

**CENTENNIAL BOARD  
OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

**SUPERINTENDENTS ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES  
May 1, 2009**

**9:00 am – 9:30 am - Superintendents Round Table Discussion**

The May 1, 2009 meeting of the Centennial BOCES Superintendents Advisory Council, held at the Centennial BOCES Office in Greeley Colorado, was called to order at 9:37 a.m. by Chairperson, Dr. Randy Miller.

**A. CALL TO ORDER & 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) Joe Kimmel     | Prairie RE-11   |
| 4) Bob Petterson  | Weldon Valley RE-20J                                  |
| 5) Keith Ouweneel | Representing LaSalle, Gilcrest, Platteville Weld RE-1 |
| 6) Randy Miller   | Eaton RE-2  |
| 8) Rick Mondt     | Briggsdale RE-10                                      |
| 9) Rob Ring       | Ault-Highland RE-9                                    |
| 10) Greg Wagers   | Morgan RE-3   |
| 11) Tony Graham   | Pawnee RE-11J   |
| 12) Linda Chapman | Park R-3  |

The following Superintendents (or designees) were not present:

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| 1) Randy Zila – Mike Gradoz    | St Vrain RE-1J |
| 2) Ron Cabrera – Luis Martinez | Thompson R-2J  |
| 3) Steve Neel –                | Wiggins RE-50J |

The following CBOCES staff members were present:

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| Jack McCabe            | Executive Director                     |
| Marietta Sears         | Director of Special Education          |
| Denise Atkinson-Shorey | Chief Technology Officer               |
| Terry Buswell          | Chief Financial Officer / HR Director  |
| Deniece Cook           | Weld Opportunity High School Principal |
| Melony Sandquist       | Executive Administrative Assistant     |

The following guests were present:

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| Bill Hungenberg | Johnstown-Milliken RE-5J, Assistant Supt |
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## **B. ACTION ITEMS – CONSENT GROUPING:**

- Approve Agenda
- Approve Minutes – April 3, 2009

**Mr. Tony Graham moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items (Agenda & Minutes) as presented. Seconded by Dr. Glenn McClain. The motion passed unanimously.**

## **C. PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORTS**

### **Marietta Sears, Director of Special Education**

- Two students will be graduating on May 20<sup>th</sup> from Transition House
- Gearing up for the end of the year report
- Ms. Sears explained the compliance scenario with CDE on the CIMP Process
  - Discussion around challenges with CDE and obtaining funds:
    - **First:**
      - Give Ed Steinberg the chance to come through with some resolution to the problem.
    - **Next:**
      - Dr. Marty Foster suggests that a letter be drafted and sent to legislators with a copy to the State Board of Education, explaining the craziness around this process and how it is harnessing the BOCES and school districts.
      - Dr. Glenn McClain suggested that Mr. McCabe call Dwight Jones at CDE and let him know that BOCES intends to write a letter and get Mr. Jones advice on where to direct the letter.

**Motion: Dr. Marty Foster moved that (if matters do not get handled with Ed Steinberg’s help) a letter of dispute be drafted by the Superintendents Advisory Council, and request that the Centennial BOCES not be penalized for not meeting the Alternate Assessment process requirement that was inherited when merging with the South Platte BOCES Districts. Seconded by Mr. Tony Graham. The motion passed unanimously.**

### **Denise Atkinson-Shorey, Chief Technology Officer**

- Eagle Net work successfully moving forward; expecting to have 50 districts connected by July 1<sup>st</sup>
- Denise and Jack have met with the Governors office to explain the K-12 Internet 2 Initiative
  - There is much support for this initiative from CASB, NCAR, CDE , etc

### **Deniece Cook, Principal Weld Opportunity High School**

- Extra Credit Explorations are an option for students to earn extra credits toward graduation
- WOHS furniture has been appraised; information is being sent to District 6 for purchase option
- Three staff members (including Deniece) have found positions for next year.

### **Terry Buswell, Chief Financial Officer**

- Realtor, Don Brazelton from Greeley has been contacted and indicated that the \$549,000 market price on the WOHS facility was not unreasonable, however, for a quick sale, Mr. Brazelton recommended dropping the price to \$449,000. The current payoff on the property is \$257,900.

**Motion: Mr. Bob Peterson moved to drop the list price on the 2505 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue (WOHS) property to \$449,000. Seconded by Mr. Rick Mondt. The motion passed unanimously.**

- Mr. Buswell provided an update on the Health Insurance Benefits quotes for 2009-2010. Several bids have been received, and more yet to come in. Currently, BOCES is on a partially self funded plan, bids are being received from fully funded plans also. No decisions have been made.

**Jack McCabe, Executive Director**

- Strategic Planning event is being planned – the date has been changed from June 11 & 12 to June 16 & 17. A facilitator has been chosen, Heather Clifton. The event will be held at St Michael’s Event Center in Greeley from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm on both days. A variety of participants will include a voluntary group of people made up of Member Superintendents, BOCES Board Members, BOCES Staff and District Staff. Superintendents, let Jack know if you or any of your district staff are interested in participating. Your involvement is appreciated and critical to the future planning of the BOCES.
- Mr. McCabe reported on the People Skills Workshops that were held the last week of April. Participant surveys of both classes were shared with the Superintendents.

**D. REPORTS – DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- **Draft Preliminary 2009-2010 Budget**
  - Mr. McCabe and Mr. Buswell explained the Draft Preliminary Budget and responded to questions and concerns from the Superintendents.
  - Mr. Bill Hungenberg, Assistant Superintendent of RE-5J suggested developing a budget finance committee including district finance staff.
  - Mr. Joe Kimmel indicated that he is not in agreement with just a few districts being involved in budget decisions; all districts should be represented.
  - Dr. Marty Foster expressed his dissatisfaction on how the special education assessments for his district are being calculated.
  - Mr. Terry Buswell and Mr. Jack McCabe indicated that the draft preliminary budget can be adjusted, but an agreement needs to be reached on the method used for calculating the districts assessments.
  - Dr. Randy Miller suggested that a special budget meeting be set to review various options in how assessments are calculated and how districts with large increases can be flexed into the changes over a three year period.
  - Mr. Buswell and Mr. McCabe agreed to arrange a meeting within the next week to include all interested Superintendents and any district finance staff who are interested in discussing budget details and options. An e-mail will be sent out with the date / time / location of the meeting.
  - Ms. Marietta Sears reminded the group that the budget analysis that is currently being reviewed is a result of the requested cost study from several months earlier.

**E. STIMULUS FUNDS DISCUSSION**

No Discussion.

**F. ACTION ITEMS**

**Change June SAC Meeting from June 5<sup>th</sup> to June 12<sup>th</sup>. By unanimous consensus, the June SAC meeting has been rescheduled to June 12, 2009.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING MEETINGS**

<b>Board of Directors Meeting</b>	<b>Superintendents Advisory Council Meeting</b>
May 21, 2009 June 18, 2009	June 12, 2009
<b>Strategic Planning Meetings</b>  June 16, 17, 2009 8:30 am – 4:30 pm St Michaels Event Center Greeley, CO	<b>Aims / BOCES HS Diploma Program Graduations</b>  May 19 <sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm. Memorial Building, Longmont  May 20 <sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm Union Colony Civic Center, Greeley  May 26 <sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm Resurrection Fellowship School, Loveland
<b>WOHS Graduation</b>  May 22 <sup>nd</sup> 7:00 pm Union Colony Civic Center	

**ADJOURN MEETING**

**Mr. Tony Graham moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:35 pm. Seconded by Mr. Rob Ring. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Melony Sandquist  
Centennial BOCES  
Executive Administrative Assistant

