

Department of Business Officials

Board of Directors Meeting

Friday, June 11, 2010 10:00 a.m.

CASE – Englewood Board Room

Minutes

Persons present: Stephanie Watson, Sandy Mutchler, Terry Buswell, and Shelley Becker

Call to Order was at 10:37 a.m.

Roll Call was taken by signature

Additions to Agenda

Add #6. To Discussion Items: CASE Audit.

Add #2. To Action/Approval Items. Approval requested for travel expenses to ASBO National Convention in Orlando for Sandy Mutchler.

Motion to pass – Sandy Mutchler; Second – Shelly Becker. Consent Items approved.

Reports:

1. Stephanie Watson did not have a President's Report.
2. Bruce Caughey – Coordinating Council Audit Report

Legislative session - last 3 weeks have been a real battle. Senate Bill 191 Tenure/Educator Effectiveness – Amend position – support. No cost impact – which isn't noted. Cost study is in the bill. Differentiated evaluations - CEA opposed. Bill 191 almost died 5/11. Speaker Carroll added language for 3rd party binding arbitration. – 2 years. The most grueling process Bruce has been involved in.

Senator Johnston will be in attendance at the Legislature Breakfast at CASE Conference. Two awards for Senator Johnston and Treasurer Kennedy at CASE Conference.

CASE has opposed many bills with fiscal impact. CDE 18 opposed by CASE, supported by CEA – will look at putting a meeting together between CEA and DBO. Stephanie and Shelley would be willing to be part of the meeting with Karen Wick (CEA).

Race to the Top was discussed. Round 2 applied for. Fewer districts are involved, but 90% of the students in the state are represented. In Round 1 – Colorado 14th out of 16.

Big change in Charter Schools – Authorized Standards being discussed in Bill 1412. Emergency – 3rd party fiduciary. District can ask for help – various options.

Ballot measures 60, 61, and 101. Debt versus Financing Campaign. Senate Bill 205 – legal ability to finance funds prior to 60, 61, 101 comes to pass. 61 at 57% approval rating. If districts support 205, it will be hard to oppose 61.

Campaign polling – skeptical on the 3 measures – public concerned about the complexity – effects on K-12 and the effect on coming out of the recession. Need to feel an urgency to the potential outcome. Glenn G. – crisis in K-12 funding – need to get the word out to people.

Transition from John to Bruce: Succession plan has been unveiled officially. 4 Professional staff to 3 Professional staff – will be tough. Legislative lobbying RFP will be going out. Move to a greater focus on fewer bills for the future.

Discussion Items: (from Agenda)

4. 2011 Nuts & Bolts Conference – Wait for CASE Conf. feedback.
5. DBO Board Meeting Dates for 2010-11. Aug. 27, Oct. 29, March 18, June 10.
6. Discussion on CASE Audit (Glenn G.).

Bondi conducted Sept./Oct. 09 Audit. Management letter has serious notations.

Have DBO play the Accountant role – receiving the response letter for review and potential suggestions/recommendations “cleaning up the shop.” Howard Tucker has done a great job. We need to step up. DBO Board will receive copies to respond back. Stephanie will send to DBO members.

What would we like to see on a quarterly basis monitoring report? Get feedback by July 31. Phone conference call suggested by Shelley Becker.

Action/Approval Items:

1. Shelley Becker motioned for Will Hatcher to take emeritus DBO board position: Sandy Mutchler – Second.
2. Shelley Becker motioned for approval for travel expenditures of \$1,500 for Sandy Mutchler to attend the ASBO National Conf. in Orlando. Terry Buswell – Second.

Future Meeting Dates:

DBO – Thursday, 7/29/10 Department Meeting 3:30 – 4:45 BEAVER RUN RESORT (Beer and Wine will be available. Chips & Salsa.)

Request: Round Tables

- Stephanie will open the meeting
- Stephanie will introduce Martha; then Martha will introduce the rest of the board
- Recognition for Sandy Mutchler – Distinguished Service Award
- Consider moving Martha’s Distinguished Service Award to Nuts & Bolts Feb. 2011.
- DBO Nuts & Bolts conference review/feedback – What topics we want
- Bruce Caughey – fallout of Budget Process – Round Table

Meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.