

CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COOPERATIVE HIGHER EDUCATION SERVICES

Board Minutes

The Carbon County Board of Cooperative Higher Education Services (BOCHES) held its regular monthly meeting on July 25, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. in Rawlins, Wyoming.

Roll Call

Board members present: Mike Mann, and via Zoom: Matt Feldmann and Neil Kourbelas. Pam attended the last few minutes of the meeting. Absent: Rick Greene

Others present: Jennifer Moore and Karen Webster, via Zoom: Roberta Corson.

Agenda

Neil Kourbelas made the motion to approve the agenda with an amendment to add Action Item A which will change the August board meeting date and time. The motion was seconded by Mike Mann and passed.

Executive Session

None

Public Comments, Presentations & Reports

None

Consent Agenda

- A. Mike Mann made the motion to approve the minutes for the June 27, 2024 meeting, Treasurer's Report, and Accounts Payable for July 2024. The motion was seconded by Neil Kourbelas and passed.

Action Items

- A. Neil Kourbelas made the motion to move the August meeting date to Wednesday, August 21st at 5:00 p.m. instead of Thursday, August 22nd at 4:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mike Mann and passed.

Discussion

- A. Annual BOCHES Board Member/CCHEC Staff BBQ: Jennifer asked the board if they wanted to do anything different. Jennifer, Karen, and other staff will handle the food arrangements. Matt asked if we should do any awards. Jennifer said that we will do years of service, but it will be part of the board meeting in order to document those achievements. Mike asked if we could have an ice breaker at the beginning to help us get to know each other a little better. Mike said he would send some questions to Matt and Jennifer to get this started.
- B. Update on Christy Stocks dedication in Baggs. Jennifer spoke with Ryanne and Ryanne said that the pieces are still not ready for the dedication. After the box is ready, she will need a month to get the rest of it ready. Ryanne will touch base with Joel again to see when the box might be ready. Jennifer recommends that after we get the box, we can then schedule a date for the dedication. Matt would like to have this in September. He asked that we work towards getting everything ready by then. Jennifer said that she will pass that on to Ryanne.

Directors Report

Jennifer reported that it's been a quiet, but productive month. We held our primary election forums earlier this month for Rawlins City Council, Carbon County Commissioners, and for Wyoming House District #15. We had good attendance in person and especially online. This month we also

started a GED/HiSet class in the evenings and have had great attendance so far. We are busy gearing up for fair and for the start of the semester. We have a new auto instructor to start the year off. For fair we have two booths, our regular CCHEC booth and a booth for the mill levy renewal, which will just be informational. We are also planning to be in the fair parade with signs for the mill levy. The LSRV staff is planning to come to Rawlins and join us at the fair on Thursday of fair week. Teachers will also be returning at the end of fair week. Next week on August 1st, we will be participating in Freshman Orientation with Rawlins High School. Incoming Freshman will be bussed over to tour CCHEC. We are also hosting a Dual Enrollment student and parent night next Wednesday for high school students who are planning to take college classes in the fall and a College Now Open House for anyone taking Western classes in the fall. Students will be able to get their login information, learn about Canvas, and get some fun Western swag if they attend.

Staff Reports

Roberta reported that the Arrow Macrame class had 12 students. The Safe Sitter class was cancelled due to low enrollment. Ryanne and Roberta plan to attend QPR Training in Rawlins in September. The Nailed It class was a huge success, they had 29 kids attend and they loved it! Wyoming Health Fair had 3 blood draws. We are working on getting a healthy relationships class with Megan from Public Health in August. The Kids Self-Defense class had 30 students, they learned a lot and had lots of great questions. Lastly, the LSRV Campus has been cleaning and organizing to prepare for the new school year.

Board Comments

Neil didn't have anything at this time.

Mike said he has been approached and asked if there is a way to bring back the nursing program. The local facilities are really struggling to find nurses. Jennifer said that the structure of the nursing program has transitioned to fully online with in-person clinicals that usually requires travel. We do still have some local students that go into the nursing program and graduate, not as many as we used to though. Jennifer believes that that the program will continue to be offered only online for the classroom portion of this program, although she is willing to ask about it. Jennifer also mentioned that Barb's CNA classes usually fill as do the Phlebotomy classes. Neil commented that the nursing program as Western is very robust and they are building a new facility for it. Neil also said that even though the nursing program is always full it doesn't assure that the nurses will stay in their community. Their hospitals and other facilities also struggle to stay staffed. The issue that they are seeing is that nurses are in such demand that it is a competition for salary. Its very hard to compete. Matt asked that we make sure to have information about the nursing program at the fair and a sign-up sheet for folks who want more information. Jennifer said we could definitely do that.

Next Board Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 21, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. in Rawlins.

Adjournment

Neil Kourbelas made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mike Mann and passed.

Matt Feldmann, Chairperson

Rick Greene, Clerk

Karen Webster, Executive Assistant