

Ute Pass B.O.C.E.S. Board Minutes
September 19, 2012

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

Regular Board Meeting – September 19, 2012

BOARD MEETING CALL TO ORDER

The work session was called to order by Rick Wetzel at 6:05 p.m. with the following members present: Bill Blackburn, Kelly Butts and Molly Stevens. Also in attendance were: Kendal Kelly, Ed Longfield, Tim Miller and Marcy Palmer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Butts to approve meeting agenda for September 19, 2012

Second: Stevens

Discussion: None

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

MOTION: Stevens to approve consent items include meeting minutes from June 6, 2012

Second: Butts

Discussion: None

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

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

2012-13 Pikes Peak BOCES Contract

Motion: Blackburn to approve the 2012-13 Pikes Peak BOCES contract

Second: Stevens

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

Discussion: This year's contract includes the administrative costs for our Associate Membership. Each year, we compare the costs of the membership to the fees charged (30%) for services for non-members. We continue to contract services for an Audiologist 2 days per month and a Teacher for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing 1 day per week. We also evaluate the costs for placements of some of our students at The School of Excellence, which has historically been greater than the administrative fee. This year, we currently have placed one student temporarily in the Liberty Program for students with significant intellectual and behavioral needs. We also have 4 students placed for at least this semester in the Pathways Program for students with Serious Emotional Disabilities. As you can see from the annual fees for these placements, an additional 30% fee would be greater than our Associate Membership fee. We will continue to evaluate the need for this membership annually.

INFORMATION ITEMS/DISCUSSION

Director's Report

UTE PASS BOCES STAFF: Welcome!

Kendal Kelly - Administrative Assistant

Nancy Ellis - Behavior Specialist

Chloann Woolley - Assistive Technology Coordinator/Teacher for the Visually Impaired

Jan Condron - Speech Language Pathologist Coordinator

Caitlin Wright - Speech Language Pathologist (Woodland Park and Cripple Creek)

Leah Neilson-Johnson - Speech Language Pathologist (Manitou Springs)

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STAFF TRAININGS

This year, we continue to see an increase of students with more unique and significant needs. Because these students require specialized training and programming, our Behavior Specialist, Nancy Ellis, has worked with teachers to develop appropriate services in our districts. Nancy will offer a multi-session training for Implementing the VB-MAPP in Public School for staff beginning next month and lasting for 6 sessions.

Chloann has also proposed we offer a Sign Language class for staff. Although we do not have deaf students at this time who sign, we do have students who are non-verbal. Often, sign is used with these students to assist them in communicating in a different way later.

EXCENT/ENRICH IEP PROGRAM UPDATE

We are using the program for all IEP's and working through issues as they arise. Kendal, Adric and I field calls for staff and do our best to resolve any issues. There are a few issues we have submitted to CDE and the Enrich support staff that we cannot resolve.

The Woodland Park data continues to be our biggest hurdle. Enrich says they have developed a solution for our Infinite Campus import. They are loading the Woodland Park students' data into the system currently. This continues to be our main focus for us all as we support staff in this implementation.

GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAM PLAN

Our multi-year program plan has been submitted for 2012-2016. This plan addresses our services to GT students, the identification process, and goals to improve our GT students' performance. This was developed after a BOCES meeting of all GT staff last fall. We have since had meetings at the district level at least quarterly to analyze our processes and services. We are scheduled for our CGER (Colorado Gifted Education Review) next year. Our last review was in 2008, where the state identified areas for improvement. We have improved these areas and will continue to strengthen our services as a BOCES.

END OF YEAR INFORMATION

Our End of Year Report has just been finalized and submitted. This report details all students on IEP's served in our BOCES from July 1, 2011 – June 30 2012. Indicators 11 and 12 are evaluated from this data. (Initial Eligibility for Special Education completed within 60 days; IEP in place from Part C to B by child's 3rd birthday) EOY data:

- 18 students with disabilities graduated
- Only 1 student truly dropped out of high school
- 16 more initial evaluations for special education than last year
- 21 fewer students left the districts than last year
- 29 Infants and Toddlers qualified for Part C services
- 100 more students were served in Special Education

BOCES COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Federal rules require each Administrative Unit to have a Comprehensive Plan. This basically outlines federal rules for special education, which we commit to follow. There is also an individualized section that gives specific information about our BOCES policies and procedures. This includes detail on our financial commitment, staffing allocations, and our evaluation process.

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HB 12-1345 FUNDING ASSISTANCE TO BOCES

Applications for the HB 12-1345 BOCES funding are due October 1st. This Bill allows for new funding for BOCES based on their number of districts and total student count to meet state educational initiatives. (1. Educator Effectiveness, 2. School District Accreditation/Accountability, 3. Standards and Assessments, 4. READ Act) Our portion could be over \$35,000. We are considering a request towards Educator Effectiveness and Standards and Assessments.

OTHER

Next board meeting: December 5, 2012 6pm; dinner at 5:30pm

Items for the agenda will include a revised budget and the results of the October 1 audit.

Bill Blackburn asked how the districts would handle a big influx of SPED students should it happen? The superintendents said funding is available through December Count and we could also obtain funds through the High Cost report if they qualified.

Director Evaluation (Board did not go into Executive Session)

The board provided Marcy a copy of the completed evaluation. Marcy had the chance to review the document and ask questions.

Question: Under recommendations it states, "Development of clear guidelines and timelines for director evaluations, including a 360 degree model which includes director goals and self-evaluation."

The board agreed that this is incorrect and should be removed. It was decided that they would take the recommendations and commendations from the superintendents each June.

ADJOURN

MOTION: Blackburn to adjourn meeting at 7:20pm

Second: Butts

Discussion: None

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

Attest:

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

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