

**Rio Blanco Board of
Cooperative Educational Services
Minutes
May 10th 2016**

The meeting was called to order by the President of the Board, Leslie Nielsen at 6:54 p.m.

Board Members Present: Tom Allen, Kevin Amick, Bob Dorsett, Joyce Key, Leslie Nielsen, Todd Shults and Annette Webber

Board Members Absent: Bill deVergie, Kurt Douglas, Bud Ridings, David Smith and Sam Tolley

Others Present: Teresa Schott, Brad Bauer, Jessica Fortunato, Kris Denny, Chris Selle and Matt Scoggins

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Joyce Key to accept the agenda as presented.

Second by Tom Allen

ROLL CALL VOTE

For: Allen, Amack, Dorsett, Key, Nielsen, Shults, Webber

Absent: deVergie, Douglas, Ridings, Smith and Tolley

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Todd Shults to approve the Consent Agenda: Minutes of the March 29th 2016 meeting, Warrants and Finance Report, Resignations of Amy Patterson-Meeker Elementary Paraprofessional, Kristina Garr- Barone Middle School Paraprofessional.

Second by Kevin Amack

ROLL CALL VOTE

For: Allen, Amack, Dorsett, Key, Nielsen, Shults, Webber

Absent: deVergie, Douglas, Ridings, Smith and Tolley

PUBLIC INPUT - N/A

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

2016-17 Budget Approval

Ms. Fortunato explained the narrative and the overview of the budget for each of the member districts. No changes have been made to the budget from the March meeting. We are currently looking for a RJSHS Special Education teacher. Ms. Fortunato will show an adjusted budget in September if the staffing needs and benefits change. The Board approved the 2016-2017 budget, as presented.

Motion by Annette Webber to approve the 2016-2017 Budget as presented.

Second by Tom Allen

ROLL CALL VOTE

For: Allen, Amack, Dorsett, Key, Nielsen, Shults, Webber

Absent: deVergie, Douglas, Ridings, Smith and Tolley

Staffing Recommendations

Ms. Schott explained the staffing needs as presented in the handout. We are needing two Special Education Teachers. We are searching for an Early Childhood Special Education Teacher along with the RJSHS teacher. We are hoping to fill the position with a qualified teacher to do 6th through 12th and possibly add another Paraprofessional. It has been very difficult in the past few years to find qualified teachers.

Motion by Joyce Key to approve the Staffing Recommendations as presented,
seconded by Todd Shults

ROLL CALL VOTE

For: Allen, Amack, Dorsett, Key, Nielsen, Shults, Webber

Absent: deVergie, Douglas, Ridings, Smith and Tolley

Federal IDEA Part-B and Preschool Narrative Renewal 2016-2019

Ms. Fortunato explained that every three years we are up for renewal to explain what we are using the IDEA funds for. Ms. Fortunato will submit the narrative to CDE and get this approved. We can submit during the open application if our needs change within those three years. IDEA funds are used for part of Ms. Schott, Ms. Fortunato and Ms. Denny's salary, paraprofessionals and also travel and special supplies for students. We try to carry-over 30% of the funds in case severe needs students move into either district.

MOE- Maintenance of Effort

We received notification that we have met our MOE. Ms. Fortunato and Ms. Schott explained that in general the MOE is Federal funds appropriated under Part B of IDEA that may only be utilized to cover the excess costs of providing special education and related services to students with disabilities. These Federal funds must supplement/increase the level of other Federal, State and local funds expended for special education and related services and in no case supplant these funds. In addition, IDEA includes separate maintenance of effort provisions that apply independently at the State and local levels.

Meeting Dates for 2016-2017 School Year.

The board discussed meeting dates to be as followed:

September 13th in Rangely or Meeker TBD depending if we have a student presentation

December 13th in Rangely

February 28th in Meeker

May 9th in Rangely

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by the President of the Board, Leslie Nielsen at 7:46 p.m.

Respectably Submitted,

Kristine Denny
Rio Blanco BOCES Board Secretary