

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 February 08, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Brian Snider, President

Gene Strickland, Vice President-Proxy

Greg Slover, Secretary

Dwain Haynes, Member-Proxy

April Williams, Executive Director/REC VII

Pat Jaco, Director of Finance/REC VII

Guests: Andi Engle-Hobbs Municipal Schools
 Christy Boyd-Eunice Public Schools
 Pam Quinones-Lovington Municipal Schools

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

AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Slover for approval of Consideration of Agenda (02/08/2024); motion unanimously carried.

MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Slover to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting (01/11/2024); motion unanimously carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF INCREASE BAR FUND 24106

Motion by Ms. Boyd for approval of Increase Bar Fund 24106 (Entitlement) to budget 22-23 Carryover, previous Bar was denied motion unanimously carried.

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
APPROVAL OF INCREASE
BAR FUND 24154**

Motion by Ms. Boyd for approval of Increase Bar Fund 24154 (TITLE II) to budget 23-24 Carryover; motion unanimously carried

**CONSIDERATION OF
CHANGE OF DATE FOR
MARCH BOARD MEETING**

Motion by Mr. Slover for approval of moving the March Board Meeting from March 14 to March 7, due to the state basketball tournament; motion unanimously carried.

INFORMATION:

Executive Director Discussion:

1. Medicaid Information for January 2024.
2. Technology Grant-The second Academic Competition will be held of February 21, 2024. There are teams represented from Tatum and Hobbs, State competition will be held in Albuquerque March 4-5, 2024. I encourage you to attend in person or through ZOOM.
3. NMRECA Day at Legislature-Last week I was able to attend NMRECA Day at the Round House. We were able to visit with those in attendance regarding our services. In addition, we made rounds to the offices of local legislative representatives.

We were able to visit the office of special education and we are currently trying to arrange a meeting with Dr. Cage and her staff as she has indicated she would like to report her vision and goals for the RECs moving forward into next year. This would include SDAA funding and what that would look like. We have met and have had email dialogue with Deputy Director Dr. Tyre Jenkins who has indicated that a meeting will be arranged soon. There has been speculation regarding approval for trainings set up by the RECs before those trainings are provided to member districts. We will discuss and determine focus for the next year.

4. EdTech Professional Development-There is an email, in your handouts, which was received earlier and discussed the many questions, and inquiries regarding AI tools. The EdTech specialists are available to provide a training and answer questions regarding this topic. I have included contact information for them in your folders. I will also be happy to reach out to them on your behalf. The Tech initiative encompasses the grant for Academic Competition and EdTech program.
5. Discussion of Lovington joining REC7-Lovington is a non-member district until ready to join. Even though they are a non-member (do not contribute annual member costs from their IDEA funds) they are still included in just about all activities. If interested, what would that membership look like for the district.

Lovington membership (beginning in the 2024-2025 school year) was discussed with Pam Quinones and present board members. Discussions were made regarding percentage dues paid by current member districts and what Lovington membership might look like. The Lovington school board meeting will be held next week with agenda in place; therefore, proposal to the board would need to take place at the March Board meeting. The proposal will be .01% of entitlement toward dues to REC7.

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Upcoming Trainings/Events

- A. CPO Training February 13-16, 2024
- B. NMASBO February 14-16, 2024
- C. Legal Counsel Call February 12, 2024 8:00 am
- D. Secretary Call-February 15, 2024 9:00 am
- E. 504 Training Ancillary Staff-February 19, 2024 Hobbs
- F. Special Education Spring Directors' Academy February 28-29, 2024 Albuquerque
- G. State Academic Competition March 4-5, 2024 Albuquerque
- H. REC7 Closed for Presidents' Day February 19, 2024
- I. Next Meeting Scheduled for March 07, 2024

Additional Informational Items:

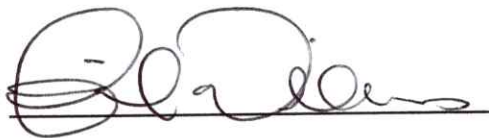
Parent Square Representative will provide brief presentation during March Board meeting.

In your handouts there is a flyer regarding Pathway 2 Careers. This is a program that is funded by a grant with PED to all educators in New Mexico. It is free to access and utilize. It incorporates career paths with Math in the following areas. Pre-Algebra, Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II. Teachers have access to lessons which can be integrated with their current curriculum. Students also have accounts where they can take an assessment in order to determine interests and see the stats for the particular career in which they are interested. Those stats include wages which are designed and determined by region.

If your committees have not met to complete your 90 Day Plan in DASH, please ensure that these get completed. I have enclosed a copy of an email which was sent from the PED on January 25, 2024 regarding DASH plans. On the first link it indicates how each district averaged on a 3-point evaluation system. When you access DASH and go under your specific district and then Archived Reports you will have access to the monitoring document from the PED and what was partially evident and fully evident as far as the DASH plan which was submitted by your district between October 26, 2023 and December 4, 2023

Reminder to get with historians in your district in order to provide the REC with pictures of buildings past and present.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, the Regular Board Meeting of 02/08/2024 was adjourned at 10:56 a.m., motioned by Ms. Boyd; motion unanimously carried.



April Williams

REC VII Executive Director



Brian Snider

REC VII Board President