

**San Luis Valley Board of Cooperative Educational Services
Board of Director's Meeting – March 13, 2019
Minutes**

1. Call to Order

Ms. Tina Freel called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance Was Recited

3. Roll Call

Roll call was taken & the following members were present:

Ms. Jan DeSautell, Alamosa
Mr. Joseph Arellano, Centennial
Ms. Tina Freel, Moffat
Mr. Kurt Holland, Monte Vista
Mr. David Smalley, Mountain Valley
Mr. Brandon Thomas, North Conejos
Mr. Logan Larsen, Sanford
Mr. Walter Roybal, Sierra Grande
Ms. Joyce Duran, South Conejos

The following member attended via ZOOM:

Ms. Bridget Kreutzer, Del Norte

The following members were not present:

Ms. Misty Palacios, Center
Mr. Damon Gibbons, Creede
Ms. Keeli McCarty, Sangre De Cristo
Ms. Gina Mitchell, Sargent

SLV BOCES Staff & Guests:

Ms. Nita McAuliffe, Executive Director
Ms. Staci Turner, Recording Secretary

4. Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda as amended with removing 7a...Audit Review was made by Ms. Jan DeSautell, seconded by Mr. Kurt Holland, and the votes were cast by roll call as follows:

*Ms. Jan DeSautell, Alamosa - Aye
Mr. Joseph Arellano, Centennial - Aye
Ms. Misty Palacios, Center - Absent
Ms. Damon Gibbons, Creede - Absent
Ms. Bridget Kreutzer, Del Norte – Aye
Ms. Tina Freel, Moffat - Aye
Mr. Kurt Holland, Monte Vista – Aye*

*Mr. David Smalley, Mountain Valley - Aye
Mr. Brandon Thomas, North Conejos - Aye
Mr. Logan Larsen, Sanford - Aye
Ms. Keeli McCarty, Sangre De Cristo - Absent
Ms. Gina Mitchell, Sargent- Absent
Mr. Walter Roybal, Sierra Grande - Aye
Ms. Joyce Duran, South Conejos – Aye*

The amended agenda was approved as presented.

5. Consent Agenda (BEDB – Agenda) (BBA – Agency Board Powers & Responsibilities)

Minutes (January 16, 2019) - Financial Reports - Personnel Reports

A motion to approve the consent agenda (BEDB – Agenda) (BBA – Agency Board Powers & Responsibilities) was made by Mr. David Smalley, seconded by Mr. Walter Ruybal & the votes were cast by roll call vote as follows:

Ms. Jan DeSautell, Alamosa - Aye
Mr. Joseph Arellano, Centennial -Aye
Ms. Misty Palacios, Center - Absent
Ms. Damon Gibbons, Creede - Absent
Ms. Bridget Kreutzer, Del Norte – Aye
Ms. Tina Freel, Moffat - Aye
Mr. Kurt Holland, Monte Vista – Aye

Mr. David Smalley, Mountain Valley - Aye
Mr. Brandon Thomas, North Conejos - Aye
Mr. Logan Larsen, Sanford - Aye
Ms. Keeli McCarty, Sangre De Cristo - Absent
Ms. Gina Mitchell, Sargent- Absent
Mr. Walter Roybal, Sierra Grande - Aye
Ms. Joyce Duran, South Conejos – Aye

The Consent Agenda (BEDB – Agenda) (BBA – Agency Board Powers & Responsibilities) was approved as presented.

6. Audience Comments & Questions (BEDH – Board Members)

There were no audience comments.

7. Reports from Administration & Committees (BDA – Board Organizational Meeting)

Superintendent’s Advisory Council – Mr. Curt Wilson

Mr. Curt Wilson let the board know that SAC met with Mr. Dale McCall with the Colorado BOCES Association to discuss the steps in finding Nita’s replacement. Dale will guide SAC through the entire process. Nita will work on a writing a job description for the position. Also, in addition to Nita’s position there will be the addition of an Administrative Assistant. Curt mentioned that replacing Nita will be peculiar as she has such a unique set of skills. There will be a collaborative approach in the interview process with a diverse interview committee including members from the steering committee, the BOCES board, as well as SAC. The process will start early with advertisements beginning November 2019, interviews in February/March 2020, & a hire date of no later than July 1, 2020. Nita will be given a final contract of 14 months (July 1, 2019 – August 31, 2020) to help with the transition & training purposes.

Transportation was a big discussion item at SAC, & should be a concern to all districts. It’s going to be more & more difficult for bus driver’s to get the proper licensing. So, looking at all school districts to collaborate on this issue.

E-sports is coming & will be part of a pilot program for CHSAA for grades 9-12. There is a lot of concern around this & how it will actually work. Seems like it’s not getting the kids active to combat obesity. Boys’ volleyball & girls wrestling were sanctioned through CHSAA.

Other topics of discussion at SAC were Nita's evaluation; which will be discussed later on in the meeting. As well as, all schools are gearing up for assessments & April testing, & looking at dates/contents for next year's all valley PLC's

Executive Director/Director Exceptional Student Services - Ms. Nita McAuliffe

Ms. Nita McAuliffe referred the board to the Executive Director/Exceptional Student Services report that was included in the board packets. As mentioned by Curt, Nita will work on the new job description for her position, & hopefully present at the April SAC meeting. She will also redo the evaluation questions, so better matches with the new job description. As well as, a sample contract for her replacement for SAC to review.

Currently working on the Universal Screening grant application; which helps offset the salary/benefits of the BOCES Gifted & Talented Coordinator. Also, working on the HB1345 grant which covers the cost of the all-valley PLC's, LMB trainings, literacy coach salary/benefits, etc. Looking at changing the name of the all-valley PLC, but not sure what to. Reminded the SAC that grant writing dollars & Title III money needs to be spent.

Reviewed the SPED needs through time, December 1 count numbers for 18/19 was 850 up over 200 kids from 2012-2013.

Tina asked if Nita will have the policies up to date prior to her leaving. Nita responded that yes/no.....yes the core policies will be completed, but that revised policies are a constant work.

8. Board Member Reports & Requests

Ms. Jan DeSautell, Alamosa, excited to see so many valley schools at state in various sports, wrestling did very well at state, girls basketball also did well & are a young team, preparing for testing, the dreaded non-renewals, assistant superintendent is a go-getter & has in place that she along with superintendent will visit each school building 2X per month.

Mr. Joseph Arellano, Centennial, have had a high rate of absenteeism due to illnesses which closed the school for cleaning, roof issues on the building, got a baseball team together at the last minute, have students that participate with Sierra Grande for wrestling & made it to state, superintendent found a safety gran to work on the front entrance, working on teacher reviews, had superintendent evaluation & offered a two year contract, looking for a principal for 19/20, teachers seem happier this year & not hearing rumors that want to leave.

Ms. Misty Palacios, Center, not present.

Mr. Damon Gibbons, Creede, not present.

Ms. Bridget Kreutzer, Del Norte, changed the name of the school to the Upper Rio Grande School District C7 in order to incorporate South Fork, new school is going well & currently on time/budget, girls basketball placed 3rd at state & had a huge send off for them, school was cancelled the Thursday of state so that staff/students could attend, transitioning to policy governance & will be working with Matt Cook over the next several months.

Ms. Tina Freel, Moffat, working on staff that need to be replaced for 19/20, currently need a science/history/SPED teachers, hard to see changes in the schools where it's normal to see cops at the school, sheriff's office is being proactive in keeping kids safe with cyber threats, etc., looking to possibly make old shop into admin offices.

Mr. Kurt Holland, Monte Vista, just finished the replacement of all lighting with LED, kids were successful at science fair.

Mr. David Smalley, Mountain Valley, desperate for a music/science/P.E./intervention teachers, superintendent looked at logos for the school & realized that not consistent, so after much debate & options a new/consistent logo is in place, hired a new facility director who is doing an outstanding job keeping the boiler working & snow removed, new school is going up & all classes have gotten to tour it, a much needed spring break is coming up, & afterwards will prepare for upcoming testing.

Mr. Brandon Thomas, North Conejos, had kids make it to state wrestling with two state champions, girls basketball made it to state, focusing on safety at all schools with mock drills, BEST grant application has been submitted with a statutory waiver, received school of distinction award for third year in a row.

Mr. Logan Larsen, Sanford, winner at valley spelling bee & will go to state, 26 of the 29 FBLA students are going to state, 2 odyssey of the mind teams are going to state, students participated in history fair about 911 & also heading to state, girls basketball made it to state, & looking at hiring elementary principal & involved students in interview process.

Ms. Keeli McCarty, Sangre de Cristo, not present.

Ms. Gina Mitchel, Sargent, not present.

Mr. Walter Roybal, Sierra Grande, gearing up for evaluations, completed the BEST application & will hopefully know in early May if accepted, having prowl assemblies to acknowledge positive behavior/school work, wrestling team were league champions & made it to state, had a girl make it to state for girls wrestling, experiencing a rash of illnesses with high absenteeism, won small school award at science fair, middle school student headed to state science fair with another student going as student observer.

Ms. Joyce Duran, South Conejos, in the process of building the bus garage, having to make repairs to the new school from floor to ceiling due to original builders, had a drug/suicide prevention day for all kids & was well received...hopefully it will help, middle school received the Centers of Excellence award.

9. Correspondence

None

10. Executive Session – CRS 24-6-402 (4)(h)

There was no need for an executive session.

11. Discussion Items (BDA – Board Organizational Meeting)

a. Budget

The BOCES admin budget is the healthiest it has ever been with three months reserve. However, the SPED budget is not healthy. The past several years the carryovers for SPED have been getting used to meet expenditures. The carryovers have been depleted, so need to find more revenues. Suggested changes for 19/20 is an increase of \$40,000 in district assessments to be shared by all districts, Nita's salary will be split 50/50 in admin/SPED (currently 40/60), one on one para's will be picked up by the districts (currently 50/50), 1% on the base plus a step for all BOCES staff, & mileage at 42 cents/mile (currently 40 cents/mile). SAC's consensus was to present the budget as presented above to the board for approval.

Discussion took place around if "they" meaning the feds & cde are seeing the increase in SPED numbers & are they willing to do increase the funds. Yes, they see it but are not keeping up their end of the bargain. The CBA (Colorado BOCES Association) has two lobbyists that are working on this issue.

b. Evaluation & Contract of Executive Director

Mr. Curt Wilson on behalf of SAC expressed his gratitude to Nita for all that she has done. The evaluation is on a three point scale and once disgruntle Superintendent which there is one, can really throw scores off. However, SAC is super please with how Nita is performing, and can't commend her enough. Curt read through the evaluation and let the board know what the final scores are, as well as comments made by various superintendents. The recommendation by SAC is for the board to hire Nita with a 14 month contract during her final year at the BOCES.

12. Action Items (BBA – Agency Board Powers & Responsibilities)

a. Second Reading & Final Approval of Section K of current policy: KBBA, KBBA-R, KDB, KDP-R, KE, KEC, KFA, KHC, KHC-R, & KI

A motion to approve the Second Reading & Final Approval of Section K of current policy: KBBA, KBBA-R, KDB, KDP-R, KE, KEC, KFA, KHC, KHC-R, & KI was made by Mr. Kurt Holland, seconded by Mr. Walter Roybal & the votes were cast by roll call vote as follows:

Ms. Jan DeSautell, Alamosa - Aye
Mr. Joseph Arellano, Centennial -Aye
Ms. Misty Palacios, Center - Absent
Ms. Damon Gibbons, Creede - Absent
Ms. Bridget Kreutzer, Del Norte – Aye
Ms. Tina Freel, Moffat - Aye
Mr. Kurt Holland, Monte Vista – Aye

Mr. David Smalley, Mountain Valley - Aye
Mr. Brandon Thomas, North Conejos - Aye
Mr. Logan Larsen, Sanford - Aye
Ms. Keeli McCarty, Sangre De Cristo - Absent
Ms. Gina Mitchell, Sargent- Absent
Mr. Walter Roybal, Sierra Grande - Aye
Ms. Joyce Duran, South Conejos – Aye

Second Reading & Final Approval of Section K of current policy: KBBA, KBBA-R, KDB, KDP-R, KE, KEC, KFA, KHC, KHC-R, & KI was approved as presented.

b. Second Reading & Final Approval of Section L of Current Policy: LC & LC-R

A motion to approve the Second Reading & Final Approval of Section L of Current Policy: LC & LC-R was made by Ms. Jan DeSautell, seconded by Mr. Logan Larsen & the votes were cast by roll call vote as follows:

Ms. Jan DeSautell, Alamosa - Aye
Mr. Joseph Arellano, Centennial -Aye
Ms. Misty Palacios, Center - Absent
Ms. Damon Gibbons, Creede - Absent
Ms. Bridget Kreutzer, Del Norte – Aye
Ms. Tina Freel, Moffat - Aye
Mr. Kurt Holland, Monte Vista – Aye

Mr. David Smalley, Mountain Valley - Aye
Mr. Brandon Thomas, North Conejos - Aye
Mr. Logan Larsen, Sanford - Aye
Ms. Keeli McCarty, Sangre De Cristo - Absent
Ms. Gina Mitchell, Sargent- Absent
Mr. Walter Roybal, Sierra Grande - Aye
Ms. Joyce Duran, South Conejos – Aye

Second Reading & Final Approval of Section L of Current Policy: LC & LC-R was approved as presented.

c. Second Reading & Final Approval of Revised Policy- GBGH

A motion to approve the Second Reading & Final Approval of Revised Policy GBGH was made by Ms. Joyce Duran, seconded by Mr. Walter Roybal & the votes were cast by roll call vote as follows:

Ms. Jan DeSautell, Alamosa - Aye
Mr. Joseph Arellano, Centennial -Aye
Ms. Misty Palacios, Center - Absent
Ms. Damon Gibbons, Creede - Absent
Ms. Bridget Kreutzer, Del Norte – Aye
Ms. Tina Freel, Moffat - Aye
Mr. Kurt Holland, Monte Vista – Aye

Mr. David Smalley, Mountain Valley - Aye
Mr. Brandon Thomas, North Conejos - Aye
Mr. Logan Larsen, Sanford - Aye
Ms. Keeli McCarty, Sangre De Cristo - Absent
Ms. Gina Mitchell, Sargent- Absent
Mr. Walter Roybal, Sierra Grande - Aye
Ms. Joyce Duran, South Conejos – Aye

The Second Reading & Final Approval of Revised Policy GBGH was approved as presented.

d. Approval of McKinney Vento Assurance Form

Nita mentioned that La Veta may want to join with the BOCES in 19/20.

A motion to approve the McKinney Vento Assurance Form was made by Mr. Walter Roybal, seconded by Mr. Brandon Thomas & the votes were cast by roll call vote as follows:

Ms. Jan DeSautell, Alamosa - Aye
Mr. Joseph Arellano, Centennial -Aye
Ms. Misty Palacios, Center - Absent
Ms. Damon Gibbons, Creede - Absent
Ms. Bridget Kreutzer, Del Norte – Aye
Ms. Tina Freel, Moffat - Aye
Mr. Kurt Holland, Monte Vista – Aye

Mr. David Smalley, Mountain Valley - Aye
Mr. Brandon Thomas, North Conejos - Aye
Mr. Logan Larsen, Sanford - Aye
Ms. Keeli McCarty, Sangre De Cristo - Absent
Ms. Gina Mitchell, Sargent- Absent
Mr. Walter Roybal, Sierra Grande - Aye
Ms. Joyce Duran, South Conejos – Aye

The McKinney Vento Assurance Form was approved as presented.

e. Approval of 2019-2020 Calendar

A motion to approve the 2019 - 2020 Calendar was made by Mr. Kurt Holland, seconded by Mr. Walter Roybal & the votes were cast by roll call vote as follows:

Ms. Jan DeSautell, Alamosa - Aye
Mr. Joseph Arellano, Centennial -Aye
Ms. Misty Palacios, Center - Absent
Ms. Damon Gibbons, Creede - Absent
Ms. Bridget Kreutzer, Del Norte – Aye
Ms. Tina Freel, Moffat - Aye
Mr. Kurt Holland, Monte Vista – Aye

Mr. David Smalley, Mountain Valley - Aye
Mr. Brandon Thomas, North Conejos - Aye
Mr. Logan Larsen, Sanford - Aye
Ms. Keeli McCarty, Sangre De Cristo - Absent
Ms. Gina Mitchell, Sargent- Absent
Mr. Walter Roybal, Sierra Grande - Aye
Ms. Joyce Duran, South Conejos – Aye

The 2019 - 2020 Calendar was approved as presented.

f. Approval of Budgets & Assessments for 2019 - 2020

A motion to approve the Budgets & Assessment for 2019 - 2020 Grant was made by Ms. Jan DeSautell, seconded by Mr. David Smalley & the votes were cast by roll call vote as follows:

Ms. Jan DeSautell, Alamosa - Aye
Mr. Joseph Arellano, Centennial -Aye
Ms. Misty Palacios, Center - Absent
Ms. Damon Gibbons, Creede - Absent
Ms. Bridget Kreutzer, Del Norte – Aye
Ms. Tina Freel, Moffat - Aye
Mr. Kurt Holland, Monte Vista – Aye

Mr. David Smalley, Mountain Valley - Aye
Mr. Brandon Thomas, North Conejos - Aye
Mr. Logan Larsen, Sanford - Aye
Ms. Keeli McCarty, Sangre De Cristo - Absent
Ms. Gina Mitchell, Sargent- Absent
Mr. Walter Roybal, Sierra Grande - Aye
Ms. Joyce Duran, South Conejos – Aye

The Budgets & Assessments for 2019 – 2020 was approved as presented.

g. Approval of Evaluation & Contract for Executive Director

A motion to approve the Evaluation & Contract for Executive Director was made by Mr. Logan Larsen, seconded by Mr. Joseph Arellano and the votes were cast by roll call vote as follows:

Ms. Jan DeSautell, Alamosa - Aye
Mr. Joseph Arellano, Centennial -Aye
Ms. Misty Palacios, Center - Absent
Ms. Damon Gibbons, Creede - Absent
Ms. Bridget Kreutzer, Del Norte – Aye
Ms. Tina Freel, Moffat - Aye
Mr. Kurt Holland, Monte Vista – Aye

Mr. David Smalley, Mountain Valley - Aye
Mr. Brandon Thomas, North Conejos - Aye
Mr. Logan Larsen, Sanford - Aye
Ms. Keeli McCarty, Sangre De Cristo - Absent
Ms. Gina Mitchell, Sargent- Absent
Mr. Walter Roybal, Sierra Grande - Aye
Ms. Joyce Duran, South Conejos – Aye

The Evaluation & Contract for the Executive Director was approved as presented.

13. Legislative Report

Things are looking scary at the capital. There was discussion around all day kindergarten, but it's not going well due to the larger schools with space being a huge issue. The funding of public education is getting scary. SPED has an advocacy group to make dyslexia its own category. The rural advocacy day is March 21st.

