ROCKY MOUNTAIN SCHOOL OF EXPEDITIONARY LEARNING
MINUTES OF BOCES MEETING

October 15, 2008
5:30 p.m.

In Attendance: Sue Chandler, Jennifer Churchfield, Mario Giardiello and Emily Hansen

Staff: Jim McDermott, Keri Melmed, Julie Stelzer and Susan Tamulonis

Guests: Scott Siegfried and Susan Street

Emily called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

Introductions
Jim McDermott introduced Susan Street representing Community Council on Mike Aitken’s behalf, and Scott Siegfried, Service Link for Cherry Creek School District.

Approval of Minutes
Minutes from the September 17, 2008 board meeting were unanimously approved.

Executive Director Report
Jim briefed the board on the middle school Yellowstone and Rocky Mountain National Park trips made in September and October, the 11th and 12th grades showcase on October 23rd, the 4th and 5th grades Back To School night also on October 23rd, the 1st grade camping trip to Bear Lake, and the results of the first biathlon held at Cherry Creek State Park at the end of September.

Jim reviewed the School Improvement Plan (SIP) noting professional development work and various differentiation assessment uses and assistive technologies that are being examined especially for students with Individual Education Plans (IEP). The Safety Policy is being crafted to be in compliance with state laws. Because the Faculty Field Guide comes into play with this, Jim’s goal is to have the two complete by the end of his tenure.

Executive Director Search Update
Keri Melmed updated the BOCES on the posting and activity about the search and distributed information. By the end of October, the Search Advisory Committee (SAC) will decide if additional postings will be required, depending on responses. Keri noted that the school’s town hall meeting will be on Tuesday, October 21st at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed all BOCES members to attend.

Enrollment Update
Leann Asgari was attending a school fair at Graland Country Day School and will give her report at the November BOCES meeting. Jim noted that the school is in good shape for this year in terms of enrollment and the October count.

Budget Report
Julie Stelzer asked if there any questions from the financial package e-mailed to BOCES members. Julie noted that the audit will begin Monday, October 20th. She also mentioned that CSAFE’s adjusted liquidity regulations due to the economic downturn will not affect RMSEL’s payroll. At this time, Julie would not recommend opening bidding for a new audit firm but would consider retaining the current audit firm, Clifton Gunderson, after the completion of the current three year contract in 2009-2010.

The board discussed video podcasting and the current movements state-wide about on-line learning.
The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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Emily Hansen, President

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Mario Giardiello, Vice President