



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 September 28, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Brian Snider, President
Gene Strickland, Vice President-Absent
Greg Slover, Secretary-Poxy
Dwain Haynes, Member
April Williams, Executive Director/REC VII
Pat Jaco, Director of Finance/REC VII-Absent

Guests: Christy Boyd-Eunice Public Schools
Shannon Slover-Tatum Municipal Schools
Jose Mares-Hobbs Municipal Schools

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

AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Haynes for approval of Consideration of Agenda (09/28/2023); motion unanimously carried.

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Motion by Mr. Haynes to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting (08/10/2023); 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 (August 2023)

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 24106**

Motion by Mr. Haynes for approval of Increase Bar Fund 24106 (Entitlement) to budget for Carryover expiring 9/30/23; motion unanimously carried.

**CONSIDERATION OF
APPROVAL OF INCREASE
BAR FUND 24109**

Motion by Mr. Haynes for approval of Increase Bar Fund 24109 (Preschool) to budget for Carryover expiring 9/30/23; motion unanimously carried.

INFORMATION:

Executive Director Discussion:

1. Medicaid Information for August 2023.
2. Tech Initiative Update-This is regarding the Technology Grant in which the REC participates in several areas, including Academic Competition. Pat and I visited with the staff at CTECH (Andrew Toggia, Kristi Hughes, Jose Mares). Repair Depot-funding was substantially less than previous year; however, the staff worked out a plan to implement the current budget. They began work in September. Jose Mares is here to provide more information.
3. Certified Reviewer DASH-I completed the assessments required for the DASH certification and have started reviewing plans in the smaller districts.
4. COGNIA-Representative visited with REC directors regarding live regional sessions in order to provide an assessment literacy overview. It is basically to ensure that all leaders are using consistent language regarding assessment. The session is free to NM educators and targets anyone in leadership roles (superintendents, principals, assistants, academic coaches, instructional directors, etc.). The session would also include a review of tools and resources and ways to develop formative practices in the classroom as well as applying balanced assessment systems will be covered. 7-9 in person opportunities will be provided with 1 webinar-based session for those who cannot attend in person. Gregory Howell is currently working on combining regions for an October 25th date in Portales. See handout in folder.
5. Open Forum with Secretary of Education 9/20/23-Superintendents and directors were present for meeting. Questions were asked regarding attendance, transportation, alternative certification, recruitment and retention, school board members training and possible solutions to the issues involved in each.

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Upcoming Trainings/Events

- A. Secretary Call-October 19, 2023 9:00 a.m.
- B. Lea County Transition Meeting-October 11, 2023 1:00-3:00 (Hobbs-Andi)
- C. ASBO Boot Camp Conference-October 3-5, 2023 Albuquerque
- D. New Mexico Association of Elementary School Principals-October 19-20, 2023 Albuquerque
- E. CES Leadership Conference-October 17-18, 2023
- F. Legislative Finance Committee-September 27-29, 2023 Albuquerque
- G. Assessment Literacy Regional Session-October 25, 2023 Portales
- H. Next Meeting Scheduled for October 12, 2023

Additional Informational Items:

Discusses Toolbox 4.3 workshop. I was approached through email about the possibility of collaborating with REC9 regarding this workshop by Walsh-Gallegos.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, the Regular Board Meeting of 09/28/2023 was adjourned at 11:20 a.m., motioned by Mr. Haynes; motion unanimously carried.



April Williams

REC VII Executive Director



Brian Snider

REC VII Board President