

Southeastern Board of Cooperative Educational Services

Regular Session Minutes

November 21, 2024 6:00 PM

7784 Saddle Club Drive Lamar, CO 81052

1. Call to Order

The Southeastern Board of Cooperative Education Services met for a regular session on November 21, 2024. Mrs. Widner-Block called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

2. Roll Call

Board Member present: Mr. Stan Elmore online, Mrs. Denyce Widner-Block, Mr. Dusty Heck online, Mr. Derek White-Heckman online, Mr. Sean Harkness online, and Ms. Jennifer Esch online.

Superintendents present: Mr. Crane.

SEBOCES staff present: Mrs. Stephanie Hund, Executive/Special Education Director;

Mr. Logan Smith, Special Programs Coordinator online and Ms. Tara Martin, Assistant Office Manager.

3. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

- a. NONE

4. Consent Agenda

- a. Mr. White-Heckman made the motion to approve the November 21, 2024 Agenda, the September 19, 2024 Minutes as presented, and the Financial Report.
Mr. Heck seconded the motion.
All members present voted yes unanimously.
Motion Passed 6-0

5. Staff Reports

- a. Loraine Saffer – ALP/Induction Director
 - i. Alternative License
 1. Thank you for your support during the review of our alternative licensure program. On Friday, November 1st, the state reading review team observed the candidates through Google during the reading focus session. This successful session should complete the reauthorization review and provide us with a solid foundation for the future. The report should be finalized by mid-January. The second round of classroom observation will begin on November 11th and 18th. The observation report is sent to the candidate and the building administrator.
 2. On February 7th, Dr. Mia Allen will present on Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CLD) Education in the Classroom to fulfill part of

the hours required to certify our candidates. If you have teachers within your district looking for professional development hours to meet this requirement, they are welcome to attend. I will send reminders in December and January of the date and time.

- ii. Induction Program
 - 1. The first session of the Induction Program met on Monday, November 4th. This program is designed to meet the requirements by CDE for initial teachers to advance to a professional license. There will be five sessions in total. Instructors can join either in person or through Google Meet.
- b. Logan Smith – Programs Coordinator
 - i. Abre
 - 1. Virtual PD offered on Friday, Nov 15, 2024 from 9:00am-10:00am and it will be recorded
 - ii. NWEA
 - 1. Fall testing window is open. Please submit class roster file
 - iii. Carl Perkins
 - 1. Please do not order any items until our plan has been approved by CTE
 - iv. Professional Development
 - 1. Supporting ELL students
 - 2. Virtual PD with Mia Allen
 - 3. Denver Museum of Nature and Science
 - 4. Memory and attention
 - 5. Teen Truth Leadership Summit
 - 6. Winter summit is underway
 - v. Concurrent Enrollment
 - 1. Please confirm any concurrent enrollment courses offered over the DL for the 2025 Spring Semester.
- c. Stephanie Hund – Executive/ESS Director
 - i. ALP Program Reauthorization – Our ALP program was due for its 5-year reauthorization this year. Loraine did an excellent job preparing for this intense two-day site visit on October 21st and 22nd.
 - ii. Facilitated Assessment Process – CDE has started reviewing administrative units using the facilitated assessment process. In this process, they review 3 years of IEPs for each student randomly selected as part of the Educational Benefit Review Process.
 - iii. Budget Forecast – At our quarterly BOCES meeting, it is projected that Colorado will have an approximately \$370 million deficit. The Medicaid budget was significantly overspent this year, and other programs, like the free lunches program have also contributed to this deficit. Based on current predictions, the deficit for next year is expected to be around \$900 million. The budget deficit for upcoming years is particularly concerning as the new School Finance Act requires an approximate \$80 million/year increase over the next 6 years to implement. Also, Amendment 80, if it passes, could create financial problems in the future as it is a pathway to a state voucher system.
 - iv. Commissioner’s Visit – Commissioner Susana Cordova will be visiting Southeastern BOCES on February 4th and 5th. She will be attending our February 5th

SAC meeting, and will be visiting area schools on the 4th and after our meeting on the 5th. If you have programs you would like for her to see on her visit, please let me know.

- v. 4-Day Week Study - CDE is doing a study to highlight the successes of districts on 4-day weeks. There was a survey that was open until October 31st for administrators who would like to contribute to the study. Greg Nusz is the contact person.
- vi. Educator Effectiveness/Evaluation Training – We will be hosting the part 2, in-person component of the required evaluator training again this spring. Logan will handle the details, and we will communicate this to you all as more information becomes available.

6. Discussion Items

- a. 2024-2025 Final revised Budget
 - i. Revenue
 - 1. ECEA increased approximately \$130,000 over projection
 - 2. GT increased approximately \$15,000
 - 3. IDEA-B Preschool funding decreased approximately \$5,000
 - 4. IDEA-B increased approximately \$25,000
 - 5. Alternative Licensure Program revenue decreased approximately \$53,000 due to having a reduction in candidates from 24 last year to 10 this year
 - ii. Expenditure
 - 1. ECEA flowthrough to districts will increase approximately \$43,000
 - 2. General Fund expenditures on vehicle repairs were increased by \$5,000
- b. December 18 2024 Meeting – Date does not work for all, will send an email out with dates.

7. Action Items

- a. Mr. Heck made the motion to ratify the Technology Director Contract. Mr. White-Heckman seconded the motion.
Those voting Yes: Mr. Elmore, Mrs. Widner-Block, Mr. Heck, Mr. White-Heckman, Mr. Harkness and Ms. Esch.
Those Voting No: NONE
Motion passed 6-0
- b. Mr. Harkness made the motion to ratify the Nov 7, 2024 snow day. Mr. Heck seconded the motion.
Those voting Yes: Mr. Elmore, Mrs. Widner-Block, Mr. Heck, Mr. White-Heckman, Mr. Harkness and Ms. Esch.
Those Voting No: NONE
Motion passed 6-0
- c. 2nd Reading Policy of AC Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity, AC-E-1 Notice, AC-E-2 Complaint Form, GBAA Sex Based Harassment, AC-R-2 Sex Based Harassment and Investigation Procedures, and AC-R-3 Sex Based Harassment Procedures.
- d. 2nd Reading of Policy GBI Criminal History Record Information.
Mr. Heck made the motion to approve Action Items C & D. Mr. Harkness seconded the motion.
Those voting Yes: Mr. Elmore, Mrs. Widner-Block, Mr. Heck, Mr. White-Heckman,

Mr. Harkness and Ms. Esch.

Those Voting No: NONE

Motion passed 6-0

- e. Mr. Heck made the motion to approve the Auditor Engagement for 2024-2025. Ms. Esch seconded the motion.

Those voting Yes: Mr. Elmore, Mrs. Widner-Block, Mr. Heck, Mr. White-Heckman, Mr. Harkness and Ms. Esch.

Those Voting No: NONE

Motion passed 6-0

- 8. Meeting adjourned at 6:23 PM

Next SEBOCES Board Meeting is 11/21/2024.