Department of Business Officials

Board of Directors/Department Meeting

Minutes - July 29, 2010

Members present: Stephanie Watson, Shelley Becker, Lorie Gillis, Martha Baldwin, Terry Buswell, Vody Herrmann, Glenn Gustafson, Dan Trujillo, Doug Moss, Susan Dovoy, Leanne Emm, Terry Schueler, Greg Fieth, Ron Patera, Karen Shrokbein, Jane Urschel, Kate Fuentes, Cheryl Wangeman, & Kathleen Askelson. The meeting was called to order at 3:45 p.m. Roll call was taken by signature.

1. Welcome

2. Introductions: Introductions took place.

3. CASE Leadership Development Diversity Council – Frank Davila, CASE Diversity Council: Davila discussed the goal to attract more diverse leaders for school and administration. One strategy was to grow within. He provided a handout on the Diversity Initiative Program. The Council is looking for ways to identify and engage diverse candidates. He asked committee members for input and support.

4. Recognitions: Stephanie Watson announced that Sandy Mutchler from Adams County School District 14, received the Distinguished Service Award for her 6 years of service to DBO. Mutchler was unable to attend the meeting to receive her award.

5. DBO Nuts and Bolts Conference at CASE Winter Leadership Conference: The Conference is scheduled for February 2, 2011. There was discussion about the feedback from the previous conference that the room was not conducive to the presentation and needed to be more user-friendly. Over 100 people attended which was record for attendance. The Conference will be moving to the Westin Wobekind. Suggestions for conference sessions include PERA, anything around Grants, and Finance 101. The topics may depend on how the election turns out.

6. 2010-2011 Tentative Board Meeting Dates: The members were provided a list of dates.

7. Amendments 60, 61 & 101: Vody, Glenn and Lorie will work together to put a spreadsheet together with factors. The Colorado Children’s Campaign, the Bell Policy Institute, and the Colorado Fiscal Policy Institute are working together. Jane Urschel commented that the class size polls are the best communication pieces available. Kathleen Askelson will provide information on Charters and Vody will assist.

8. Roundtable – what are current challenges all districts are facing?:
   A. Current challenge of hiring
      • What about scholarships for DBO professions?
      • University partnerships
      • Using VocEd Business
      • Vacancy Announcement

   B. Property tax collections at lower collection rate
C. Districts with cash flow problems
   - Make sure they are paying attention
   - Some districts won’t make it.

D. What is the strategy if amendments pass for cash preservation.

9. **Drawings**
   - Glenn G. – Ipod Shuffle
   - Jane Urschel – Nuts/Bolts 2011 Conference Registration
   - Terry Schueler - Visa Card

9. The meeting was adjourned.