



REGIONAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE VII

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MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of the REC VII Board of Directors was held at the REC 7 Board Room on March 23, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Brian Snider, President
Gene Strickland, Vice President
Greg Slover, Secretary
Dwain Haynes, Member
Cliff Burch, Executive Director/REC VII
Pat Jaco, Director of Finance/REC VII

The meeting was called to order @ 10:05 a.m. by Mr. Snider.

AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Haynes for approval of Consideration of Agenda (03/23/2023); motion unanimously carried.

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Motion by Mr. Strickland to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting (02/09/2023); motion unanimously carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Motion by Mr. Haynes for approval of Entitlement, Preschool, Title II, Medicaid, REC Operational, Pre-K, and State Directed Activities (February 2023)

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF HOTEL RATES FOR SPRING BUDGET WORKSHOP

Motion by Mr. Slover for approval of Hotel Rates for Spring Budget Workshop: Request approval to pay more than the state approved \$215 per night for rooms at Sandia Resort and Casino for NM PED Spring Budget Workshop for Cliff Burch and Pat Jaco; motion unanimously carried.

**CONSIDERATION OF
OF CHANGING DATE FOR
THE APRIL 2023 BOARD
MEETING**

Motion by Mr. Haynes for approval of changing date for the April 2023 Board Meeting: Request approval to change the date for the April 13, 2023 REC7 Board Meeting to April 20, 2023 due to NMPED Spring Budget Workshop April 10-13; motion unanimously carried.

**CONSIDERATION OF
STIPEND FOR DYMORIE
MAKER**

Motion by Mr. Haynes for stipend for Dymorie Maker: Request a stipend for Dymorie Maker to coordinate the Tips by Text program of \$2,500.00 for the remainder of 22-23 school year and \$5,000.00 for the 23-24 school year; motion unanimously carried.

INFORMATION:

Executive Director Discussion:

1. Medicaid Information for March 2023.
2. Technology Grant Update-The next academic competition is scheduled for March 27, 2023 from 1:30 to 4:30. The state competition is in Albuquerque April 24 & 25, 2023. REC7 will send two? teams to participate. The technology initiative is a part of HB 401. HB 401 renames the Technology for Education Act to the Digital Equity in Education Act. There was (is) a problem with the HB receiving a “do pass” without including the tech grant funding. -Handout
3. Southwest Teacher Quality Partnership-I have included in your folder a flyer from Linda Kerby who is with NM Workforce Connections. This is about a grant for those wanting to be a teacher. You can scan the QR code for all the information. -Handout
4. Orders for Next Year-Pat sent an email to your SPED directors and business managers reminding them of ordering deadlines coming up. The email is in your folder. -Handout
5. Write to Succeed-This is a professional learning program to help NM teachers use evidence-based literacy practices that help all students develop writing skills, including English learner students for grades 4-8 teachers. The information is in your folder. -Handout
6. Choose Courage Program-CREC and Special Education Division and PED are offering a Spring Institute for all special education preschool teachers and administrators called Choose Courage. This is May 22-23, 2023 in Albuquerque at the Marriot Pyramid. This was sent to your SPED Directors on March 7, 2023. -Handout
7. MECA Information-We were asked to distribute flyers for MECA (Multicultural Education Associates). In your folders there are 25 flyers to use/handout as needed. -Handout
8. Legislative Update-I have given you the latest (last) Legislative update information.
9. Upcoming Trainings/Events.
 - A. March 29, 2023 Curriculum & Instruction Virtual Meeting
 - B. March TAP Workshops
 - C. April 10, 2023 Legal Counsel Call, 9:00 a.m.
 - D. Spring Budget Workshop April 11-13, 2023
 - E. Good Friday April 7, 2023-Office will be closed
 - F. Next meeting scheduled for April 20, 2023 (if approved)

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ADJOURN: There being no further business, the Regular Board Meeting of 03/23/2023 was adjourned at 10:50 a.m., motioned by Mr. Strickland; motion unanimously carried.



Cliff Burch

REC VII Executive Director



Brian Snider

REC VII Board President