



Board Meeting Agenda

December 6, 2022 from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

430 Beacon Lite Rd., Suite 150, Monument, CO 80132

- I. PRELIMINARIES
 - A. Call to order
 - B. Roll call
 - C. Welcome to guests
 - D. Pledge of Allegiance
 - E. Public Comment

- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- III. CONSENT AGENDA
 - A. Approval of November 2022 Board Meeting Minutes (p. 2)

- IV. ACTION ITEMS
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- V. DISCUSSION ITEMS
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 - B. School/Program Presentation, La Luz Homeschool Enrichment – Dan Snowberger (p. 87)
 - C. Q1 Scorecard, Colorado Homeschool Enrichment – Dan Snowberger (p. 88)
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 - E. Policy Review – Ken Witt (p. 91)
 - F. Preliminary 2022-2023 Amended Budget – Annette Ridgway (p. 94)

- VI. OTHER BUSINESS
 - A. Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b) and C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(f)(I) to receive legal advice on specific legal questions and personnel matters
 - B. Action related to matters discussed in executive session

- VII. BOARD REPORTS
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BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Board Meeting Date: December 6, 2022

Prepared by: Annette Ridgway

Title of Agenda Item: 2021-2022 Financial Audit Report

Item Type: Action Information Discussion

Background Information, Description of Need:

Colorado Revised Statute 22-32-109(1)(k) requires that a Board of Education / Board of Directors “To cause a statement of the financial condition of the district to be published and posted as required by law, to cause all accounts to be audited as required by law, and to review from time to time during each fiscal year the financial position of the district.” The federal government mandates independent financial and compliance audits of federal financial assistance programs. The 2021-2022 Audit Report is presented in compliance with statutory guidance.

The auditor for the Education reEnvisioned BOCES is Hoelting & Co., Inc. - a local Colorado Springs firm that has been the ERBOCES auditor since the inception of the organization. The firm has significant knowledge and expertise in school audits as well as institutional knowledge gained from the many years of valued partnership with ERBOCES.

Relevant Data and Expected Outcomes:

The Audit Report expresses an unmodified opinion or ‘clean report’ on the financial statements of Education reEnvisioned BOCES for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022.

The Opinions section of the Independent Auditor’s Report states, “In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of Education reEnvisioned BOCES, as of June 30, 2022, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.”

The schedule for Findings and Questioned Costs states, “No findings reported” for both Financial Statements and Costs for Federal Awards.

The audit report and letters from the auditor have been provided to the Board of Directors.



Recommended Course of Action/Motion Requested:

A motion is requested to receive the 2021-2022 Audit Report and to publish the report on the financial transparency webpage in accordance with statutory requirements.



BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Board Meeting Date: December 6, 2022

Prepared by: Ken Witt

Title of Agenda Item: (IV. B) Policy Review

Item Type: Action Information Discussion

Background Information, Description of Need:

In an effort to maintain compliant, relevant, and effective policy, Education reEnvisioned has formalized an annual review process of Board Policy and Operating Procedures. In each of the coming few board meetings, one or two policy update recommendations will be brought to the board each meeting.

Relevant Data and Expected Outcomes:

An update of the sexual harassment policy, with integration into the TITLE IX process is needed. Both elements were discussed in the last meeting for first reading and are attached here for approval.

Recommended Course of Action/Motion Requested:

A motion is requested “to approve board policies 2E Sexual Harassment Investigation Procedures (Title IX) and 7B Sexual Harassment as attached and as presented in the first reading in the November 2022 meeting”.



BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Board Meeting Date: December 6, 2022

Prepared by: Annette Ridgway

Title of Agenda Item: Legislative Issues and Update

Item Type: Action Information Discussion

Background Information, Description of Need:

Relevant Data and Expected Outcomes:

Verbal update by Amy Attwood.

Recommended Course of Action/Motion Requested:



BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Board Meeting Date: December 6, 2022

Prepared by: Dan Snowberger, Director of Education Operations

Title of Agenda Item: VB – School/Program Presentation: La Luz Homeschool Enrichment

Item Type: Action Information Discussion

Background Information, Description of Need:

This year, new school programs will each make a short presentation to the Board about their new program, its highlights so far in the inaugural year, and any challenges they have encountered. This will provide our board a chance of learning more about our expanded portfolio of school programs.

Today, we welcome Kyle Gamba, Director of La Luz Homeschool Enrichment Program. Kyle is in his second year of operating his micro-school, and first year in partnering with us on a homeschool enrichment portion of the program. We are excited to partner with him and welcome her to share more with you. Kyle has provided a link to a recent news story that provides you a snippet of what his program is all about.

[Channel 7 visits La Luz](#)

Relevant Data and Expected Outcomes:

This is intended for Board member awareness and information only.

Recommended Course of Action/Motion Requested:

No further action is requested



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Board Meeting Date: December 6, 2022

Prepared by: Dan Snowberger, Director of Education Operations

Title of Agenda Item: VC – Q1 Scorecard: Colorado Homeschool Enrichment

Item Type: Action Information Discussion

Background Information, Description of Need:

Attached, please find the first quarter progress reports, previously called scorecards, on Colorado Homeschool Enrichment Program. We did have a communication challenge in securing the information from the school in a timely manner to produce this in time for last month’s meeting. We have resolved that situation and don’t expect any such delay in the future.

The scale for the indicators is as follows:

Meets or exceeds expectations - 80% +
Area to watch or caution - 51%-79%
Area of concern - 0%-50%

Should you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to reach out to Dan Snowberger, Director of Education Operations. Detail of each rating have been provided to school leaders.

Relevant Data and Expected Outcomes:

At this time, these progress reports are presented to board members as a part of our oversight as an authorizer.

Recommended Course of Action/Motion Requested:

No further action is required.



BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Board Meeting Date: December 6, 2022

Prepared by: Dan Snowberger, Director of Education Operations

Title of Agenda Item: VD – Request to Reconsider Update

Item Type: Action Information Discussion

Background Information, Description of Need:

As shared at or last board meeting, our BOCES did appeal the school assignment of Turnaround for Colorado Preparatory Academy Elementary. Due to recently changed State Board of Education Rules, the Colorado Department of Education cannot consider the Request to Reconsider (RTR) as the school failed to achieve 90% of their students being tested in the State assessment program. This Board Rule is in conflict with [C.R.S. 22-7-1013](#) which requires districts to adopt and implement a policy that allows parents to excuse a student from participating in one or more of these state assessments.

As a result, the school category of “turnaround” is being assigned with the majority of the score based on 40 students’ growth in grades 4 & 5 in a school of over 1000 students. In the RTR, we’ve presented data on all grade level students including a nationally normed assessment with over 97% participation of their students.

Executive Director Ken Witt has been in communication with members of the State Board of Education who have indicated that they will open discussion prior to certifying ratings at their December 13/14 meeting. The school and BOCES staff are prepared to be present if considered helpful as the State Board makes a final decision on school ratings and consideration of our appeal.

Relevant Data and Expected Outcomes:

We will keep the Board posted in our progress in this RTR process.

Recommended Course of Action/Motion Requested:

No Board action is requested at this time.



BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Board Meeting Date: December 6, 2022

Prepared by: Ken Witt

Title of Agenda Item: (V. E) Policy Review

Item Type: Action Information Discussion

Background Information, Description of Need:

In an effort to maintain compliant, relevant, and effective policy, Education reEnvisioned has formalized an annual review process of Board Policy and Operating Procedures. In each of the coming few board meetings, one or two policy update recommendations will be brought to the board each meeting.

Relevant Data and Expected Outcomes:

A review of Board Policy **7F. Alcohol and Drug-Free Workplace** is offered, with no suggested changes at this time. The policy language is attached. The policy states that the “Board shall conduct a periodic review of its awareness and prevention program to determine its effectiveness and implement appropriate changes”. We will discuss the ERBOCES program and solicit board approval.

In brief: The ERBOCES has two staff officing on BOCES premises, and with 5 staff total – four employees and one contractor. Our program is therefore fairly lightweight. We send an annual reminder to employees of the policy, the penalties for violation, and a reminder of the risks of alcohol and drug abuse. We will include in future communications a link for where to get help if an employee is struggling with addiction. We believe this is an adequate program for an organization of our size. We offer as evidence of sufficient effectiveness of the program that there have been no alcohol or drug-free workplace violations in the past 5 years.

Recommended Course of Action/Motion Requested:

First reading, no motion is requested at this time.



BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Board Meeting Date: December 6, 2022

Prepared by: Annette Ridgway

Title of Agenda Item: Preliminary 2022-2023 Amended Budget

Item Type: Action Information Discussion

Background Information, Description of Need:

Colorado Revised Statute 22-44-110(5) indicates that “After the adoption of the budget, the board may review and change the budget, with respect to both revenues and expenditures at any time prior to January 31 of the fiscal year for which the budget was adopted.” This item is presented in compliance with statutory guidance.

Relevant Data and Expected Outcomes:

Differences from the Original Budget to the Preliminary Amended Budget:

- Student October count finalized slightly under the Original Budget resulting in a \$300K decrease to Program Revenue offset by \$298K decrease to Educational Services expense.
- Other changes to Revenue include:
 - Accounting change, \$54K repayment of School Startup Loans is recognized as Earning on Investments rather than receivables.
 - \$110K for higher than planned yield on cash reserves.
 - Received \$45K Daniels Fund grant to defend and promote an innovative model of education.
- Other changes to Expenses include:
 - \$40K for short-term contractor to serve as a public partnership liaison
 - \$50K for Supreme Court litigation.
- 12% Increase to Grant Revenue driven by IDEA and ESSER funds.

Revised per pupil revenue (PPR) information has not been published by the CDE. Revised PPR information will be available and incorporated in the Amended Budget prior to board approval in January.

Recommended Course of Action/Motion Requested:

No motion is requested at this time. The final 2022-2023 Amended Budget will be presented for board approval before January 31, 2022.