



Thursday, May 26, 2022
 BOCES-East
 Dinner: 5:00 PM
 Meeting Starting at 6:00 PM

The Pikes Peak Board of Cooperative Educational Services Meeting was held on Thursday, May 26, 2022 at BOCES East.

The meeting was called to order **(1.0)** by Pat Bershinsky, Executive Director at 6:13 PM. Roll call was read and The Pledge of Allegiance was recited **(2.0)**.

Present:	Absent:
<i>Tika Ethridge, Big Sandy</i>	<i>T.J. Lippert, Hanover</i>
<i>Kathy Wilder, Calhan</i>	<i>Jason Schuck, Miami-Yoder</i>
<i>Jean Meinzer, Edison</i>	<i>Caryl Manuszak, BOCES</i>
<i>Bob McWilliams, Ellicot</i>	<i>Larry McDowell, BOCES</i>
<i>Lee Vigil, Fremont</i>	
<i>Kelli Markus, Peyton</i>	
<i>Dell Olkjer, Elbert</i>	
<i>Pat Bershinsky, BOCES</i>	
<i>Deirdre Shearer, BOCES</i>	
<i>Brook Williamson, BOCES</i>	
<i>Floresa Findley, BOCES</i>	

3.0 Public Comments: None

4.0 Corrections and Modifications to Agenda: None

5.0 Adoption of Agenda: Tika Ethridge motioned to adopt the agenda; seconded by Jean Meinzer. Passed unanimously.

6.0 Communications/Board Comments: None

7.0 Reports by Superintendents Advisor Council chair: None

8.0 Superintendent Sharing:

Steve Wilson: spoke on the success of the art show with the students as they created things with wood as he also showed appreciation to Superintendents Kelli Loflin and Chris Smith for everything that they have been doing.

9.0 Reports by Executive Director and Directors:

Deirdre Shearer, Director of Exceptional Students: Stated that she has been busy wrapping up CDE reports, parent surveys and return rates have been good this year as BOCES received good news that the state completes were found that we were not to have a IDA or CEA violation.

The staffing situation is doing ok, but it will be hard to fill the school Psychologist position.

BOCES is still waiting on Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Funds.

There has been a rule change to the Early Childhood Education Association (ECEA) language.

Larry McDowell, Director of Technology was not present.

Brook Williamson, Director of Fiscal Services: Discussed that the Schoolhouse Professional grant was funded \$200,000 as the budget will be located in the dropbox.

Pat Bershinsky, Executive Director: Spoke on everyone getting a raise and the employee's satisfaction of the new Benefit Plan rates.

Floresa Findley, HR: Provided updates on recent resignations and job postings.

10.0 VOTE: Consent Agenda: Approval of consent agenda: **Kathy Wilder** made the motion of approval of consent agenda, **Dell Olkjer** made the second motion. Passed Unanimously.

11.0 Proposed Budget Discussion: Brook Williamson previously discussed the \$200,000 Schoolhouse Professional grant while stating that the budget would be located in the dropbox.

12.0 VOTE: ACTION ITEMS: **Dell Olkjer** motioned for approval of hiring **rfarmer, LLC**. A certified public accounting and consulting firm as new auditor, **Tika Ethridge** seconded, Passed Unanimously.

(12.1.1) Tika Ethridge motioned to increase the Sesi Contract for the School of Excellence (SOE), **Kathy Wilder** seconded, Passed Unanimously.

13.0 Board Discussion/Recommendations for next meeting: Director **Pat Bershinsky** spoke on the June 16, 2022 awards dinner.

14.0 Adjournment: **Tika Ethridge** made a motion to adjourn; seconded by **Kathy Wilder**. Passed Unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:57 PM.