

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 December 14, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. in Rawlins, Wyoming.

Roll Call

Board members present: Mike Mann and via Zoom: Matt Feldmann and Rick Greene. Absent: Pam Thayer and Neil Kourbelas.

Others present: Jennifer Moore, Shelly Collier, Cory Hudson, Janet Garcia, JT Johnston, Mark Flaherty, Landon Thompson, Stephanie Leon, Cameron Benson, Elyssa Banta and Carmen Archuleta.

Via Zoom: Ryanne Mikesell and Roberta Corson.

Agenda

Mike Mann made the motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Rick Greene and passed.

Public Comments, Presentations & Reports

A. Students who helped with the Festival of Trees auction items. Auto students: Landon Thompson and Stephanie Leon were the leaders who decided to create a Christmas tree made from tires. They selected the tires and designed the tree with help from JT and other students, they also posted a picture of the tree online to initiate interest and help sell the tree at the auction. Their Tire tree won best theme at the main event out of 24 trees. They did a wonderful job and CCHEC is very proud of all of them. Stephanie said it was great to work on a project with her other senior year classmates. Stephanie said her favorite part was the collaboration between the students to get the tree created. Welding Students: Cameron Benson, Elyssa Banta, and Carmen Archuleta each helped to design their tree with Greg. Then they cut the design out on the CNC plasma cutter also with help from Greg. Then they had to grind, weld, and paint the metal trees for the festival. The set of three trees sold for \$245. They did a wonderful job. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to welding. We can't wait to work with you again. The students said they enjoyed the experience, and it kept them busy. Mark said he has enjoyed seeing the growth in these students.

B. High School CNA Class- Community Service Recognition: Postponed

Executive Session

None

Consent Agenda

Mike Mann made the motion to approve the minutes for the November 20, 2023 meeting, Treasurer's Report, and Accounts Payable for December 2023. The motion was seconded by Rick Greene and passed.

Discussion

None

Action Items

Rick Greene made the motion to approve the surplus list of technology equipment. The motion was seconded by Mike Mann and passed.

Directors Report

Jennifer reported that we had a great semester and will be ending strong. Western classes ended earlier this week. Our trades classes are wrapping up their end of semester projects. We have one week left with students. We are also preparing for next semester's classes.

This semester we had 19 high school students earn their OSHA-10 certification, 1 student earned an ASE certification, and 9 CNA students earn their CPR certification.

Festival of Trees last week was fantastic. We raised \$700 for CCHEC and about \$4000 total. We had an estimated of 350 people in the building on Saturday, but that's the low estimate. People loved the Grinch, the activities with the library and museum, and the food trucks had great things to say as well. It was really a sight to see and such a great event for CCHEC. A huge thank you to our staff members. They did a tremendous job.

Congratulations to Ryanne Mikesell for being selected as a member of the of the Leadership Carbon County Class of 2024!

Lastly, Jennifer wished everyone a good and safe Christmas and New Year's!

Staff Reports

Shelly reported that we have received 35% of our estimated tax income for Carbon County which is 19% less than past years. Jennifer and Shelly have been in touch with Lindsey West, Carbon County Treasurer, in regard to the lower amounts received. It is partially because of the change in mineral tax payments and the 18 months of deferred taxes. Another factor is the timing of payments. We will receive our first installment from the deferred taxes in January, which should be around \$57,000. We have received 38% of our Sweetwater estimated tax income compared to 50% in previous years. Shelly hopes everyone enjoys the holidays and be safe if you are travelling.

Janet reported that we hosted 2 paint nights this month. We had over 60 people participate in our Christmas paint night and over 40 people here for our 2nd paint night with Festive Trucks. It was a great time to have the paint nights with the Festival of Trees. We got a lot of compliments about how festive the building looked with all the trees.

Getting Ahead celebrated their completion of the 12-week program. "Participants in this program learned some valuable skills and are ready to put them to use," reports their facilitator, Micah Johnston.

We have our crochet class next week and the enrollment for that looks great! Hannah Randolph has been a great instructor for us, and we hope to offer more fun crocheting classes with her next year.

We are “wrapping” up the year and focusing on 2024 planning!

I’d like to thank every board member for their commitment to CCHEC and would like to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a prosperous new year!

Cory let the board know that the dual students did very well and ended the semester strong. Spring 2024 registration is open, and Cory continues to help students with the registration process.

Sandy Mink continues to tutor at the jail and currently has 2 students. In November and December, we had 1 student take 4 tests (passed 3) and 1 student take 1 test but did not pass. Another student completed testing in October and earned his High School Equivalency Certificate.

One high school Auto student, Andrew Langdon, earned a certificate in Engine Repair after he took the ASE test. Cory also attended the Youth Mental Health First Aid Training in November.

Ryanne reported that they did a leather working class last Friday, with 9 students. The class was very successful. A second class is scheduled for tomorrow. Ryanne said that they are not participating in the parade this year, instead they volunteered to make cookies for after the parade. They are making 450 cookies and will be at the bonfire after the parade. There will also be a hot chocolate truck. In January they are looking at a FAFSA night and kids yoga class taught by kids for kids. Ryanne’s son will be teaching the yoga class. The local vet will be teaching a pet first aid class. Barre classes will also start in January.

Board Comments

Mike hopes everyone has a safe holiday. Mike acknowledged the gap in communication with the Higher Ed that happened with the recent call-in threats to Wyoming schools. Mike said that he will help to make sure the process is better in the future and that it doesn’t happen again.

Rick wished everyone a Merry Christmas and if traveling be safe.

Matt also wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Spend time with loved ones.

Next Board Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 25, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Rick Greene made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mike Mann and passed.

Matt Feldmann, Chairperson

Rick Greene, Clerk

Karen Webster, Executive Assistant