



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, April 22, 2021

5:30 PM – Dinner
6:00 PM – Meeting Start

The Pikes Peak Board of Cooperative Educational Services meeting was held on Thursday, April 22, 2021 at the Pikes Peak BOCES.

The meeting was called to order (1.0) by Andrea Fowler, President at 6:05 PM & roll call was read. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited (2.0).

Present:	Absent:
<i>Andrea Fowler, Calhan</i>	<i>Ed Sweazy, Hanover</i>
<i>Bob McWilliams, Ellicott</i>	<i>Lee Vigil, Fremont</i>
<i>Del Olkjer, Elbert</i>	<i>Glenn Marsh, Edison</i>
<i>Terry Harfert, Peyton</i>	<i>Martin Howard, Miami Yoder</i>
<i>Tika Ethridge, Big Sandy</i>	<i>Tim McNerney, Hanover</i>
<i>Bob McWilliams, Ellicott</i>	<i>Tim Kistler, Peyton</i>
<i>Dwight Barnes, Miami Yoder</i>	
<i>Kelli Thompson, Elbert</i>	
<i>Steve Wilson, Big Sandy</i>	
<i>Paul Frank, Edison</i>	
<i>Dave Slothower, Calhan</i>	
<i>Brenda Krage, Fremont</i>	
<i>Pat Bershinsky, BOCES</i>	
<i>Deirdre Shearer, BOCES</i>	
<i>Brook Williamson, BOCES</i>	
<i>Larry McDowell, BOCES</i>	
<i>Caryl Manuszak, BOCES</i>	
<i>Gianna Perry, BOCES</i>	
<i>Susan Payne, BOCES</i>	

3.0 Public Comments: Pat wanted to publically thank Andrea for her time on the BOD; she is moving back home to MN and this will be her last meeting with us.

4.0 Corrections/Modifications to the Agenda: None

5.0 Adoption of Agenda:
Terry Harfert made a motion to adopt the meeting agenda; seconded by Bob McWilliams. Passed unanimously.

6.0 Communications/Board Comments: Tika commented that Andrea will be missed.

7.0 REPORT: SAC Advisory Chair – Dwight Barnes: This is budget season and everyone is waiting to hear what it will look like next year. Assessment season: they are waiting for more information and instruction for this year.

8.0 Superintendent Sharing:

Steve Wilson: There are a lot of rural superintendent openings along the I-70 corridor (40 positions currently open). His county health advisor has given permission to have 75% capacity. Number of job applicants and lack of professionalism is seriously lacking this year. No-show for interviews, accepting jobs then quitting shortly thereafter, etc.

Chris Smith: Board just passed their district calendar and it lines up well with BOCES and SOE. He has 2 seniors graduating this year who did a presentation for their BOD and he was blown away by their professionalism and maturity. They will be having graduation on their football field this year (5/16). Their valedictorian is going to the Coast Guard Academy, two salutatorians who have both been accepted to the CO School of Mines, and they have another student who had his choice of 3 academies and has chosen Annapolis. Getting other students caught up and offering a Friday academy to those needing extra help. Working on school culture for next year.

Dave Slothower: One of the things they are most excited about is the return of Home Economics which hasn't been a part of their district since the 70's. He wants to highlight the work of their counselor and secondary principals; they were one of five districts who won the I-Cap Award this year in the state. There is a certificate available at Colorado Mountain College for Snowboard Technician.

Dwight Barnes: In the spirit of being as neighborly as possible, Miami hosted some of Chris' staff when their internet was down. Destination Imagination: they have kids who qualified. Their FFA greenhouse is full and all items for sale. Graduation and prom is coming and being held as usual.

Brenda Krage: They are submitting their Safer Grant application tomorrow. They are also heaving perusing other emergency grant opportunities. Like everyone else, they are busy looking at programs for next year, preparing for graduation outside, prom next week, field days for elementary kids.

Del Olkjer for Kelli Thompson (both via Zoom): (Recording unclear) Kelli had to step away for another meeting (?).

Terry Harfert for Tim Kistler: They are doing an outside graduation on 5/28. CTE at Peyton: Phil Long Ford has donated 5 lifts that they will also service. They just need a structure to house them. Thank you to Mary who has worked diligently on this program.

9.0 REPORTS: Executive Director and Department Directors:

Deirdre Shearer, Director of Exceptional Students: Hiring and posting in preparation for next year.

Larry McDowell, Director of Technology: Testing season this month (CMAS, etc) and it's going well so far. Hanover is going to the cloud and coming off BOCES servers that is being retired. Moving BOCES to Office 365 in the cloud in June. Preparing other summer, tech projects out in the districts. Our elevator is finally fixed and operational.

Susan Payne, Director of Safety, Security & Crisis Mgt.: Safer Grant next steps are to get an enhanced training with Motorola and the Safer Grant folks. Law Enforcement is on board and excited about it. Threat Assessment Grant with CSPD: More user friendly tools and around \$2K for each district for training. Working with Kelli on a sexual assault/child endangerment case that the Innocence Lost Taskforce has been asked to take over for more robust investigation for this child. Update on case in Broward County Schools after a 2018 school shooting (<https://www.the74million.org/broward-county-superintendent-arrested-on-felony-charges-in-parkland-school-shooting-inquiry/>).

Brook Williamson, Director of Fiscal Services: The BOCES was selected by the State to have an audit for the COVID relief funds (Cares Act). She has responded by their deadline. ESSER Funds: BOCES awarded \$4,332.00 and that should come in any time now. Budget FY 21/22: Step increase for all employees, Support/Development will have an increase for new CPI trainer. SPED has new Admin. Asst. which is now a 260 employee from 220. Mental Health will have an increase due to the ending of the SHPG1 Grant. Medicaid will still be able to pay for most of the nurses again this year though the annual cost settlement is lower. Assoc. District changes: membership cost will increase to \$25K. SLP's will

decrease by 1 FTE for Pueblo. OT time will be reduced for HSD2 from 1 FTE to .60 FTE. SOE/BOCES East: Tuition increase to help with reduction in students. PPBEA and Two Year Licensure programs have some reduction in their revenues for both budgets. SOE monthly attendance & Financial Reports 2020/2021: Please see Dropbox reports.

Caryl Manuszak, Assistant Director of Exceptional Students: Rachel Paul will offer classes on Teacher Eval and Supervision in the Fall. They will need to have this to get their CDE cert. She will include a specific section on RANDA. We will be able to provide the ACT Workkeys – National Career Readiness Certification to area Junior and Seniors on location with a proctor who will come to them if needed.

Gianna Perry, HR: Provided update on recent resignations and postings (in Dropbox).

Pat Bershinsky, Executive Director: CTE seems to be making a comeback in the state. Not sure what it looks like yet. Immediate needs: Health Techs/CNA's, construction. The issue is having a facility for it all. Big districts in the city are most likely going to continue with 4 day/week schedules and that is going to really make hiring teachers in rural districts a challenge. He believes that the answer to this is affordable teacher housing and he's working on a plan to provide this benefit to rural educators. Fremont and Telluride have already started to work on this and Pat will be interacting with the folks heading these projects up to learn more. Public kudos to all of our teachers and staff for keeping these kids in school all year long.

10.0 VOTE: Consent Agenda (Personnel Report, located in the Dropbox, & 1.28.2021 BOD Meeting Minutes):
Terry Harfert made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda; seconded by Bob McWilliams. Passed unanimously.

11.0 VOTE: Action Items: Approval of the BOCES, SOE and BOCES East Calendars:
Bob McWilliams made a motion to approve the Amended 20/21 Budget; seconded by Terry Harfert. Passed unanimously.

12.0 Board Discussions/Recommendations for Next Meeting (May 27, 2021): None

15.0 Announcements: None

16.0 Adjournment:
Terry Harfert made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Bob McWilliams. All in Favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.