

**CENTENNIAL BOARD
OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

SUPERINTENDENTS ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

April 4, 2008

The April 4, 2008 meeting of the Centennial BOCES Superintendents Advisory Council, held at the Centennial BOCES Office in Greeley Colorado, was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairperson, Dr. Glenn McClain.

SUPERINTENDENTS ROUND TABLE:

➤ Confidential discussion between Superintendents and Executive Director.

I. ROLL CALL: The following Superintendents, or designees, were present:

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| 1) Glenn McClain | Platte Valley RE-7 |
| 2) Marty Foster | Johnstown-Milliken RE-5J |
| 3) Luis Martinez | Representing Thompson R-2J |
| 5) Joe Kimmel | Prairie RE-11 |
| 6) Tony Graham | Pawnee RE-12 |
| 7) Jo Barbie | LaSalle, Gilcrest, Platteville Weld RE-1 |
| 8) Randy Miller | Eaton RE-2 |
| 9) Sharol Little | Wiggins RE-50J |
| 10) Rob Ring | Ault-Highland RE-9 |
| 11) Rick Mondt | Briggsdale RE-10 |
| 12) Greg Wagers | Morgan RE-3 |
| 13) Linda Chapman | Park R-3 |

Superintendents absent:

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| 1) Bret Miles | Brush RE-2J |
| 2) Mike Gradoz | Thompson R-2J |
| 3) Bob Petterson | Weldon Valley RE-20J |

The following CBOCES staff members were present:

Jack McCabe	Executive Director
Denise Atkinson-Shorey	Technology Director
Terry Buswell	Business Services / HR Director
Mary Ellen Good	Federal Programs Director
Deniece Cook	Weld Opportunity High School Principal
Marietta Sears	Special Education Director
Tresban Rivera	Learning Services Director
Melony Sandquist	Executive Administrative Assistant

Guest:

Michael Clough, Colorado Department of Education

II. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Rick Mondt moved to approve the Agenda as presented. Seconded by Dr. Randy Miller. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Approval of Minutes

Dr. Marty Foster moved to approve the March 7, 2008 Minutes as presented. Seconded by Mr. Tony Graham. The motion passed unanimously.

III. STATE REPORT:

- Mr. Clough reported that he will be leaving CDE to take a Superintendent position at Sheridan School District effective 7-1-08.
- The CDE new accreditation process is moving forward.
 - Mr. Clough will attempt to set up a group meeting for member districts to discuss the accreditation process and timelines in detail.

IV. REPORTS / DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Preliminary 2008-2009 Budget Review

- Mr. Jack McCabe explains that the emphasis on the budget is the Salary & Benefit portion. BOCES is currently on the bottom side of the salary comparison that Mr. Buswell recently completed.
- Several Superintendents believe that BOCES needs to trim down the insurance benefits (i.e. higher deductibles and co-pays) and move the money saved into salary.
- Several Superintendents offered to share their Insurance Benefit information with BOCES to use as a guideline.
- Superintendents requested that Mr. Buswell complete a comparison with the information that they will be providing him (money into salary vs. money into insurance).

B. Report on CBOCES Website

- Mr. McCabe reported that BOCES has connected with E-Chalk to develop the new website. One reason E-Chalk was chosen is that it works well with E-Rate.

C. Legislative Update

- Mr. McCabe reported that HB 1335 and 212 are a long way from passing. Additional information was provided in the Agenda

D. RUSS Grant Report

- Ms. Denise Atkinson-Shorey reported and provided an updated map of the service area.
- Letter of support has been received from Commissioner Dwight Jones.
- The proposed service is in addition to the service the districts already have.

Additional Discussion Item: Mr. Jack McCabe advised Superintendents that he sees a need for a May SAC Meeting. Discussion took place on why a May meeting had not been scheduled. Superintendents indicated that a meeting at the end of May tends to conflict with school functions. However, Superintendents recognized the need for a May meeting to finalize discussions on Budget.

Dr. Randy Miller moved to hold a SAC meeting on May 9, 2008. Seconded by Dr. Jo Barbie. The motion passed unanimously.

V. BREAK:

VI. ACTION ITEMS

A. Weld Opportunity High School Resolution on Passing Periods

- Ms. Deniece Cook explained the theory behind requesting credit for passing periods. There are 5 minutes between periods and a total of 7 periods.
- Dr. Randy Miller suggesting developing a Policy so the subject does not need to be re-addressed each year.

Dr. Randy Miller moved to approve the Weld Opportunity High School Resolution on passing periods. Seconded by Dr. Jo Barbie. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORTS

- Deniece Cook – Principal, Weld Opportunity High School
 - Prom is April 18th at Eaton Country Club
 - Graduation is May 23rd at UCC at 7:00 pm
 - Students will be starting a newsletter soon
- Terry Buswell – CFO – Director, Business Services / HR
 - Had 2 replies from audit firms. Mr. Buswell & Mr. McCabe will be interviewing Johnson, Holscher & Company and Swanhorst & Company after the SAC Meeting. A report will be provided at the Board Meeting on April 17, 2008.
 - Mr. Buswell reported he has received many replies for the Salary & Benefit Survey.
 - BOCES is doing a pilot program to manage the Wiggins School District Salary / Benefit Program.
- Mary Ellen Good – Director, Federal Programs
 - Hoping for increased funding for Title I – there are many changes expected.
 - Coordinator position open that was held by Mary McGrane.
 - Migrant funding is going through many changes and will be very specific on use of funds.
- Denise Atkinson/Shorey – Chief Technology Officer
 - Ms. Atkinson/Shorey reported that she is working with Atomic Learning on a 90 day trial. She will send out a link to superintendents, allowing them to take advantage of the 90 day trial.
 - CDE has technology funding available; Ms. Atkinson/Shorey has offered to attend the meetings in hopes of obtaining some of the funds for BOCES and member districts.
 - Technology Department has just signed a contract to do e-mail archiving. If districts are interested in details please let her know.
- Marietta Sears – Director, Special Education
 - Special Ed staff have recently completed the December 1 count.
 - Additional funding has been applied for to use for transportation expenses for Special Ed students.
 - An all day Area Wide In-Service is planned for April 24, 2008. New details on RTI will be addressed along with other important information.
- Tresban Rivera – Director, Learning Services
 - June Educator Training will take place from June 2 – 6, 2008.
 - Secondary Literacy classes will take place August 4 – 8, 2008

- Jack McCabe – Executive Director
 - Nothing additional to report.

Mr. Tony Graham moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m. Seconded by Mr. Rick Mondt. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melony Sandquist
Centennial BOCES
Executive Administrative Assistant