

**Rio Blanco Board of
Cooperative Educational Services
Minutes
December 12, 2014**

The meeting was called to order by the President of the board, Kurt Blunt at 6:01 p.m.

Board Members Present: Kurt Blunt, Marnell Bradfield, Mindy Burke, Bill deVergie, Joyce Key, Leslie Nielsen, Bud Ridings, Todd Shults, and Annette Webber.

Board Members Absent: Tom Allen, Kurt Douglas, and Sam Tolley

Others Present: Teresa Schott, Jessica Fortunato, Kris Denny, Matt Scoggins, Mark Meyer and Janell Urista, Roger Maggard

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Mindy Burke to accept the agenda as presented.
Second by Bud Ridings

ROLL CALL VOTE

For: Blunt, Bradfield, Burke, deVergie, Key, Nielsen, Ridings, Shults, Webber
Absent: Allen, Douglas, Tolley

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mindy Burke to approve the Consent Agenda: Minutes of the August 28, 2014 meeting, Warrants and Finance Report, Resignations of Toni Francis, New hires: Mayra Castillo and Melissa Woodward
Second by: Annette Webber

ROLL CALL VOTE

For: Blunt, Bradfield, Burke, deVergie, Key, Nielsen, Ridings, Shults, Webber
Absent: Allen, Douglas, Tolley

PUBLIC INPUT

N/A

Kurt Douglas entered meeting at 6:07 p.m.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Audit Report

Roger Maggard from Hays, Maggard and Hood P.C. presented the 2014 Audit report. Mr. Maggard thanked the staff for their cooperation and assistance. They found the books and records to be in excellent working order with no difficulties or unusual financial adjustments or corrections. They found that the staff is performing with sound business practices, no compliance issues were found. As he has stated in the past, due to the small number of employees they understand the control issues but would like to recommend segregations of different duties, if at all possible. He also recommended that we adopt Procurement Policies required for Federal grants. Properly written policies are also one of the best ways to improve your organization's internal controls for federal grants and minimize the likelihood of fraud. Overall, they were pleased with their findings and thanked the board for engaging them to be their independent auditor.

Motion by Leslie Nielsen to accept the 2014 Final audit report as presented by Roger Maggard,
Seconded by: Annette Webber

ROLL CALL VOTE

For: Blunt, Bradfield, Burke, deVergie, Douglas, Key, Nielsen, Ridings, Shults, Webber

Absent: Allen, Tolley

CCIP

Ms. Schott discussed the CCIP- Colorado Continuous Improvement Process. As a state we are doing well and meeting compliance. Ten of our IEP's have been randomly selected from CDE (Colorado Department of Education) to be reviewed. Parent surveys were sent to 100 parents and will be collected by CDE and reviewed through Indicator 14. Feedback will be given back to us on meaningful participation.

Children's Health Fair

April 10th in Rangely and April 17th in Meeker- we have met with our Children's Resource council and have started the prep and planning.

Application Updates

Ms. Schott discussed the applications that were due this year, one being the 1345. The 1345 is money received to support our member districts, they will review us on what we provided and how well that was implemented. The Gifted and Talented grant was due and the funding is coming from legislation. This money we receive will be specific towards highly qualified staff and universal screenings at the elementary and secondary levels.

Professional Development Updates

Ms. Schott informed the board that we have a Child Find team participating in a year long training to identify our process and an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding). This is our birth to 5 referral process that we share with Horizons. There is talk of a possible takeover from Department of Human Services for our seek and find Part C birth to 3, however there is a lot of mixed opinions being that the rural communities are so far apart, and the children won't get the proper attention that they need. We also will be providing two early literacy trainings with Lynn Coons. Ms. Coons will be training with our preschool teachers on preschool programs and also providing an overall literacy training to our preschool and primary teachers.

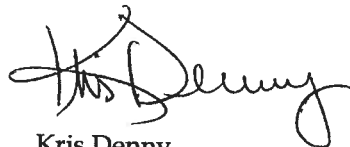
AU Determination Letter

Ms. Schott noted that the BOCES received the official letter from CDE that we were 100% compliant and we are meeting all expectations with state and federal statutes of IDEA (Individual Disabilities Education Act) section 618.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by the President of the board, Kurt Blunt at 6:34 p.m.

Respectably Submitted,



Kris Denny
Rio Blanco BOCES Board Secretary