

**Rio Blanco Board of
Cooperative Educational Services
Minutes
September 13th 2016**

The meeting was called to order by the President of the Board, Leslie Nielsen at 7:04 p.m.

Board Members Present: Leslie Nielsen, Todd Shults, Sam Tolley, Annette Webber

*******No Quorum*******

Board Members Absent: Tom Allen, Kevin Amick, Bill deVergie, Bob Dorsett, Kurt Douglas, Joyce Key, Bud Ridings and David Smith

Others Present: Teresa Schott, Brad Bauer, Jessica Fortunato, Kris Denny, Judy Patton, Matt Scoggins, Kayla Packer, Jeneth Packer, Madeline Morrill and John Condie

PUBLIC INPUT- N/A

STUDENT PRESENTATION-

Kayla Packer along with her transition coordinator, Occupational Therapist Judy Patton, presented a PowerPoint depicting Kayla's transition program. Kayla spoke about her current programming, unpaid work experience and future goals as part of her person centered planning.

CDE Presentation- John Condie

Mr. Condie gave his update on CDE and implementing significant education improvements aimed at ensuring all students graduate college and are career ready. The CDE Educator Effectiveness team supports districts and BOCES with guidelines, trainings and resources for implementing the educator effectiveness law. The team's ultimate goal is to support educators in all communities as they continually improve their impact on student learning with standards, assessments, and accountability performance and the accreditation process.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

High Cost Allocation/Distribution

Ms. Fortunato explained to the board that we receive the High Cost Allocation, for students that cost at least \$25,000 a year. We submit an application for each qualified student every year. The state has a committee that decides which districts this funding would impact the most and every year we have been awarded an allocation. The BOCES does refund this entire allocation back to the districts.

Gifted and Talented/Special Education/Preschool and Counts

Mrs. Schott explained to the board the Gifted and Talented process and we currently have 13 students in Rangely identified as Gifted and 36 in Meeker. The preschool numbers in Rangely were lower than expected this year with 38 students and 50 students in Meeker. Our Special Education student count on IEP's, 54 in Rangely and 85 in Meeker for a total of 139. We are a total of 5 students down from our December 1 count from 2015.

SWAP Coordinator Recognition

Mrs. Schott congratulated Tami Dorris the SWAP Coordinator for both districts on the great job she is doing for our transitions students. We sent a Meeker student to the Hyatt Hotel in Denver to do a week of hands on education. The Hyatt sent a letter congratulating our student for the great job he did. Tami is currently at a college in New Mexico for students with significant support needs. She is touring with one of our students who is possibly attending next fall.

Medicaid Compliance

Rio Blanco BOCES was recognized at the Annual Medicaid Training for being 100% compliant for 2 years in a row.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by the President of the Board, Leslie Nielsen at 7:51 p.m.

Respectably Submitted,

Kristine Denny, Rio Blanco BOCES Board Secretary

Leslie Nielsen, President of the Board