

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS EDUCATION FUND GRANT COMMISSION
May 1, 2013; 5:30 pm
Human Services Center Board Room
Agenda

5/1/13

1. 5:30 Call to Order
2. 5:31 Public Comment

In order to assure public awareness of and involvement in the activities of the Steamboat Springs Education Fund, this portion of the Board meeting is available to the public to discuss any item related to the Fund. The maximum time allowed for the discussion of any single subject will be three minutes. If more time is required, the topic may be placed on the agenda of a future Education Fund Board meeting to allow more time.

3. 5:35 Approval of Meeting Minutes from Grant Commission meeting of March 20, 2013 ✓
4. 5:40 EFB April 10, 2013 Meeting Recap
5. 5:45 Interview applicants for Grant Commission Vacancies (Action Item)
6. 6:00 Discuss 3rd Commission Representative Seat to the Board (Action Item)
7. 6:15 Set meeting dates 2013-2014; still 6:00 PM? (Action Item)
 - June – August – no meetings
 - September 16
 - October 18
 - November 20
 - December 18
 - January 15
 - February 19
 - March 19
 - April 16
 - May (if necessary)
8. 7:00 Innovation Grant (Action Item)
 - Determine 1st reading amount and application schedule) (Action Item)
9. 7:15 2nd Readings (Action Item)
10. 8:00 Adjourn

Supporting Documents: All grant requests and supporting attachments will be available for download at: http://www.steamboateducationfund.org/grant_requests.php

Steamboat Springs Education Fund Board Grant Commission
March 20, 2013; 6:00 pm
Human Service Center Board Room

Grant Commission members present included Stuart Handloff, Dean Massey, Kelly Stanford, Paul Berry, Kevin Lind, Ann Henderson and Laura Kaster. Present via Skype for portions of the meeting was Barb Parnell. Also present was Brad Meeks (Steamboat Springs Superintendent), Tim Miles (Director of Technology for Steamboat Springs and South Routt), Scott Mader (South Routt Superintendent), Dale Mellor (Steamboat Springs Director of Finance), Marty Lamansky (SSHS Vice-Principal), Coleen Poole (North Routt Community Charter School Director), Jim Early (Hayden Director of Technology) and Karla Setter (Grant Writer).

Call to Order:

Stuart Handloff called the Grant Commission meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

Public Comment:

Mary Darcy, Steamboat Springs' school district parent and a member of DAC and PIC believes the process seems off this year. Darcy believes the tax was to cover the basics and feels like there's nothing written down on how decisions are made and is not sure how money is set aside for the community groups and the innovation grants. Darcy is also concerned about money going to Hayden and Soroco, believes the Steamboat Springs district basics should be covered first and doesn't believe there is a system for accountability.

Meeting Protocol and Format Discussion:

Stuart said everybody should have a chance to speak without interruption and to be respectful.

Approval of the Meeting Minutes of January 16, 2013:

Kelly Stanford made a motion and Ann Henderson seconded, to approve the Grant Commission meeting minutes of January 16, 2013 as presented.

Vote: ___ 7 Yes ___ ___ 0 No ___ The motion passed unanimously.

EFB Report:

There was no Education Fund Board meeting report.

Small Class Size Workshop Discussion:

The small class size workshop discussion was postponed until later in the meeting.

1st Readings:

Stuart said there is an amount of \$2.7 million dollars of requests and \$ 2.4 million dollars available for allocation. The goal of tonight's meeting is to look at between \$ 2.5 and \$ 2.6 million as a target and to create priorities to start the process.

Hayden School District:

In order of priority:

G14-09-H Tech Support	\$ 40,000 – This request was reduced by 10% this year.
G14-10-H Software License	12,463
G14-11-H MS Intervention	17,969 – This request was reduced another 10% this year.
G14-12-H Aux Lab Computers	15,816 – This request came about as the existing labs are

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constantly in use and the auxiliary lab is in use more than 50% of the time. Jim Early is tracking who is using the lab and what for what reason.

G14-13-H Auditorium Theater Upgrades 79,824 – The consensus of the commission was funding auditorium upgrades was not appropriate at this time as more focus should be placed on academic achievement.

G14-14-H Secondary Tablets 57,963 amended to 41,187.90

G14-15-H Elementary Tablets 25,560 amended to 24,480.00 - Jim Early said the requests for the secondary and elementary tablets combined have been reduced by \$ 17,000 from the original requests. The tablets will accommodate 4 classrooms. A 5-year plan is being formalized where technology can be standardized and the plan will be an ongoing and continuous process.

South Rount School District:

G14-16-SR Technology \$ 188,980 - The breakdown for this request is hardware \$ 91,600, network \$ 75,000 and software \$ 24,000. Hardware includes iPads and laptops, cases and carts. Tim Miles did not know what the result would be if the full \$ 75,000 for the network wasn't funded and the network component was the most important. Tim said a majority of the computers need to be replaced and mobility is needed as there is not physical space to add more labs. Discussion ensued regarding giving technology a dollar amount then having Tim come back with how the money would be allocated.

Steamboat Springs School District:

G14-01-SBS Effective Classroom \$ 1,214,000 – (The request includes ELL, G/T and Counseling). After the school district/EFB small class size workshop, Ann Henderson said it seems the majority of the community believes small class size is most important and the community feels like they are not being heard. There was discussion regarding the importance of small class size in the elementary vs. secondary classrooms. Brad Meeks said counseling has a higher than average ratio in the SBS district. The funds requested would maintain the current number of teachers for small class size. Students are added during the course of the year and the district is dealing with physical restraints. The commission discussed increasing the amount for small class size and the importance of the literacy coaches and professional development to maintain a high quality of teachers.

G14-02-SBS Hardware 408,700 – Tim is unable to itemize the hardware.

G14-03- SBS Literacy Coaches 150,000

G14-04- SBS Network 225,800

G14-05- NRCCS Expeditionary Learning 32,500

G14-06- SBS Professional Development 50,000

G14-07- SBS Software 121,500

G14-08 - SBS Tech Training 30,000

G14-17-C – Grant Writer 80,000

The conclusion was to approve the first readings with the exception of the Hayden Auditorium upgrade request @ \$ 79,824 and to accept Hayden's decreased budget request for the tablets by \$ 17,000.

It was noted that the NRCCS request is part of the SBS requests.

Future Meetings:

The next Grant Commission will be May 1, 2013 @ 5:30 pm (changed from 6:00 pm). The next EFB meeting is scheduled for April 10, 2013 @ 5:30 pm.

Adjourn:

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. As there was no further business, the Grant Commission meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.

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Budget Estimate	Item	Estimated Qty	Description	Total
Hardware:	(Not to exceed \$79,000)			
	Laptop/Monitor-Student	45	Laptop, Carts, (60 monitors)	\$43,560.00
	iPAD	30	iPAD2 elementary, cart, case	\$15,970.00
	* Teacher	0		
	* Other	0	projection, replenishment, printers, changes, new tech, ...	
	* Lab upgrades	0		
			Hardware SubTotal	\$59,530.00
Network:	(Not to exceed \$85,000)			
	Wireless	1	30 AP's/Install/Switch	\$35,800.00
	Conduit and A/C	1	AC Server Rm, New Fibre and Conduit HS/MS	\$8,630.00
	Centurion	1	3 years support	\$4,000.00
	Internet	1	Share with Steamboat	\$12,500.00
	* Storage	1	Replace Mercury (Drobo or Storage)	\$4,540.00
			Hardware SubTotal	\$65,470.00
Software:	(Not to Exceed \$30,000)			
	Sftwr		Appsense, Content	\$22,000.00
			Total	\$147,000.00
	* Important		Still very important needs	

SSSD Tech EFB				
Software:				
	Title	Delivery	Facing	Total
	E2020	Web	Student	\$124,500.00
	EveryDay Math	Web	Student	
	Food Service	Hybrid	Both	
	HelpDesk	Web	Staff	
	Imagine Learning	Hybrid	Student	
	Inspiration	Local	Student	
	Kidspiration	Web	Student	
	Intermapper	Local	Staff	
	Lexia	Web	Student	
	LightSpeed	Hybrid	Both	
	MAC OS X	Local	Both	
	MathStories	Web	Student	
	Microsoft	Hybrid	Both	
	NWEA	Hybrid	Student	
	Orchard	Local	Student	
	PbWorks	Web	Both	
	Renaissance Learning	Web	Student	
	Safari Montage	Local	Student	
	School Fusion	Web	Staff	
	Solid Works	Local	Student	
	Symantec-BackupExec	Local	Both	
	Symantec-Altiris	Local	Both	
	TumbleBooks	Web	Student	
	Type to Learn	Hybrid	Student	
	Vision	Local	Staff	
	VoiceThread	Web	Student	
	SurveyMonkey	Web	Both	
			Software Total	\$124,500.00
Hardware:				
	Title	Estimated Qty	Description	Total
	Citrix/Appsense	1		\$70,400
*	Orions	200	Elem Teacher, MS Lab	
*	monitor-new	25		
*	MS Laptops	25	Student	
*	MS Ipads	25	Student	
*	Elementary Laptops	50	Student	
*	Elementary Ipads	60	Staff/Student	
*	docCamera	26	Staff	
*	carts			
*	Recycle			\$233,475
	Support	1	Baracuda, Overland, Eaton, LeftHand	\$8,000
	SMART	9	Pieces	\$27,000
	HeadEnd	1		\$10,000
	Server Upgrade	4		\$24,000
	Food Service	5	Upgrade	\$14,625
	Maintenance		Other	\$21,200
			Hardware Total	\$408,700
Network:				
	Title	Estimated Qty	Description	Total
	SAN(Virtuats)	1	SAN Storage	\$45,000.00
	Centurion	1	Maintenance Network Equip	\$50,000.00
	Switch Upgrade/Other		Required Wireless	\$53,300.00
	Sensaphone	2	Environmental Monitoring Equip	\$2,500.00
	Wireless	140	Intstall, Wiring, Setup	\$75,000.00
			Network Total	\$225,800.00
Training:				
			Technology Related, Staff Facing	\$30,000.00
*	sum together			

Grant History	Approved	Approved	1st Reading
	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014
Hayden Tech Support Staff	49,839	44,856	40,371
Hayden Tech Infrastructure Elem. School		40,721	
Hayden Software Licensing		6,558	12,463
Hayden Adobe	9,900		
Hayden Microsoft	3,500		
Hayden Software	3,000		
Hayden PowerSchool Update & Server		5,297	
Hayden Middle School Intervention Staff	21,846	19,662	17,969
Hayden Computers	15,445	15,992	15,816
Hayden Auditorium/Theatre Upgrades		10,000	
Hayden Smartboards	25,000		
Hayden Smartboard Peripherals		5,000	
Hayden Secondary Tablets			41,188
Hayden Elementary Tablets			24,480
Hayden Summer Intensives	7,500		
total Hayden	\$136,030	\$148,086	\$152,287
SR Summer Incentives	7,500		
SR Intervention Support Staff	23,346		
SR Accelerated Reader	5,498		
SR Antivirus	3,000		
SR Chem Hood	16,500		
SR Smartboards	50,000		
SR Curriculum Mapping Staff	9,308		
SR Tech Hardware/Infrastructure	26,250	119,000	
SR Technology			188,970
SR Tech Tower		40,000	
total South Routt	\$141,402	\$159,000	\$188,970
Steamboat Effective Classrooms	885,000.00	986,000	1,214,000
Steamboat Literacy Coaches		110,000	150,000
Steamboat Staff Development	40,000.00	39,000	50,000
Steamboat Tech Staff	360,000.00	182,400	
Steamboat Tech Hardware	332,500.00	300,000	408,700
Steamboat Tech Maintenance	27,500.00		
Steamboat Tech Software	124,213.00	124,213	121,500
Steamboat Tech Network	100,000.00	145,000	225,800
Steamboat Tech Training			
Steamboat NRCCS Exp Learning		35,000	32,500
Steamboat Spanish	90,000.00	110,000	
total Steamboat Springs	\$1,959,213	\$2,031,613	\$2,170,000
Yampatika Environmental Literacy	8,000	8,000	10,000
RMYC Science School	20,000	20,000	20,000
Partners Middle School Mentors	37,500	37,500	40,000
SSAC Middle School Production		2,000	
total Community Groups	\$65,500	\$67,500	\$70,000
Grant Writer	80,000	80,000	80,000

Innovation Grants	50,000	35,000	
total Collaborative Grants	\$130,000	\$115,000	\$80,000
Administrative Expenses	30,000	30,000	30,000
total Admin Expenses	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
Total Budget	\$2,462,145	\$2,551,199	\$2,691,257

2013-2014	1st Readings	2,691,257
2013-2014	Total Budget	-2,452,000
2013-2014	Cuts Needed	239,257

Summary	2009-2010		2010-2011		2011-2012		2012-2013	
Grant Totals	\$2,713,883		\$2,200,183		\$2,302,145		\$2,406,199	
Community	\$90,000	3.32%	\$82,950	3.77%	\$65,500	2.85%	\$67,500	2.81%
Hayden	\$115,689	4.26%	\$106,303	4.83%	\$136,030	5.91%	\$148,086	6.15%
Soroco	\$89,224	3.29%	\$115,930	5.27%	\$141,402	6.14%	\$159,000	6.61%
SSpgs	\$2,418,970	89.13%	\$1,895,000	86.13%	\$1,959,213	85.10%	\$2,031,613	84.43%

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Steamboat Springs Education Fund Board
April 10, 2013; 5:30 PM
Human Service Center Board Room

Education Fund Board directors present included Kristi Brown, Steve Paoli, Dean Massey, Kristin Wilson, Scott Berry, Glenn Airoidi, Roger Good, Vance Fulton, Jason Lacy, Summer Johnston and Denise Connelly. Also present were Brad Meeks (SBS Superintendent), Scott Mader (South Routt Superintendent), Mike Luppés (Hayden Superintendent), Colleen Poole (Dir. of North Routt Community Charter School), Brant LeChance (next Dir. of NRCCS), Linda Thomas (EFB Accountant), Marty Lamansky (SSHS Asst. Principal), Tina Kryprios (potential Grant Commission member), Judy Harris (Steamboat Springs Administration), Jay O'Hare (potential board member) and Carla Setter (grant writer), Chris Johnson and Scott Bideau (potential commission member). Kristi Brown recorded the meeting and Denise Brazier, Ski Town Executive Service, LLC, prepared the minutes.

Call to Order:

Kristi Brown called the Steamboat Springs Education Fund Board meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Board and Commission Member Reports:

Steve Paoli requested that recent reporting in the newspaper comes up in tonight's discussion.

Dean reported that the last CD was closed out effective Monday (April 15, 2013).

Roger thanked Brad Meeks and Michelle Miller for the tour of Soda Creek. Roger also attended the district's budget review.

Denise said the district is in the midst of the budget review and thanked Kristi Brown, Glenn Airoidi and Roger Good for their attendance. The district is continuing with monitoring reports to be sure the district is accountable to the public.

Kristi said Brad Meeks is interested in scheduling dates for anyone interested in touring the district's facilities.

Board Etiquette Review:

Kristi told the EFB that policy states that EFB will operate in a transparent manner, put forth ideas in open meetings and therefore e-mails to the whole group are forbidden. Anyone should inform Kristi of anything urgent that requires action before the next meeting so a special meeting can be scheduled. Everyone has different experiences and thoughts, but all are passionately advocates for education. Everyone is to treat each other with respect and appreciation at all times. The board and commission members have an obligation to exchange ideas in the boardroom, but support the position of the board after action is taken.

Small Class Size Workshop Recap:

Comments from the directors regarding the workshop included:

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- Most of those in attendance want small class size, especially elementary parents and teachers it is less important at the middle and high school levels.
- Balancing the costs required to achieve small class size vs. more effective strategies to advance academic achievement in Routt County is an important conversation to continue having in a public and meaningful way.
- Is small class size the end goal or a just one means to improve academic achievement?
- Small class size is a polarizing topic and EFB should focus on the most appropriate use of EFB funding.
- EFB should spend money on the things the community voted on.
- There are schools with lower class size that have lower academic achievement than SBS. So it is not the only or even the primary factor in educational success.
- EFB should take a big picture approach to what it takes for students to be successful and try to keep the allocation of resources in appropriate balance.

Approve Meeting Minutes from February 6, 2013:

Roger Good made a motion and Jason Lacy seconded, to approve the EFB minutes of February 6, 2013 as presented.

Vote: ___10 Yes___ ___0 No___ The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report – Linda Thomas:

The financial report dated April 4, 2013 is attached to the minutes. Linda reviewed the financial report noting on the first line, the cash balance is of February 28, 2013 totaling \$ 472,047.59. Linda noted sales tax was down in the Dec (Feb) column 6.1% from what was forecasted and up Jan (Mar) 10.7%. The expected reserve balance of \$ 662,977 is up from \$ 500,000, the basis due to increased revenues coming in. Next year will be forecasted flat with this year's actuals.

Set 2013-2104 Total Budget Amount:

Kristi reviewed the 2013-2014 budget sheet attached to the minutes. Funds available for school district grants are \$ 2,436,576.

Roger proposed to find a way to match the amount of money EFB funded last year given the forecasting has been conservative. *Roger Good made a motion and Scott Berry seconded, to amend the target amount for the 2013-2014 budget cycle a total to \$ 2,552,000, an increase of just over \$ 14,000.*

Vote: ___10 Yes___ ___0 No___ The motion passed unanimously.

The new budget amount, less funding for the community groups and administration, is \$ 2,452,000. After looking at the grant allocation history, Kristi proposed the amount available for funding is allocated as 90% for Steamboat Springs, 5% for South Routt and 5% for Hayden or \$ 123,000 each for South Routt and Hayden and \$ 2.2+ million for Steamboat Springs.

Scott Mader said \$ 123,000 is a significant cut but the amount would still make a difference. Mike Luppess said EFB funds have made a huge difference for Hayden, a cut would be disappointing but is an EFB decision and appreciates everything that has been done.

Kristi said the \$ 2,372,000** would be the starting point calculated accordingly:

Funds Available	\$ 3,037,576
Minus:	
Reserves	(500,000)
Community Grants	(70,000)
Admin Expenses	<u>(30,000)</u>
	\$ 2,437,576

then...

Motion to Increase	\$ 2,552,000
Grant Writer	(80,000)...assumption
Community Grants	(70,000)...assumption
Admin Expenses	<u>(30,000)...assumption</u>
	\$ 2,372,000**
Innovation Grants	<u>(50,000)...assumption</u>
New starting point	\$ 2,322,000

Roger made a motion and Scott seconded, to set a range of 5% - 6% of \$ 2,322,000 (with the assumptions listed above), plus or minus ½% for Hayden and South Routt for the 2013/2014 allocations. Discussion: Glenn would prefer that the amount to go to Steamboat is determined and let everything else fall in place. Vote: 3 Yes 7 No Motion failed.

Glenn suggested using an amount of \$ 2,441,818 funds available for grants for school districts as the baseline number as calculated below:

Starting number on budget spreadsheet:	\$ 3,037,576
Reserves	(500,000)
Grant Writer	(80,000)
Admin Expenses	(30,000)
Plus voted on increase	<u>14,242</u>
	\$ 2,441,818

Glenn made a motion and Steve seconded, to recommend to the Grant Commission that with a starting point of \$ 2,441,818, that there is a floor of \$ 2,000,000 or 90% of that total, whichever is lower, that is awarded to the Steamboat Springs School District and the balance, at the discretion of the Grant Commission, go to the remaining requests including community groups, innovation grants and the Hayden and South Routt school districts. Discussion: Roger said to be fair the percentages would need to be recalculated with the innovation grant dollars included. The motion is to be treated as a target for the Grant Commission. Kristi made a friendly amendment to make the floor for Steamboat Springs \$ 2,000,000. The motion is reread to be with a starting point of \$ 2,441,818, a minimum of \$ 2,000,000 is guaranteed to be granted to the Steamboat Springs school district. Discussion: Roger will oppose the motion because Roger's proposal has a minimum of \$ 2,042,000. Dean said Roger's motion gave direction to the commission to trend Hayden and South Routt down. Glen restated his motion seconded by Jason, to set the guideline for the Grant Commission that there is a floor of \$ 2,050,000 to be awarded to the Steamboat Springs School District and the balance of the funds will cover innovation grants, community grants and grants for the Hayden and South Routt school districts. To clarify, the remaining funds can be used for Steamboat, Hayden, South Routt, community and innovation grants. Roger made a friendly amendment that the amount allocated to the community groups does not go up beyond the \$ 70,000 already allocated. Glenn accepted the friendly amendment. Kristi reread the motion as the floor is set at \$ 2,050,000 for Steamboat and the balance is to be allocated to Steamboat, Hayden, South Routt, innovation grants, community groups in the amount of \$ 70,000, the grant writer and administration expenses.

Vote: 10 Yes 0 No Motion passed unanimously.

(Summer Johnson left the meeting)

Kristi said a mission statement was adopted "to enhance academic accomplishment in Routt Co. through student facing investments in staff, facilities, infrastructure, technology and curriculum, made available through our public schools". Kristi asked if the board would like to provide guidance on how to sift through grant applications and come up with the best uses of the money. Kristi likes the word

'enhancement' and believes the EFB was set up to provide enhancements and the district is set up to provide basic educational programs, while recognizing times have been tight and the district hasn't been able to provide what the district would like to provide. EFB should enhance and not supplant.

Comments from the board included:

- Any criteria should be put in writing and put in front of the voters.
- Guidelines are being confused with policies and procedures. There should be guidelines with flexibility to do what the board believes is right.
- Enhancements versus the basics creates gray areas.
- EFB could be on the edge of the law in terms of what EFB can and can't do. EFB was not set up to backfill operating expenses.
- The integrity of EFB should be maintained.

The consensus of the board prefers requests come forward for 2nd reading that are enhancements rather than those that supplant general operating expenses.

Upcoming Board and Commission Vacancies:

Kristi reviewed the status of each board member as listed on the agenda. Since the agenda was written Kristin Wilson has decided to re-up and Laura Kaster is not going to serve another term. There is a 1-1 yr. term and 2-2 yr. terms open on the commission, a 1-2 yr. term open on the EFB and 1 undecided. An ad will be placed in the newspaper for 4 days, Sun. thru Wed.

1st Readings Routt County School Districts – Grant Commission:

Collaborative Request:

Grant Writer for \$ 80,000 - There were no additional questions from the Fund Board directors.

South Routt School District:

Technology for \$ 188,970 – Kristi asked that the request is presented at 2nd reading with a budget and prioritization.

Steamboat Springs:

North Routt Community Charter School Expeditionary Learning \$ 32,500 – There were no additional questions from the Fund Board directors.

Hayden:

Mike Luppé is aware Hayden's grant requests were significantly larger than in the past. As there was a divide within Hayden's EFB committee regarding the Auditorium, the EFB committee chose to submit everything and let the EFB and commission decide what the priorities are. The Grant Commission decided unanimously to not bring forward the request for Auditorium funding.

Advocating volume purchasing, Roger said through all the technology requests, students should learn how to use a tablet versus an operating system and would like a cohesive plan for standardization within the 3 districts so the purchasing power can be leveraged and asked the commission to not let multiple kinds of tablets come forward.

Steamboat Springs:

Steamboat Tech Hardware \$ 408,700 – Glen said the breakdown of the requests includes \$ 200,000 for computer replacement, \$ 150,000 for the mobility and network, \$ 30,000 for document cameras, \$ 9,000 for Smartboards and \$ 6,000 for server upgrades. Discussion ensued regarding the flexibility of the grant for the technology department versus the commission's need for specifics, the ability to track where the money is spent and accountability. The Grant Commission will discuss further on 2nd reading

Effective Classrooms \$ 1,214,000 – For clarification, the request provides 22 FTEs that include G/T, ELL, counselors and classroom teachers. Kristi suggested that the article about school funding in the April 5th Steamboat Pilot quoted the Steamboat Springs school district as spending 69.9%

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of its total budget on teachers. The state average according to Brian Kelly is 66.5%. The SBS school district has an enhanced student/teacher ratio comprising 3.4% of its overall budget. The budget is \$ 21,070,740 and 3.4% of that is \$ 716,405 which could be considered the amount spent by SSSD on reducing class sizes. Roger questioned why more teacher weren't hired when EFB granted \$ 240,000 more for small class size this year over last. Brad said the request was to maintain, not to add and to cover increased salaries. Lengthy conversation followed regarding Colorado requirements, what is considered an enhancement versus what is basic, communication, integration of the boards, definition of a teacher, changing words to improve communication, district choices of additional funding for things other than small class size, focusing on excellence in teaching and enhanced staff development.

Glenn suggested using the term 'Class Size Reduction' rather than 'Small Class Size' may help the public understand that EFB is still helping to keep class sizes manageable but that that aim is a subset of a larger goal, which may create a positive shift in perception. Denise added when individuals are told what the trade-offs are, what programs are in place allowing for a particular class size, they better understand. Kristi said parents will always count the children in their kid's classroom and consider that 'Class Size.' She suggested the district consider incorporating this mainstream definition into policy, because no amount of explaining how the CDE definition is figured will change the vernacular. Most agreed that communication with the community about class size has always been and will continue to be a big problem between the district and parents/teachers until the District adopts the mainstream definition of class size as the number of students in a classroom.

Grant Commission meets on May 1st and EFB meets again on May 8th. Glenn asked Brad to look at replacement for words that are known to have not worked at the past including "Effective Classroom" and "Small Class Size" for the next meeting.

Other Business:

There was no other business.

Adjourn:

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. As there was no further business, the Steamboat Springs Education Fund Board adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Exhibits:

- Meeting Agenda
- February 6, 2013 Meeting Minutes
- Financial Report April 1, 2013
- 2013-2014 Budget Discussion Spreadsheet
- SSEF Grant History 2011-2013
- Grant Commission Meeting Minutes March 2013
- Brian Kelly Letter of 3/20/13
- EFB Questions of 3/20/13

**Steamboat Springs School District
Academic Excellence Grant Proposal
FY 2013-14**

<u>Program</u>	<u>EFB Request</u>
Academic Excellence	
Effective Classrooms:	\$1,214,000
Class Size Management	\$936,668 (Compared to State Average SBS has an additional 15.6 classroom teachers @ average FTE cost of \$60,000)
ELL	177,332
G/T	100,000
 NRCCS (Expeditionary Learning)	 32,500
 Non-classroom Programs	
Literacy coaches	150,000
Professional Development (Non-Administrative Staff)	50,000
 Digital Learning Infrastructure	
Hardware	408,700
Software	121,500
Network	225,800
Tech Training	30,000
 Grand Total	 <u>\$2,232,500</u>

Steamboat Springs Education Fund

2013-2014 Budget Discussion

2012-2013 Budget Cycle Grants* \$2,551,197

*(includes admin, Grant Writer and all grants)

2013-2014 Budget Cycle Grants* \$2,537,576

*(includes admin, Grant Writer and all grants)

Funds from reserves to increase budget above last year 14,424

June 30, 2013 Expected Reserve Balance (as per 4/4/13 report) \$662,977

· 2013-2014 Total Cash Expected 2,374,599

· July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014 Expected Cash Available \$3,052,000

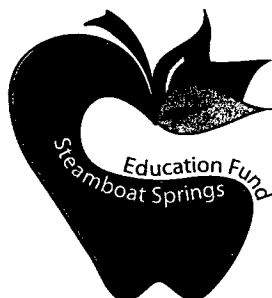
Already Restricted Funds:

· 2013-2014 Reserve Projection (\$500,000)

· 2013-2014 Community Group Allocations (\$70,000)

· 2013-2014 Administrative Expenses (\$30,000)

· 2013-2014 Funds Available for Budget Cycle Grants to School Districts \$2,452,000



BOARD & COMMISSION APPLICATION FORM

Name: Tina S. Kyprios

2 yr

Mailing Address: PO Box 774000; PMB 339; Steamboat Springs, CO 80477

Phone Number(s): 970-819-6028

Email: gregorr@aol.com

Approximately how long have you lived in the community? 11 years

Do you reside in the Steamboat Springs RE-2 School District? Yes.

On which of the SSEF bodies would you be willing to serve?

- Education Fund Board
 Grant Commission

Why do you want to serve on the Education Fund Board or Grant Commission?

I have two daughters in our schools - one in the middle school, one in high school. I'm very proud of our schools, and would like to contribute to the effort that goes into making our schools great.

What expertise would you bring to the Board or Grant Commission?

I have a background in accounting (former CPA), and generally a very analytical mind.

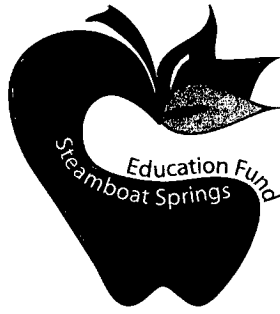
What other organizations/associations are you involved in?

The American Legion; Routt County Republicans;

What is your current or former profession?

I was a small business owner in Routt County for 10 years, and handled all the accounting and administration for that business. Currently I am primarily a fitness instructor.

Please send completed application to: educationfundboard@gmail.com



BOARD & COMMISSION APPLICATION FORM

Name: Beth Wilhelm

2yr.

Mailing Address: 50355 Semotan Drive
Steamboat Springs, CO 80487

Phone Number(s): 970-846-3194

Email: wllm@hotmail.com

Approximately how long have you lived in the community? 24 years

Do you reside in the Steamboat Springs RE-2 School District? yes

Why do you want to serve on the Education Fund Board or Grant Commission?

I would like to be on the Grant Commission to help in assessing the best places to distribute funds to the schools of Routt County. Being able to get a full scope of applicants and what they can best do with the tax money would be very insightful. I also feel, as a tax payer, that it would be nice to follow up with the schools to see how they have used the money given to them and in what capacity has it helped the schools and students.

What expertise would you bring to the Board or Grant Commission? I have two children that are currently in the Steamboat School District which enables me to have a firsthand look at what is happening inside of our schools and how the money is being utilized. As a tax payer and business owner I would also like to think that I am fiscally responsible and therefore would hold the schools accountable for the money that has been given to them.

What other organizations/associations are you involved in?
DAC Committee, SAC Committee

What is your current or former profession?
Owner of a private home management business

Please send completed application to: educationfundboard@gmail.com