STEAMBOAT SPRINGS EDUCATION FUND BOARD GRANT COMMISSION MEETING May 1, 2013; 5:30 PM Human Service Center Board Lower Room

Grant Commission members present included Glen Airoldi, Dean Massey, Paul Berry, Laura Kaster, Barb Parnell, Kelly Stanford, Kevin Lind, Ann Henderson and Stuart Handloff. Also present was Brad Meeks (SSSD Superintendent), Scott Mader (S. Routt Superintendent), Mike Luppes (Hayden Superintendent), Colleen Poole (Director of North Routt Charter School), Tim Miles (SSSD and S. Routt Director of Technology), Marty Lamansky (SSHS Asst. Principal), Tina Kyprios, Beth Wilhelm and Barb Winternitz (prospective Grant Commission members). Denise Brazier, Ski Town Executive Service, LLC recorded the meeting and prepared the minutes.

**Call to Order:**

Chairman Glen Airoldi called the meeting to order at 5:39 PM.

**Public Comment:**

There was no public comment.

**Applicants:**

Prospective Grant Commissioners Tina Kyprios, Beth Wilhelm and Barbara Winternitz introduced themselves. Applications are attached to these meeting minutes. When asked why they want to serve on the Grant Commission and what their passion was, their answers were as follow:

* Tina wants to take on how the sales tax money is spent and is interested in the general curriculum and technology.
* Beth is fascinated with the programs EFB provides and believes class room size and technology are important.
* Barb’s passion is a sense of organization and the ability to help set priorities and comparative values.

*Ann made a motion and Stuart seconded, to recommend Tina Kyprios, Beth Wilhelm and Barb Winternitz to EFB for a seat on the Grant Commission.*

*Vote: \_\_\_9 Yes\_\_\_ \_\_\_0 No\_\_\_ The motion passed unanimously.*

If approved, Tina and Barb will serve a 2 year term and Beth a 1 year term.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes from Grant Commission meeting of March 20, 2013:**

*Barb made a motion and Ann seconded, to approve the Grant Commission meeting minutes of March 20, 2013 as presented.*

*Vote: \_\_\_9 Yes\_\_\_ \_\_\_0 No\_\_\_ The motion passed unanimously.*

**EFB Meeting Recap:**

Glen reported the EFB set a budget of $ 2,452,000 and $ 2,050,000 is to be guaranteed to the Steamboat Springs school district. Class room size was discussed extensively regarding the measurement, the appropriate numbers and effect of the language used. The EFB changed the name of “effective classroom” to “academic excellence” and “small class size” to “classroom management”.

Glen said Brad Meeks provided data that average class size in a Steamboat classroom is 19.47 and the state average is 22.4. The cost to reduce class size from 22.4 to 19.47 is $ 927,000 and is the cost required to maintain the current class size.

EFB also discussed tablets and standardization of equipment.

**3rd Representative Seat to the Board:**

There were no volunteers from the Grant Commission to serve as representative to the Education Fund Board. The Grant Commission will recommend to the EFB that 2 Grant Commission representatives to the EFB are adequate.

**Meeting dates for 2013-2014**:

Meeting dates for 2013-2014 are as follow:

June thru August – no meeting

September 16

October 18

November 20

December 18

January 15

February 19

March 19

April 16

May (in necessary)

**Innovation Grant:**

Comments regarding the innovation grant included that the community prefers basics at this time, that the criteria needs to be tightened and the grants gives the teachers an opportunity to work with their passion. The commission decided to move on to 2nd readings before determining an amount to allocate for innovation grants.

**2nd Readings:**

A spreadsheet with the amounts of the requests and 4 different scenarios for funding provided by Glen as a starting point is attached to these minutes. Fundamental basis for Glen’s 3 scenarios include:

Scenario #1: More information is needed to make intelligent decisions for the technology requests.

Scenario #2: Considers only the information regarding Steamboat’s technology that has been received.

Scenario #3: Looking at literacy coaches and where the biggest dollar shift is. TCAP scores are outstanding and questions if literacy coaches are still a priority.

Scenario #4: Eliminates Steamboat’s literacy coaches.

Comments and discussion regarding the line items were as follow:

**Steamboat Springs:**

Class Size Management – changed to Academic Excellence – amount reduced from $ 1,214,000 to $ 1,152,332. Brad eliminated 1 FTE from Academic Excellence to rationalize the cuts to technology.

Counselors – Will be paid for from the district’s budget.

Hardware – amount reduced from $ 408,700 to $ 356,249.

 Tim provided a list of hardware to be purchased attached to these minutes. Tim

asked for flexibility to make purchases when things break or when technology changes. Commission members believe the breakdown is needed for accountability. Barb suggested the application is revised to lessen the redundancy of questions and that items could be purchased within a certain percentage approval.

Literacy Coaches – amount unchanged at $ 150,000.

Expeditionary Learning (NRCCS) – amount unchanged at $ 32,500.

The request is the core of the North Routt Community Charter School’s curriculum. Colleen said the amount of the request is reduced from last year, this is the 2nd of a 3 year program and the request will come to an end. Colleen has searched for other grant money.

Professional Development – amount unchanged at $ 50,000.

Software – amount unchanged at $ 121,500.

Technology Training – amount unchanged at $ 30,000.

**Hayden:**

 Tech Support – amount unchanged at $ 40,371.

 Software License – amount unchanged at $ 12,463.

 MS Intervention – amount unchanged at $ 17,969.

 Aux Lab Computers – amount unchanged at 15,816.

 The name was changed to **academically student facing technology**

 Secondary Tablets – amount reduced from $ 41,488 to $ 10,000

 Elementary Tablets – amount reduced from $ 24,480 to $ 10,000

Tablets were discussed in length as to how they will be used, how do they advance education, is it just purchasing widgets, that it is unknown how tablets will play out, where are tablets most applicable and consistency among the districts.

**South Routt:**

Technology – amount unchanged at $ 132,000

The breakdown is $ 50,000 for hardware, $ 60,000 for network and $ 22,000 for software for a total of $ 132,000. A more detailed breakdown was requested.

**Collaborative:**

 Grant Writer – amount unchanged at $ 80,000

 Innovation Grants – amount reduced from $ 15,000 to -0-.

 The consensus of the commission was funds aren’t available at this time for innovation grants.

]Mike Luppes questioned the larger amount allocated to South Routt versus Hayden because Hayden asked for laptops and Hayden asked for tablets and doesn’t feel the numbers are equitable. Tim Miles could not give an answer when asked if the health of the technology in the Hayden and South Routt schools is the same.

*Glen made a motion and Kelly seconded to approve 2nd readings for an amount not to exceed $ 2,118,381 for Steamboat Spring’s grant requests ($ 1,152,332 for Academic Excellence, $ 356,429 for Hardware, $ 225,800 for the Network, $ 150,000 for Literacy Coaches, $ 32,500 for NRCCS’s Expeditionary Learning, $ 50,000 for Professional Development, $ 121,500 for Software and $ 30,000 for Tech Training.).* Barb believes there is too much unevenness between what is allocated to Hayden and South Routt *Vote: \_\_\_8 Yes\_\_ \_\_\_1 No (Barb Parnell)\_\_\_ The motion passed.*

*Stuart made a motion and Glen seconded to approve 2nd readings for an amount not to exceed $ 106,619 for Hayden’s grant requests ($ 40,371 for Tech Support, $ 12,463 for Software License, $ 17,969 for Middle School Intervention, $ 15,816 for Auxiliary Lab Computers, $ 10,000 for Secondary Tablets and $ 10,000 to Elementary Tablets.* Discussion: Dean will vote against the motion because the requests are significantly lower rom last year. Glen said the job of the Grant Commission is not to be fair but to be sure the money is used to enhance the educational experience. *Vote: ­\_\_\_5 Yes\_\_\_ \_\_\_4 No\_\_\_ The motion passed.*

*Stuart made a motion and Paul second to approve 2nd readings for an amount not to exceed $ 132,000 for South Routt grant requests (broken down as $ 50,000 for Hardware, $ 60,000 for the Network and $ 22,000 for Software.*

*Vote: \_\_\_7 Yes\_\_\_ \_\_\_2 No\_\_\_ The motion passed.*

*Stuart made a motion and Paul seconded, to approve 2nd readings for an amount not to exceed $ 95,000 for the collaborative grants ($ 80,000 for the Grant Writer and $ 15,000 for the Innovation Grants). Kelly made a friendly amend to vote for the collaborative grants per line item. Stuart accepted the friendly amendment.*

*Stuart made a motion and Ann seconded to approve an amount not to exceed $ 80,000 for the Grant Writer.*

*Vote: \_\_\_9 Yes\_\_\_ \_\_\_0 No\_\_\_ The motion passed unanimously.*

The consensus of the commission was to not bring forward a request for an Innovation Grant as the funds aren’t available at the present time. Discussion ensued regarding whether to add the $ 15,000 for the Innovation Grant to an existing request or hold the funds for an additional request. Ann suggested adding the funds to Hayden’s secondary tablets increasing the amount to $ 25,000.

*Dean made a motion and Stuart seconded to not allocate $ 15,000 in anticipation of another grant request from Hayden. Vote: \_\_\_9 Yes\_\_\_ \_\_\_0 No­\_\_\_ The motion passed unanimously.*

Barb Parnell requested meeting over the summer to discuss some of the issues and challenges that came up during this meeting and will be discussed with the EFB.

**Adjourn:**

*Kelly made a motion to adjourn the meeting.* As there was no further business, the Grant Commission adjourned at 9:52 PM.