



Information Update for the week of September 17-21, 2007

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PPBOCES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

1. First, a couple of carryover items from last weeks Superintendent Advisory Council (SAC) meeting. Archie and I are recommending that Denise Hartman be assigned the directorship of both the Phoenix Program and the Pathways Program, but we did not get the recommendation on the agenda for the SAC meeting. It will be on the board agenda. Secondly, Tim Kistler was able to get a second semester of credit on the Academy School District #20 staff development activity for the Pikes Peak Area Superintendents Association (PPASA). Superintendents that attend both the PPASA meetings and the SAC meetings will get two credits this year toward licensure renewal – thanks Tim.
2. Calhan School District is going through a student count audit this year. They have had problems proving to the auditor the attendance of some of the students in Pikes Peak BOCES programs. The New Directions and Pathways Programs have been able to produce the documentation needed, but the Phoenix Program is still working on the problem. The primary issues are the loss of records because of electronic attendance program changes and staff turnover. We at BOCES know that all districts will eventually go through the student audit process and are working with Calhan to provide acceptable documents for the auditor.
3. Brenda is preparing a postal mailing to the board members. The mailing will contain the amended budget for 2007-08, the Sept. 27th board agenda, the June 7th board minutes and the September program reports. Check those mailboxes for a heavy package.
4. The Colorado BOCES Association is proposing legislation for this session that will establish 12 Regional Service Cooperatives. The 12 Cooperatives will cover the state and will contain several Special Education Administrative Units (BOCES) in each region. The purpose of the Cooperatives will be to provide an opportunity for regional collaboration to deliver programs and services in a cost effective and efficient manner. Services might include such things as a data assessment center, shared financial services, cooperative buying, drop out prevention, career tech, area trainer of trainers, pre-college opportunities, etc. The legislation will include a request for funding that would be paid by the state and not an assessment of the districts. One of the 12 regions would be the Pikes Peak Area including Pikes Peak BOCES, Ute Pass BOCES and the larger Colorado Springs Schools. If you would like more information about the proposed Regional Service Cooperatives, let me know.
5. Brian Bylund and I are in negotiations with Leslie University to allow them to use the BOCES Administrative Building for college classes. They are looking at offering two master's degree programs – technology and language arts. The agreement could be for more than \$1,000.00 per month for one weekend. Representatives from the college are impressed with the facilities.
6. Speaking of facilities, the small conference room is as presentation friendly as the large room. The large room will accommodate up to 100 people and the small room around 12 people. We are working on a medium size conference room for groups of 40 people. Instruction will be provided in the use of the technology available in the rooms by making an appointment with Brian.

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