

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 14, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Brian Snider, President
Gene Strickland, Vice President
Greg Slover, Secretary-Absent
Bruce Hatch, Member
Pam Quinones, Member
April Williams, Executive Director/REC VII
Pat Jaco, Director of Finance/REC VII-ZOOM

The meeting was called to order @ 10:00 a.m. by Mr. Snider.

AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Strickland for approval of Consideration of Agenda (11/14/2024); motion unanimously carried.

MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Hatch to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting (10/10/2024); 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 (October 2024)

BRUCE HATCH
Superintendent
Eunice Public Schools

GENE STRICKLAND
Superintendent
Hobbs Municipal Schools

BRIAN SNIDER
Superintendent
Jal Public Schools

PAM QUIÑONES
Superintendent
Lovington Municipal Schools

GREG SLOVER
Superintendent
Tatum Municipal Schools

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

Motion by Mr. Strickland for approval of Increase Bar for Fund 27200 to establish a budget for the ECLIPSE PARENT TRAINING GRANT 24-25; motion unanimously carried.

**CONSIDERATION OF
RFP FOR ECLIPSE PARENT
TRAINING GRANT IGA
#25-924-000239**

Motion by Mr. Hatch for approval of an RFP for the ECLIPSE PARENT TRAINING GRANT 24-25; motion unanimously carried.

INFORMATION:

Executive Director Discussion:

1. Medicaid Information for October 2024.
2. Academic Competition-The first regional academic competition was held on Wednesday, November 13th at the CTECH and through ZOOM. We had teams participating from the following districts: Hobbs, Tatum, and Jal. Lovington will join on the next competition which will be held on December 11th. Tatum and Hobbs were the two teams in the championship round with Hobbs winning the first round.

Chuck Pierce and I were contacted regarding a possible southern area championship sometime next semester. The location being considered is Roswell. There are currently 3 regions participating in the Academic Competition. I indicated that I would see interest level and then arrange a meeting with the other coordinators and get details. Yesterday while at the CTECH I visited with Jose Mares about this, and he indicated that CTECH would be glad to host the event in the spring. I thought I would offer that in the advisory committee meeting soon to be scheduled.

3. Professional Development and Resource Fair-This event was held at the Hobbs Training Center on October 28th and 29th. The first evening was designed for parents. We had very few parents in attendance; however, there was very little time provided to make this information known. For the next day we had a good turn out for professional development. There were participants in attendance from districts other than LEA county, including superintendents, which was good to see. One of the things that was surprising is that there was A LOT of virtual instruction for the professional development rather than live instruction. A lot of folks drove in expecting a live professional development and then had many topics presented virtually.

At the quarterly meeting with Dr. Cage and staff she reported that the Hobbs professional development was the most attended and provided compliments to the region and district.

4. NMRECA Quarterly Meeting with OSE-RECs met with OSE in Santa Fe on Tuesday, November 12th. Originally the meeting was scheduled to take place in Hobbs; however, Dr. Cage requested that the meeting be moved to October 28th when she was here for the Professional Development and Resource Fair; however, directors were not able to accommodate the schedule change. The upcoming Parent University which is taking place today was the reasoning behind the rescheduling of the quarterly meeting. The Parent University is taking place at Buffalo Thunder; however, the OSE wants to take it on the road next year in the same manner as the Professional Development and Resource Fair which was recently held. The RECA recognizes the importance of staying in collaboration with the OSE; however, there have been many last-minute changes to established dates for quarterly meetings which have affected schedules, travel and the expenses accrued as a result. New in person dates were not established at this meeting.

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5. Follow Up IEP Monitoring & Review-This event has been scheduled for January 30th with Lorie Gerkey and will be held on the 2nd floor at Central Office in Hobbs district.
Dr. Cage reported that districts will receive Annual Determination letters in November for indicators. The results will be used to determine what level of monitoring will be assigned to the district.
She spoke about upcoming legislative sessions and how the office is attempting to get funding for a platform supporting a unified IEP.
6. Lea County Transition Meeting-At the most recent meeting we began to review the MOU which is due with signatures in the Spring of 2025. In addition, we discussed inviting parents to our next meeting scheduled for January 15, 2025 in order to highlight organizations and provide information to the parents.

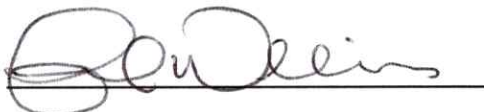
Additional Information Items:

Bobbie Gutierrez will continue as the Executive Director for the RECA. Bonnie Lightfoot was hired to replace Bobbie; however, Bonnie submitted a resignation which was a mutual agreement between both parties.

Upcoming Trainings/Events

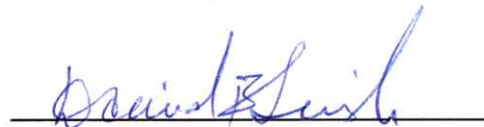
- 1 MLSS and DASH Event November 18-19, 2024-Albuquerque Isleta Resort
- 2 LEA County Sped Directors Meeting November 21, 2024 REC7
- 3 AESA Annual Conference December 4-6, 2024, Orlando Florida
- 4 Cognia Assessment Literacy Professional Learning Sessions Carlsbad December 5, 2024
- 5 Secretary Call December 19, 2024
- 6 NMREC Meeting with Secretary of Education December 10, 2024, Santa Fe
- 7 Legal Counsel Call December 10, 2024, 8:00 am
- 8 REC7 Office closed for Thanksgiving November 25-29, 2024
- 9 Next REC7 Board Meeting Scheduled for December 12, 2024
- 10 IEP Monitoring/Review Lea County Districts January 30, 2025

ADJOURN: There being no further business, the Regular Board Meeting of 11/14/2024 was adjourned at 10:58 a.m., motioned by Mr. Strickland; motion unanimously carried.



April Williams

REC VII Executive Director



Brian Snider

REC VII Board President