

Ute Pass B.O.C.E.S. Board Minutes  
October 11, 2016

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

Regular Board Meeting – October 11, 2016

**BOARD MEETING CALL TO ORDER**

This meeting was held as a conference call this month. The meeting was called to order at 5:36 p.m. by Gwynne Dawdy. The following members were present: Gwynne Dawdy, Corbin Graber, Molly Stevens, and Sonya Teigen.

Also on the call: Jeb Bowman, Ed Longfield, Kendal Kelly, Tim Miller, and Marcy Palmer

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION: Dawdy to approve the meeting agenda for October 11, 2016

Second: Teigen

Discussion: None

MOTION CARRIED; Voting Aye Dawdy, Graber, Stevens, Teigen

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS**

MOTION: Stevens to approve Consent Items including meeting minutes from June 28, 2016

Second: Teigen

Discussion: None

MOTION CARRIED; Voting Aye Dawdy, Graber, Stevens, Teigen

**BOARD ACTION ITEMS**

None

**INFORMATION ITEMS/DISCUSSION**

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**STAFFING UPDATE / CONTRACTS**

BOCES Staff:

Kassy Kleymann	1.0 Speech Language Pathologist	Woodland Park
Kandi Coyle	1.0 Speech Language Pathologist	CC-V / WP
Samantha de Naray	.6 Certified Occupational Therapist	Manitou Springs
Kendal Kelly	Most Awesome Administrative Asst.	BOCES
Leah Johnson	.8 Speech Language Pathologist	Manitou Springs
Chris Litzelman	1.0 Transition Coordinator	Manitou/WP/CCV
Robin Nuss	1.0 Occupational Therapist/IEP Coach	BOCES
Danene Schreiner	.8 Speech Language Pathologist	Woodland Park
Brandon Stapanowich	1.0 Physical Therapist	BOCES
Katie Uberroth	contracted IEP Reviewer	BOCES
Rhonda May	1.0 Behavior Specialist	BOCES
Traci Woofter	.75 Medicaid Coordinator	BOCES
Chloann Woolley	1.0 TVI / Assistive Tech. Coordinator	BOCES
Anna Griffith	1.0 Speech Language Pathology Asst.	CC-V / WP

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This is the best team! They are working closely to support our students who have multiple service providers. Our staff and students absolutely love these folks!

We are contracting with Pikes Peak BOCES for .4 Audiologist, and with CSDB for .4 Teacher of the Deaf/Hard of Hearing. We also contract with 2 SLP's for some extra Speech Therapy in Manitou.

All have developed ambitious professional and student growth goals in our evaluation system. Our goal setting meetings have taken place, and I will be observing new staff formally each semester and veteran staff once during the year, as well as informally through our various meetings.

Thanks to our great superintendents, they supported our need for an IEP Coach with increased hours. (30 hours per week) We were unable to hire one person for the position, but were fortunate enough to find two wonderful ladies to split the position. Our own Robin Nuss is supporting our new teachers as the coach. (11 out of 27 certified staff are new)

Katie Uberroth, Transition Coordinator for Widefield, is reviewing the IEP's of our veteran staff. Staff reports that they are very happy with the process so far. Robin is working with teachers prior to their IEP meetings to develop appropriate plans, instead of having to make corrections after meetings have occurred.

Rhonda May has also been a great addition as our new Behavior Specialist. She has joined right in, supporting our teachers with some incredibly challenging students/situations. She is also working toward her Administration degree/license, and this has helped immensely in supporting our staff as well.

### **TRAININGS**

Non-Violent Crisis Intervention- we have offered 3 Initial and 2 Refresher Trainings since August. Our next training is October 25<sup>th</sup>, with a special emphasis for administrators.

SPED Process Training- We held trainings in Woodland Park and Manitou for all the special education staff in August. We covered required IEP/Process content as well as best practices in special education.

New Teacher Training- we are offering monthly trainings for all new special education teachers, to further support their understanding and implementation of special education. (11 of our 25 certified positions are new to our districts) Adric and I lead these, but we also invite guest speakers/trainers in specific topic areas.

Paraprofessional Training- We trained over 60 paraprofessionals in August! Topics included para responsibilities in Instructional Accommodations, Assistive Technology, Behavioral Strategies, Data Collection, and Medicaid.

### **SPECIAL EDUCATION GENERALIST**

I am serving on a state work group whose purpose is to define how special education teachers can be endorsed with a Generalist License. In March 2017, new rules will go into effect that require teachers to pass the PLACE exam, and also have 24 credit hours in special education, *or equivalent*. Our group will meet every 2 weeks through December to develop a proposal for the State Board of Education that will offer options for teachers to work in the field while gaining the education they need locally, outside of Higher Education.

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### **GIFTED EDUCATION**

Our 4-year Comprehensive Plan is due October 15<sup>th</sup>. This plan describes how our districts will comply with state rules governing gifted education. It describes our identification process, programming options, budgeting, and evaluation of our growth. Our teachers are fine-tuning the ALP (Advanced Learning Plan) process while they work toward changing how students are identified. In the past, students were identified as gifted in Language Arts, Math, both or Other. There are now 12 categories including General Intelligence, Reading, Writing, Math, World Languages, Science, Social Studies, Leadership, Creativity, Psychomotor, Visual and Performing Arts.

### **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, district assessments and teacher recruitment/retention.

#### Educator Effectiveness Liaison :

We have some funds carried over from this grant, and will look at bringing Cognitive Coaching to our area for our administrators. This will end as soon as these funds are expended.

#### Universal Screening for Gifted (\$3,459.65):

We received this funding to support screening all 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders using the CogAT, 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 95<sup>th</sup> 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 (\$26,650):

We received this grant last year to hire a .75 Medicaid Coordinator. Traci Woofter was hired to handle the duties Kendal and 2 other administrative assistants managed for each of the three districts. She has also expanded the duties, resulting in increased reimbursements to each district. This grant gradually decreases each year over the 3 years. (65% this year) The intent is that the additional Medicaid reimbursements will fund this salary fully at the end of the 3-year period.

### **OTHER**

Next board meeting: **Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 5:30pm**

### **ADJOURN**

MOTION: Dawdy to adjourn meeting at 5:48 p.m.

Second: Teigen

Discussion: None

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Attest:

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