

## 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 November 09, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Brian Snider, President

Gene Strickland, Vice President

Greg Slover, Secretary-Poxy

Dwain Haynes, Member

April Williams, Executive Director/REC VII

Pat Jaco, Director of Finance/REC VII

Guests: Christy Boyd-Eunice Public Schools  
Shannon Slover-Tatum Municipal Schools  
Andi Engle-Hobbs Municipal Schools  
Brent Woodard, Woodard, Cowen & Co.

The meeting was called to order @ 10:03 a.m. by Mr. Strickland.

### AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Haynes for approval of Consideration of Agenda (11/09/2023); motion unanimously carried.

### MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Haynes to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting (10/12/2023); 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 (October 2023)

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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

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**CONSIDERATION OF  
PERMANENT TRANSFER**

Motion by Mr. Haynes for approval of Permanent Transfer of \$880.00 from 24154 to 27101 to correct J/E error in 22-23; motion unanimously carried.

**CONSIDERATION OF  
APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT  
WITH IMAGINE LEARNING**

Motion by Mr. Haynes for approval of the agreement with Imagine Learning, previously Edgenuity; motion unanimously carried.

**INFORMATION:**

**Executive Director Discussion:**

1. Medicaid Information for October 2023.
2. New Building-We have recently been notified that our building will be ready for move in soon which means we will begin to prepare for exit from the current building. It will also be necessary for the office to work remotely on November 20-21 due to internet shut down. Yesterday I did a walk through with Doug Young, architects, and construction people and we reviewed items left for completion. Security was mentioned due to safety concerns around the area of the property.

In looking at the set up of the office we would like to display pictures of old school buildings from our member districts and the new or current buildings as well as historical facts which coincide with those pictures. If you could please get with your historians or provide me with their names so that we could have copies of the pictures and work toward having those framed and included in our new office.

Gene Strickland approached the member districts regarding contributing to the cost of new furniture for the new building. The superintendents were receptive to the idea with discussion planned with their school boards. In addition, Gene indicated that there was not a constringent timeline in exiting the current building due to the fact that this building will be put up for auction, and they will be accepting bids, etc.

3. ED TECH BOOST Update-This program is up and running with both monthly meetings for October and one in November having taken place. Candidates are asked to attend one of two scheduled monthly meetings along with their completion of points/badges and hours. It was reported by REC9 that there may be a possibility of more funds which would allow for more participants.
4. Academic Competition-There are teams from Lovington, Tatum and Hobbs all competing. First virtual competition was held on 10/25/23. Tatum won the first competition. There will be two qualifying virtual competitions scheduled prior to the state competition in the spring. The top 2 varsity teams from each designated REC will compete for the title of RECA State Champion which will be held in the spring. The first state qualifying competition is being scheduled for December 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:45 through ZOOM.
5. Toolbox 4.3 Update-This workshop has been confirmed for January 8<sup>th</sup> in Jal. It is a full day and will be held in the cafeteria in Jal. Currently, we have approximately 56 from districts who plan to attend.

**Upcoming Trainings/Events**

- A. Special Education Legal Call-November 13, 2023, 8:00 a.m.
- B. Legislative Preparation for Superintendents with Stan Rounds November 15, 2023-Ruidoso
- C. Secretary Call-November 16, 2023, 9:00a.m.
- D. Special Education Winter Academy November 16-17, 2023, Albuquerque
- E. Legislative Dinner and Forum of Educational Issues, ENMU November 27, 2023, 6:00 p.m.
- F. AESA Conference Anaheim, California November 29-December 1, 2023
- G. REC7 will be open remotely November 20-21, 2023-No Internet
- H. REC7 closed for Thanksgiving break, November 22-24, 2023
- I. Next Meeting Scheduled for December 14, 2023

**Additional Informational Items:**

The REC directors met with Dr. Cage who is the new Special Education Director with PED. We all gave introductions and provided an overview of the functions of the RECs. She is unfamiliar with the operations at this time although she is currently in the process of researching many areas in her new position. She mentioned concern with compliance and accountability.

The Administrative Leadership Development Program application window is now open. The program begins in January of 2024 and goes through December. This was a requirement during the hiring process and I was not sure on the timeline for completion.

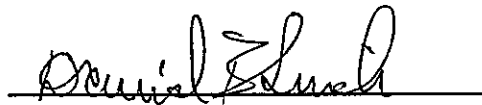
This was discussed with the superintendents and they indicated to go forward with the application process; however, there was an understanding that if it was not doable that the subsequent cohort would work.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business, the Regular Board Meeting of 11/09/2023 was adjourned at 11:07 a.m., motioned by Mr. Strickland; motion unanimously carried.



**April Williams**

**REC VII Executive Director**



**Brian Snider**

**REC VII Board President**