

# **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 October 27, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. in Rawlins, Wyoming.

### **Roll Call**

Board members present: Rick Greene, Mike Mann, Matt Feldmann, George Eckman, and via phone Pam Thayer.

Others present: Jennifer Moore, Shelly Collier, Karen Webster, Janet Garcia, Cory Hudson, and Via Zoom Ryanne Mikesell, and Roberta Corson.

### **Agenda**

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

### **Public Comments, Presentations & Reports**

CCHEC Auto Instructor, JT Johnston let the board know that his class participated in the homecoming parade with vehicles that were custom made. The auto shop will also be auctioning off a 2011 Buick Regal to help create funds for CCHEC. The Buick does need some work and will be a great project for the students to work on to get it ready for the raffle. The board thought this was a great idea and hopes to see more of this in the future. Maddi Turney a current auto student also spoke and let the board know that she has been accepted to WyoTech and will go there next fall. She is very excited and will specialize in interiors and upholstery.

### **Consent Agenda**

Mike Mann made the motion to approve the minutes for the September 22, 2022 meeting, Treasurer's Report, and Accounts Payable for October 2022. The motion was seconded by Rick Greene and passed.

### **Executive Session**

None

### **Action Items**

- A. Mike Mann made the motion to approve the CCBOCHES Board lease agreement between Carbon County School District #1 and CCBOCHES. The motion was seconded by George Eckman and passed.
- B. Mike Mann made the motion to approve the CCBOCHES Board agreement between Carbon County School District #1 and CCBOCHES to continue to maintain the adult vocational education program. The motion was seconded by Rick Greene and passed.

### **Discussion**

- A. Update on options for Christy Stocks memorial: Karen updated the board with a rough estimate from Eagle Bronze Inc for a life size statue of Christy Stocks reading a book to children. The cost estimate range was from \$90,000.00 to \$130,000.00. Matt Feldmann said we should look at other memorial options. Karen also talked about an embossed bronze plaque option that would feature Christy's journey with the Carbon County Higher Ed and have her picture embossed on it. The board also like that idea and Karen will get pricing on different sizes. An additional consideration mentioned was having a large photo of Christy in the activity room. Jennifer likes the idea of using canvas for the picture for better quality.

## **Directors Report**

Jennifer thanked everyone for coming to the LSRV open house. Jennifer also welcomed Natalie Danford, the new LSRV Ed Center Administrative Assistant. CCHEC is finally fully staffed for the first time in a long time.

CCHEC is partnering with Boys and Girls Club of Carbon County for their Festival of Trees fundraiser. CCHEC is hosting the event in the main hallway. This will include a couple of days of photos with the grinch. CCHEC will also be helping with Rudolph's Red-Nosed Christmas Event at the fairgrounds.

In our CTE classes, our welders are busy building more fencing for the BLM. Next week students will go with BLM staff to install the fence near Saratoga. Our welding I students have all had the opportunity to utilize the CNC plasma cutter thanks to Greg and Mark partnering. Greg works with each Welding I student individually to show them how to create a design in CAD and cut it on the plasma cutter. They have been cutting the UW steamboat. Welding students went to manufacturing day at Western Wyoming Community College earlier this month and participated in a welding contest at LCCC this month. Our welding students also prepped and helped with the lighting of the R at Homecoming once again this year. Our automotive students were in the homecoming parade this year. This is the first time that Jennifer recalled that CCHEC participating in the homecoming parade. Our woods students have been building numerous projects. Community projects have included building a ramp for an RMS student in a wheelchair, who needed the ramp to participate in band. Woods students also helped insulate a door for a local community member who did not have a standard front door going into the winter. Upcoming projects include possible bookshelves for the RHS library, and various exercise equipment for the Wyoming State Pen for a dog program that they are hoping to start in the Spring.

## **Staff Reports**

Shelly reported on the Carbon County tax income. CCHEC has received 18% of our estimated tax income compared to 4% in previous years. We have received 41% of our estimated tax income from Sweetwater County compared to 1% in previous years. Shelly let Ryanne and Roberto know that she was sorry to have missed the open house in LSRV. Shelly thanked George for his 16 years of service on the BOCHES board. It has been a pleasure working with George.

Janet let the board know that there is only a couple of days left on our first silent auction from CTE class projects. Janet will be teaching the next Getting Ahead class set to start in the spring. Barb James has been busy teaching CPR/First Aid to several organizations around town.

Cory informed the board know that we are past mid semester, and she has started doing some early registration. We currently have a high school student who is tutoring an adult and another high school student in medical terminology. One student (16 years old) completed their high school equivalency but wanted to keep it private. Four students have passed individual subtests, three are from the jail. High School Equivalency testing has been purchased by a new company. ELL and HiSET GED classes are still meeting weekly and have regular attendance. Lastly, Cory attended a NCPN conference with colleagues Heidi Helms and Marnie Garner. This conference had helpful information on building pathways.

Ryanne reported that Roberta did an outstanding job with the pumpkin party which had 70-80 people. They have a Mombie costume party tonight. LSRV had eight students attend the Alive at 25 class. Upcoming classes are painting with Sue, sign painting, some financial classes including investments, and understanding your pay stub. These are classes the community would like to see more of.

## **Board Comments**

George said the open house in LSRV was wonderful, they gave away good prizes. George updated the other board members about the five to seven seats that are up for upcoming election on the Western board of trustees. George mentioned that Kasey Damori is running and if she wins, we may want to reach out and see if she would like to be part of the BOCHES board in Carbon County.

Pam said that she is sorry she missed the open house. Pam said everyone is doing a great job.

Mike thanked George for his many years of service and that it has been pleasant working with him. Mike also thanked everyone for what they are doing.

Matt thanked George for everything he has done with and for the board.

**Next Board Meeting Date**

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 21, 2022. This meeting will be at 4:00 p.m.

**Adjournment**

Pam Thayer made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mike Mann and passed.

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Matt Feldmann, Chairperson

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Rick Greene, Clerk

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Karen Webster, Executive Assistant