

Ute Pass B.O.C.E.S. Board Minutes
June 19, 2013

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

Regular Board Meeting – June 19, 2013

BOARD MEETING CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Kelly Butts. Roll call was done with the following members present: Bill Blackburn, Kelly Butts, and Molly Stevens. Also in attendance were: Brian Gustafson, Sue Holmes, Kendal Kelly, Ed Longfield, Tim Miller, and Marcy Palmer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Blackburn to approve meeting agenda for June 19, 2013

Second: Stevens

Discussion: None

MOTION CARRIED; Voting Aye Blackburn, Butts, Stevens

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

MOTION: Blackburn to approve consent items.

Second: Stevens

Discussion: Consent items included March 6, 2013 meeting minutes, staff resignations, the SLP model, and employee contracts for 2013-14.

MOTION CARRIED; Voting Aye Blackburn, Butts, Stevens

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

IDEA Funding Eligibility Certification for Maintenance of Effort (signature required)

MOTION: None

Second: None

Discussion: It was decided that no motion was necessary. Kelly Butts will sign the certification form.

Supplemental Budget 2012-13

MOTION: Stevens to approve the 2012-13 Supplemental Budget

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, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013.

General Fund \$2,124,688 Total Appropriations \$2,124,688

Second: Blackburn

Discussion: The reason for this budget is to add Educational Orphan revenue (Revenues, page 2, line 28) and High Cost revenue (line 30) so we can "spend it" by flowing it to the districts.

MOTION CARRIED; Voting Aye Blackburn, Butts, Stevens

Adopted Budget 2013-14

MOTION: Blackburn to approve the 2013-14 Adopted Budget

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, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014.

General Fund \$1,792,279 Total Appropriations \$1,792,279

Second: Stevens

Discussion: None

MOTION CARRIED; Voting Aye Blackburn, Butts, Stevens

INFORMATION ITEMS/DISCUSSION

STAFF CHANGES AND UPDATES

As of today, Nancy Ellis, our Behavior Specialist, has resigned to take the position at Woodland Park High School as a special education teacher for students with emotional disabilities. She will complete her contract days working in ESY. She'll be coordinating with Josh DeSmidt, the alternative education teacher, to provide a variety of services to this unique population. As with all of our center-based programs, this program is available for students from our 3 member districts who need a more restrictive placement based on their disability. We have posted for her position.

Although we were happy overall with the speech model this year in Woodland Park with paras, we had two highly qualified candidates apply for the position, and felt this was a more optimum speech model for the needs of the students. Our two new Speech Language Pathologists have been hired and are awaiting contracts. We now have 4 total SLP's in our BOCES providing 3.7 FTE of service. 2.8 FTE serving Woodland Park, .2 serving Cripple Creek with para support, and .7 serving Manitou Springs along with their .5 contracted SLP. Mandy Keheler, who has extensive experience with autism and assistive technology, will serve students with significant needs across the district, and Danene Schreiner, who has over 20 years experience, will be working the students with mild/moderate speech language needs at Gateway, Columbine and Middle School. Jan Condron, our veteran SLP will serve Summit Elementary and Cripple Creek-Victor. Leah Neilson-Johnson has requested to serve Manitou 3 ½ days per week instead of the 4 she's currently providing. (Reduction from .8 to .7) In reviewing her caseload with her, we feel this is appropriate and she will continue to be able to serve her caseload of students just as effectively.

We are looking at hiring a new position within the BOCES who would primarily be reviewing IEP's from the Woodland Park School District and Manitou Spring School District. This person will also be working with the collection of Medicaid data so the BOCES can claim for services more effectively

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. In reviewing all three programs in all three districts, there were many similarities. Areas of strength were our transition IEP's and meeting students' needs through a continuum of program options. Improvement areas include: student success one year after leaving our programs; improving the growth rate for our special needs students, and self-advocacy of the students in participating in the management of their programs.

FEDERAL NARRATIVE

This is three-year plan describing how we will spend our federal funds for Part B and Preschool each year. We have always spent our funds on salaries and benefits of highly qualified staff, and this plan continues that. We also have to provide a proportionate share of the funds (per pupil) for students served in our private school.

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LOCAL SERVICES PLAN

Every five years, Medicaid requires that we submit a BOCES plan that explains how we will spend our Medicaid reimbursement funds. Although the districts each receive their own funds, this plan is submitted and monitored through our BOCES.

HIGH COST REIMBURSEMENT

We as a BOCES received our High Cost Reimbursement from the state. Again, this is the reimbursement the state provides for students whose services are above the thresholds of \$25,000 for in-district students and \$40,000 for out-of-district students. The state uses a formula to compare each student to the overall budget for each district. Only \$2 million is allocated statewide for each area. Please see attachment for the three-year comparison.

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 1st pending approval.

OTHER

Tim Miller asked that the districts work with the BOCES to ensure staff moving between our member districts and Ute Pass BOCES, do not incur additional cost for medical insurance coverage during their transition.

We will discuss potential changes to the Ute Pass BOCES salary schedule at the next board meeting.
The next meeting is scheduled for September 18, 2013 at 6:00pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Director's Evaluation

MOTION: Stevens to move into Executive Session at 6:55pm to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to Colorado Revised Statute 24-6-402(4)(f).

Second: Blackburn

Discussion: The board members and superintendents were asked to participate in the executive session.

MOTION CARRIED; Voting Aye Blackburn, Butts, Stevens

MOTION: Stevens to adjourn from Executive Session at 7:21pm

Second: Blackburn

MOTION CARRIED; Voting Aye Blackburn, Butts, Stevens

ADJOURN

MOTION: Blackburn to adjourn meeting at 7:22p.m.

Second: Stevens

Discussion: None

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Attest:

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

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