

Ute Pass B.O.C.E.S. Board Minutes
September 18, 2013

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

Regular Board Meeting – September 18, 2013

BOARD MEETING CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Brent Kennedy. Roll call was done with the following members present: Bill Blackburn, Kelly Butts, and Molly Stevens. Also in attendance were: Jed Bowman, Sue Holmes, Kendal Kelly, Ed Longfield, Tim Miller, Amy Nieman and Marcy Palmer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Stevens to approve meeting agenda for September 18, 2013.

Second: Butts

Discussion: None

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

MOTION: Stevens to approve consent items with the following amendment to Burrall's employment contract. Update the date under Section X which currently reads: This contract is null and void if not returned signed and in the possession of the Director of the BOCES by noon on July 15, 2013.

Second: Butts

Discussion: The contract return date should be updated accordingly

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

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Contracted IEP Reviewer Position

MOTION: Stevens to approve the contracted IEP Reviewer position

Second: Blackburn

Discussion:

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

INFORMATION ITEMS/DISCUSSION

BOARD MEMBER APPRECIATION

We honor and thank Brent Kennedy, Rick Wetzel and Amy Nieman for their service and commitment to our Board of Cooperative Educational Services and the students with special needs of Cripple Creek-Victor, Manitou Springs, and Woodland Park. Our BOCES was first created in 2004, to give Manitou Springs and Woodland Park a more independent way to retain a larger share of the special education funding by separating from Pikes Peak BOCES. Cripple Creek-Victor then joined us in 2005. In 2006, during the Continuing Improvement Monitoring Process by CDE, we were charged with increasing our "cooperative" nature. Since that time, we have grown in our scope and effectiveness as a special education unit. We thank our past and current Board Leadership for supporting and guiding our BOCES as we continue to investigate cooperative services opportunities.

- Brent Kennedy served on our Board for the past eight years (2005-present), and as our President for the past four.
- Rick Wetzel served as our Vice-President for the past four years from 2008-2013.
- Amy Nieman served on our Board as our Secretary for seven years from 2005-2012.

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STAFF CHANGES AND UPDATES

We want to welcome Courtney Burrall, our new Speech Language Pathologist. She is replacing Mandy Keheler. Mandy did a wonderful job with our Extended School Year this summer, but decided to move back to Washington as school started. We were fortunate to find Courtney who joined us on very short notice! Jan Condron, our veteran, has organized the team so that she is serving Cripple Creek-Victor one day per week, while she shares Woodland Park with Danene Schreiner and Courtney.

We have only had three applicants this summer for our **Behavior Specialist**, which were not qualified for the position. I propose we keep the budgeted salary at the BOCES, and cover any needed private behavior consultants from this amount. The remainder will then be flowed through to the three districts at the end of the year. I will track the number of needs we have this year, and will discuss with the superintendents the possibility of developing one of our existing staff members.

We have contracted with a central person as our **IEP Reviewer** for our whole BOCES, rather than paying stipends to staff in each district. This person is anonymous and provides more consistency in expectations for our IEP's. This person will receive a stipend for the same total amount that was being paid from each district.

TRAININGS

The BOCES team provided some excellent trainings for our staff this summer! Special thanks to Manitou's OT, Lisa Huizinga and Chloann Woolley, our Assistive Tech. Coordinator, for offering multiple trainings to our staff this summer!

We also offered Non-Violent Crisis Intervention Training in June, August, and last Friday the 13th. We are sad to report that one of our trainers, Sonia Reavis left the Woodland Park School District. We have replaced her, as a trainer, with Adric Arndt, our Special Education Coordinator/School Psychologist for Woodland Park.

PROGRAM EVALUATION

This school year, our Related Services will be evaluated. Related services are defined as those services necessary to support access to the general and special education services/environments. These include Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Social Work, Psychology, Speech Language Therapy, and Assistive Technology. We will meet with this group during our next Assistive Technology to discuss the components of this evaluation.

GIFTED and TALENTED PROGRAM

I will be attending the State G/T Directors Meeting September 17th -18th. We will discuss additional elements being added to each district's Unified Improvement Plan to address growth of Gifted Students. We will meet with each district's G/T staff to analyze student data that has been provided to us, for the first time, by the state.

STATE REPORTS

Kendal just completed the submission of the 2012-13 End of Year Report, which details all students receiving special services during the school year. This is the last submission collected using the old Automated Data Exchange. The Data Pipeline will be utilized to collect all district reports, including general and special education. The Local Services Plan for Medicaid, the Federal Funding Application, and the Performance Reports are all also due in June and July.

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Board Replacements / Offices

Woodland Park will appoint the elected officer from their current board. Each district will decide who fills the open position for the BOCES Board. Reorganization will then take place at our next meeting in December.

OTHER

Next board meeting: December 18, 2013 at 5:30pm.

ADJOURN

MOTION: Stevens to adjourn meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Second: Butts

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