunities we offer for advanced courses, visual and performing arts. They recommend that our Manitou and Woodland Park teachers assist the staff with opportunities for students with these talents. They found 2 compliance areas in Identification and Evaluation/Accountability. They want us to adopt the new state eligibility criteria, on which we receive training in September. We also have to begin to formally evaluate our own GT programs each year. CDE is creating a formal report, scheduled to be released to us this month. Once we receive this, we will have to submit a Corrective Action Plan to be implemented within one year.

HIGH COST (Handout)

Kendal worked with each district to identify the students who met the \$25,000 and \$40,000 limits for the costs of their special education services. She identified 28 students in-district and 2 students out-of-district. These were submitted, and a state committee ranked each student according to a formula that analyzes the impact of each student on the district's budget. The first students that reach \$2 million in each category are selected for reimbursement to each district.

Cripple Creek again had the highest impact and received \$63,913; Woodland Park received \$37,986; and Manitou did not receive any reimbursement.

OTHER

Next board meeting: **Tuesday, September 22, 2015 at 5:30pm**

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

MOTION: Dawdy to move into Executive Session at 6:05pm

Second: Rice

Discussion: None

MOTION CARRIED; Voting Aye Huber, Dawdy, Stevens, Rice

Motion: Stevens to adjourn from Executive Session at 6:20pm

Second: Dawdy

Discussion: None

MOTION CARRIED; Voting Aye Huber, Dawdy, Stevens, Rice

ADJOURN

Motion: Rice to adjourn meeting at 6:22pm

Second: Dawdy

Discussion: None

MOTION CARRIED; Voting Aye Huber, Dawdy, Stevens, Rice

Attest:

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

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