

**Rio Blanco Board of
Cooperative Educational Services
Minutes
August 28, 2014**

The meeting was called to order by the President of the board, Kurt Blunt at 7:11 p.m.

Board Members Present: Tom Allen, Kurt Blunt, Mindy Burke, Bill deVergie, Kurt Douglas, Joyce Key, Leslie Nielsen, Todd Shults, and Annette Webber.

Board Members Absent: Marnell Bradfield, Bud Ridings , Sam Tolley

Others Present: Teresa Schott, Jessica Fortunato, Kris Denny, Matt Scoggins, Bethoven Montecillo.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Mindy Burke to accept the agenda as presented.

Second by Leslie Nielsen

ROLL CALL VOTE

For: Allen, Blunt, Burke, deVergie, Douglas, Key, Nielsen, Shults, Annette Webber

Absent: Bradfield, Bud Ridings, Tolley

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mindy Burke to approve the Consent Agenda: Minutes of the May 15, 2014 meeting, Warrants and Finance Report, Resignations of certified staff: Cathy Smith, Brooke Lohse, Christy McElhaney, classified staff: Raeanon Casis. New certified staff: Bethoven Montecillo, Judy Davis, Rebekah Savage, Gary Bennett, Kristin Fehlmann. New classified staff: Rosa Lopez, Jen Hood
Seconded by: Todd Shults

ROLL CALL VOTE

For: Allen, Blunt, Burke, deVergie, Douglas, Key, Nielsen, Shults, Webber

Absent: Bradfield, Ridings, Tolley

PUBLIC INPUT

N/A

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

2014-2015 Final Budget

Ms. Fortunato explained the narrative and gave an overview of the budget for each of the member districts. She reviewed changes that had taken place since the presentation of the preliminary budget in May. She handed out a three-year comparison for the board to review. Ms. Fortunato explained that both districts saw an increase due to new employees coming in a little higher than we expected. The BOCES took over the Medicaid program therefore; Medicaid expenses and revenue have been included in this final budget. In taking over the Medicaid program we also have taken over the employment of the school nurses in both districts. The workman's compensation insurance also came in higher than projected, which caused another slight increase. The Board acknowledged the final 2014-2015 budget, as presented.

Motion by Mindy Burke to approve the 2014-2015 Final Budget as presented,

Seconded by: Todd Shults

ROLL CALL VOTE

For: Allen, Blunt, Burke, deVergie, Douglas, Key, Nielsen, Shults, Webber

Absent: Bradfield, Ridings, Tolley

CCIP

Ms. Schott discussed the CCIP- Colorado Continuous Improvement Process. As a state we are doing well and meeting compliance. Our team will be attending a compliance meeting focusing around our own compliance check. Ten of our IEP's will be randomly pulled from CDE (Colorado Department of Education) and then it is our job to audit 56 component issues within each IEP. A parent survey will also go to the parents of these students.

Gifted and Talented-

Ms. Schott explained that Julia Watson met with the Gifted and Talented coordinator , Cheryl Blackburn in Rangely and met with Teresa and Mr. Meyer in Meeker. The G.T. coordinators for Meeker are the building principals. We are due for our Colorado Gifted Education Review this year. The GERC's (Gifted Education Regional Consultants) will review our administrative checklist. We are following the state flow chart and the identification process. We are trying to get our numbers up and getting programs established for our GT students.

Sam Tolley joined the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Preschool Update

Ms. Schott explained that the preschool numbers are down with 42 students in Rangely and 49 in Meeker. Our CPP slots are full; we were not reporting the unmet needs and we will correct this and do a better job identifying these students within the October 1 counts. This will hopefully create more CPP slots allocated to each district, in the future.

Induction

Julie McVicker, with Leading the Learning, will come for a mentor and induction training, she will meet with our mentors Crandal Mergleman ,Keri Grieser and Teresa Schott for 2 days and then all of the new teachers and mentors will attend a 2 day training. We have 8 new teachers in Meeker and 14 new teachers in Rangely.

Medicaid/Nursing

The BOCES took over as the billing agent for both districts. We are seeing an increase of funds for Medicaid. We have one full-time nurse in Rangely and we are hoping to get a part-time nurse in Meeker for this year. Ms. Schott is doing her best to hire a nurse for the Meeker school district.

Meeting Dates

The board discussed and decided on the following meeting dates:
November 20th in Meeker at 7:00 p.m.
December 2nd at 6:00 p.m. via adobe connect.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by the President of the board, Kurt Blunt at 8:15 p.m.

Respectably Submitted,



Kris Denny
Rio Blanco BOCES Board Secretary