



San Juan BOCES Superintendent Advisory
September 25, 2024 - Bayfield Schools

Location: Ignacio School District Board Room

9 Breakfast and Superintendent Only Time

New Meeting Dates/Locations

Music PD - Chris

- Opportunity for a PD offering. Also looking for a networking opportunity for the Music/Band teachers to collaborate.
- If you are interested, please reach out to Chris. Currently Pagosa and Ignacio are planning to find an October/December training.

School Finance Project PD - Thurs/Fri in Cortez

UPK

How are schools dispersing \$ for 3-year olds? \$4870 per 3yo was last year's estimate. One formula - Prorated formula (count heads) divide that total by the total number of students, taking a small admin fee. Pressure is on the provider to apply the \$ how they would like to. Cleaner for the district.

Bayfield passes everything to one provider.

3 yo money, one lump sum that just came (based on historical).

Additional funding for 3 year olds - how do we get that additional funding?

*Royce will reach out to Dawn ODean to set up a call with Supers.

How do we pay preschools sufficient funds to educate children on IEPs?

Durango moved from a 4 day to 5 day. Huge lift out of the general fund.

Student on an IEP

Monthly disbursements for IEP preschoolers (some schools got their first disbursement in March, some in January).

Western Slope Supt Conference

Hotel Link - [DoubleTree Grand Junction](#) , [You may book online here](#)

Registration Link - The fall Western Slope Superintendent's Conference is around the corner-**Oct. 17 and 18-** in Grand Junction. This is a great time to network with your colleagues, increase our advocacy strength and learn about -and share-hot topics, such as AI, branding, housing, staff retention, legal issues and more! [For more information. visit this link.](#)

- Encourage everyone to go! Lots of networking. Focus on issues that are unique to our region.
- Several focus areas AI, How to Brand your district when you don't have PR



Amendment 80

School Choice bill on the ballot. Sounds fine BUT it could be the precursor for vouchers. CEA and CASE have materials/resolution templates for boards against.

[Link to Resolution](#)

Flags in classrooms - discussion about use of flags, including political flags in classrooms.

BEST Grant

CASB Resolutions - Be Aware

- Resolution 3 (St. Vrain) - Considering changing instructional hours, pushing to increase. Concerns. Talk to your CASB representative.
- Resolution 5 - Mill Levy Override Equity.

[CASB resolutions](#)

Title IX Policies

How are Boards responding?

The Bayfield board rejected all revisions and rejected the ACA policy.

Pagosa passed all but ACA. Adding a sentence and plan to pass.

Some Boards are delaying decisions.

Silverton passed all.

BOCES and Dolores are in the process of reviewing.

Cortez and Ignacio changed language slightly and plan to pass.

Suggestion to have your attorney speak to your board.

Bayfield has a letter from Darryl Farrington, recommending that the policies be approved.

SIS - Durango considering Alma.

E3 - [Flyer](#) *Royce will invite them to the October meeting in Cortez.

5 Minute Demo Overview

[Emergent 3 Safety App Demo](#)

NO STANDING INVITES to any partners/community stakeholders without a CLEAR OBJECTIVE



10:15 MCSD Application to Reorganize

Meeting Objectives:

1. Inclusion - Voice of all stakeholders at the table.
2. Clarity - Understanding the request made by Superintendent Burris, Understanding the process as outlined by statute.
3. Transparency - Presentation of realistic options, commitment to the process.
4. Next Steps - Walk away with clear next steps in the process.

Discussion

10:15-10:45

- Introduction
- Request for letters of support - Details/clarification
- [Application - Fact Sheet](#), AND [Additional Information for 3rd Party](#)
- Associate Member request
 - Details/clarification
 - Next steps with BOCES Board/policy

10:45-12:00

- Potential Impact to services/staffing and local assessment - presentation of 2 potential plans
- [AU Additional Information for CDE](#)

Closing

Quick Follow Up

- [Abre](#) - I have invited Abre to attend our meeting in October and they plan to present in person.
- [Rural Collaborative](#) - I am working with Tina Goar to find a time for her to attend a SAC and invite all districts to join the Rural Collaborative.



Summary of ReOrganization Discussion

1. Districts asked for further clarification about why MCSD wants to reorganize. Response was that the district felt they could do it better in house and that they were also financially motivated to allocate their own ESS funds.
2. Clarification about the request for letters of support was asked for and the letters written by the NW BOCES districts as part of the Steamboat Springs application were referenced.
3. The third party report was discussed. Cortez has worked very hard to find a 3rd party to complete the report and has not been able to secure this.
4. BOCES presented 2 scenarios about the potential fiscal impact to the 7 districts without Cortez. These projections included a salary increase for BOCES and there was feedback that this clouded the conversation so an additional analysis will be provided.
5. BOCES also indicated that the NW BOCES team met multiple times through the year to work on revising the projected budget and made collaborative decisions about service based and operational cuts and changes to reduce the fiscal impact to them.
6. Scenarios about next year's local assessment with a salary increase was also presented but, again, Superintendents said this should have been a separate conversation.
7. There was some discussion about associate memberships. Cortez did not clearly define what the associate membership would include.
8. BOCES explained that the associate membership for the Steamboat District with the NW BOCES is exclusively for access to the Alt. Licensure and PD programming that is completely separate from the ESS/GT Services provided as the AU and that the funding generated from that associate membership is not part of the AU/ESS budget.
9. In conclusion there was a unanimous vote from the Superintendents that they were not comfortable with either supporting or opposing the Cortez application to leave without further information and several specifically referenced the need for a Third Party Report.
10. Some, but not all districts, also said they had no theoretical opposition to the reorganization, but would need more fiscal information in order to make a decision about what was good for their district. Some districts stated that they do not support the reorganization.
11. Royce will share the AU additional information with the SAC chair for review and with his signature will submit the BOCES information for CDE by October 1.