

San Luis Valley BOCES
Superintendents Advisory Council (SAC)
April 14, 2020

Mr. Rob Alejo (SAC Chair) called the regular meeting of the Superintendents' Advisory Council to order at 11:14 a.m. Due to COVID-19 and social distancing requirements, the meeting was held via Zoom.

The following Superintendents and guests were in attendance:

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| Mr. Rob Alejo, Alamosa | Dr. Emma Martinez, South Conejos |
| Mr. Toby Melster, Centennial | Mr. Chris Burr, Upper Rio Grande |
| Ms. Carrie Zimmerman, Center | Ms. Nita McAuliffe, SLV BOCES |
| Mr. Collin Vinchattle, Creede | Ms. Tina Goar, Guest |
| Ms. Christina Larson, Moffat | Ms. Stacey Holland, Guest |
| Mr. Scott Wiedeman, Monte Vista | Ms. Denille LePlatt, Director of Rural Services |
| Mr. Travis Garoutte, Mountain Valley | Mr. Curtis Garcia, ASU |
| Mr. Curt Wilson, North Conejos | Ms. Meredith Anderson, ASU |
| Mr. Kevin Edgar, Sanford | Ms. Staci Turner, SLV BOCES |
| Mr. Brian Crowther, Sargent | |

The following Superintendents were not in attendance:

Mr. Brady Stagner, Sangre de Cristo
Mr. Darren Edgar, Sierra Grande

A motion was made by Mr. Curt Wilson to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Brian Crowther. All in favor, agenda approved.

A motion was made by Mr. Scott Wiedeman to approve the March 10, 2020 minutes, seconded by Dr. Emma Martinez. All in favor, minutes approved.

Associate Member Reports:

Adams State University (ASU): Mr. Curtis Garcia reported that all classes at ASU have moved to on-line, and ASU is still supporting concurrent enrollment, as well as teacher Ed. He said feel free to reach out when looking to hire for next fall, because still have some graduates who are looking for a teaching position. Also, reach out when trying to hire hard to fill positions. Sent out a survey to students scheduled to graduate in May to see how they want to handle it due to COVID-19. Main response was to do a virtual graduation in May with a live ceremony later in the summer.

CDE/Rural Liaison, Field Services Manager: Ms. Denille LePlatt reported that the regular monthly updates have been suspended, but are sending out special weekly updates due to COVID-19. Most deadlines are being extended. UIP's are extended until May 15, and are pursuing a waiver. READ act is having monthly webinars. Reach out to her if need help navigating the COVID-19 guides/resources on cde's website.

There was some discussion with Denille about the Governor possibly closing all Colorado schools throughout the remainder of the year. So, far 20ish school districts in Colorado have chosen to close for the remainder of the year. Governor is supposed to make an announcement on April 22. Depending on Governors decision,

all schools in the Valley will do the same thing...either close or be back in session for the remainder of the year.

Directors/BOCES Reports:

Directors/ESS Reports: Ms. Nita McAuliffe referred those in attendance to Meredith Anderson who was representing ASU. Meredith wanted to let everyone know about a PD opportunity for teachers around math. It offers fun/new mathematical ideas and the workshops are now worth continuing education credits. She is running monthly sessions except for in the summer. Meredith's request was to ask for support in encouraging teachers to attend, so that attendance will increase. In conclusion, the PD is for K-12 teachers.

Discussion Items:

Medicaid: Nita will be meeting with Alamosa on April 15 to discuss Medicaid billing as they have been billing for the last 3 or so years. She is looking at starting to do Medicaid billing starting in 20/21 with BOCES staff. The plan is to eventually move forward with Medicaid billing for transportation and nursing.

Guest Reports:

There were no guest reports.

Standing Reports:

- *CHSAA* – Following national guidelines through the 30th of April, nothing is going on, so looking at past issues & answering questions, good time to support officials. There was discussion around how the school districts are paying their coaching staff for the spring season.
- *Legislation & Regulations* – Nobody knows at this time! Looking at a 1 billion dollar shortage with 36% of it in education, CARES is only for COVID-19 expenses, worried about tax collections being default, looking at possible budget cuts. Not a lot of good information at this time.
- *Rural Alliance* – Covered with the Legislation & Regulations report.
- *Rural Education Council* – Similar to Legislation & Regulations report....waiting to see what happens due to COVID-19.
- *Blue Peaks* – Blue Peaks has closed their workshop, one house has been sold, working to contain COVID-19, need to look at appointing someone to the Blue Peaks board due to Nita's retirement. There was discussion around Blue Peaks group homes and COVID-19.
- *SPL/IML Athletic Directors Meeting* – Nothing to report at this time.

Due to COVID-19, Superintendents are meeting weekly via Zoom. It was decided to move the weekly meeting for April 22 to April 23. This was done in hopes that an announcement by the Governor will be made on the 22nd, and Superintendents can then make decisions at the April 23rd meeting.

The regularly scheduled SAC meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Staci Turner
SLV BOCES Business Manager