



## 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 May 09, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Brian Snider, President

Gene Strickland, Vice President

Greg Slover, Secretary

Dwain Haynes, Member

April Williams, Executive Director/REC VII

-Pat Jaco, Director of Finance/REC VII

Guests: Andi Engle-Hobbs Municipal Schools

Sue Haynes-Eunice Public Schools

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

### AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Strickland for approval of Consideration of Agenda (05/09/2024); motion unanimously carried.

### MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Strickland to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting (04/11/2024); motion unanimously carried.

### FINANCIAL REPORTS

Motion by Mr. Strickland for approval of Entitlement, Preschool, Title II, Medicaid, REC Operational, Pre-K, and State Directed Activities (April 2024)

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DWAIN HAYNES  
Superintendent  
Eunice Public Schools

GENE STRICKLAND  
Superintendent  
Hobbs Municipal Schools

BRIAN SNIDER  
Superintendent  
Jal Public Schools

GREG SLOVER  
Superintendent  
Tatum Municipal Schools

**CONSIDERATION OF  
APPROVAL OF INCREASE  
BAR FUND 27200**

Motion by Mr. Haynes for approval of Increase Bar for Fund 27200  
1 to 1 Friendships per Amended IGA; motion unanimously carried.

**CONSIDERATION OF  
APPROVAL OF 23-24  
AUDIT CONTRACT**

Motion by Mr. Haynes for approval of Audit Contract with Rice &  
Associates CPAs for the 23-24 audit. They were the lowest of our 3-year  
bid; motion unanimously carried.

**CONSIDERATION OF  
APPROVAL OF REC7  
24-25 BUDGET FOR FUNDS  
25153 & 27101**

Motion by Mr. Strickland for approval of 24-25 REC7 Budget for Funds  
25153 & 27101, pending PED approval and recommendations; motion  
unanimously carried.

**CONSIDERATION OF  
APPROVAL OF REC7  
24-25 ESTIMATED BUDGET  
FOR FUNDS 24106, 24109,  
24115, 24154, 27149 & 27200**

Motion by Mr. Strickland for denial of 24-25 Estimated REC7 budget  
based on previous year allocations, for Funds 24106, 24109, 24115,  
24154, 27149 & 27200, pending PED approval and recommendations;  
motion was unanimously approved, unless allocations are received, no  
estimated amounts.

**INFORMATION:**

**Executive Director Discussion:**

1. Medicaid Information for April 2024.
2. Jose Mares-Academic Competition-At a recent RECA meeting it was announced that there would be no continued funding for the tech initiative. Suggestions moving forward included sponsorships as well as local districts making contributions toward a regional competition. Jose Mares was scheduled to attend our meeting today; however, he had a conflict and was unable to attend. Our region has done very well in the competition, and the students have enjoyed it. Other regions have decided to continue the competition virtually in order to provide continuity for the students. There is an Academic Advisory Board meeting scheduled for Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. Is this something that we want to continue for our region?
3. ED Tech Boost-If you had those that participated in the Ed Tech Boost program this year there will be a final event held in Ruidoso on June 1<sup>st</sup> in order for the participants to fulfill their requirements and receive their stipends.
4. Ancillary BID-The bids for ancillary services for next year has gone out. The opening date is June 6th for services effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. The bid approval will be presented to the board at the June 13<sup>th</sup> REC board meeting, and bids are accepted through June 6, 2024.

Upcoming Trainings/Events

- A. Legal Counsel Call May 13, 2024 8:00 am
- B. Quadrant Meeting May 14, 2024 Ruidoso
- C. Secretary Call-May 16, 2024 9:00 am
- D. June 13-14, 2024 CES Alumni Professional Development Conference-ABQ
- E. NMCEL Summer Leadership Conference July 15-18, 2024
- F. First Week of June-REC7 moves into the new building
- G. Memorial Day-May 27, 2024 REC7 Office Closed
- H. Next Meeting Scheduled for June 13, 2024 (in the new building)

Additional Informational Items:

The REC directors across New Mexico will be meeting with the Office of Special Education on May 28<sup>th</sup> in Portales in order to move forward with collaboration. We recently revised language in our SDAA contracts which were submitted on May 3<sup>rd</sup> through Bobbie Gutierrez. Dr. Cage has recently contacted Bobbie indicating further revision to the contracts which will be discussed at a later date.

NMCEL conference will be held in July, Gene will be presenting in a break out session. I have included flyers in your folders regarding events during the week such as golf and poker night.

I had the opportunity to attend a SPED Law Conference in Georgia. The LRP conference was led by attorneys who provided tools as well as language and past cases in dealing with various SPED situations involving students with disabilities. There was discussion regarding differences in 504 and IDEA. In addition, successful progress monitoring was also a topic of interest. Incorporating robust progress reports and not skipping them in order to keep from having to provide compensatory education. There was a session which defined who are parents and who are not parents according to IDEA as well as how to deal with difficult parents and recommendations to resolve those difficult situations. Child Find was also a hot topic.

There is a flyer in your folders regarding an instructional coaching conference to be held in August at CES in Albuquerque with LeAnne Gandy as the contact person. I also included a flyer regarding the free summer reading program which was discussed on the PED call in April as well as Literacy Instructors Institute flyer.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, the Regular Board Meeting of 05/09/2024 was adjourned at 10:57 a.m., motioned by Mr. Strickland; motion unanimously carried.



**April Williams**

**REC VII Executive Director**



**Brian Snider**

**REC VII Board President**