

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 December 14, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Brian Snider, President-By Phone

Gene Strickland, Vice President

Greg Slover, Secretary

Dwain Haynes, Member

April Williams, Executive Director/REC VII-Absent

Pat Jaco, Director of Finance/REC VII

Guests: Sue Haynes-Eunice Public Schools

Christy Boyd-Eunice Public Schools

The meeting was called to order @ 10:05 a.m. by Mr. Strickland.

AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Haynes for approval of Consideration of Agenda (12/14/2023); motion unanimously carried.

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Motion by Mr. Haynes to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting (11/09/2023); motion unanimously carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Motion by Mr. Snider for approval of Entitlement, Preschool, Title II, Medicaid, REC Operational, Pre-K, and State Directed Activities (November 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 27200**

Motion by Mr. Haynes for approval of Increase Bar Fund 27200 (STATE Directed Activities) to align with the 23-24 IGA; motion unanimously carried.

**CONSIDERATION OF
APPROVAL OF DECREASE
BAR FUND 27200**

Motion by Mr. Slover for approval of Decrease Bar Fund 27200 (ECLIPSE Parent Training) to align with the 23-24 IGA; motion unanimously carried.

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

Motion by Mr. Haynes for approval of Increase Bar Fund 27200 (Transition & Employment) to align with the 23-24 IGA; motion unanimously carried.

INFORMATION:

Executive Director Discussion:

1. Medicaid Information for November 2023.
2. ENMERC Information from Meeting-At the most recent RECA directors' meeting, Damon Terry shared information from Breaking the Silence. Ysidra Tellez, ysidra@breakingthesilencenm.org (575-403-5416) She presented at the meeting regarding mental health and will come to your school for mental health conversations in any region which is funded thru a grant via the state of NM. There is a flyer in your packet.
3. New Building/Furniture-Progress continues to be made in completion of the new building. We have been in constant communication with Mike Treadwell who is assisting us with measurements for furniture, etc. There is an office furniture drawing which details the conference room. Other offices had revisions in regards to furniture layout.
4. Academic Competition-There are teams from Tatum and Hobbs all competing. First virtual competition was held on October 25, 2023. Tatum won the first competition. There will be two qualifying virtual competitions scheduled prior to the state competition in the spring. The top two varsity teams from each designated REC will compete for the title of RECA State Academic Champion which will be held in the spring. The Academic State Competition has been scheduled for March 4-5, 2024 in Albuquerque. The first state qualifying competition was held on December 6 2023 at 1:30 through ZOOM. The second competition and first state qualifying competition was won by the Hobbs Academic Team. The next competition is currently being scheduled and may be in person.
5. Legislative Meeting Stan Rounds-Cancelled Event
6. Professional Development Toolbox 4.3-This workshop has been confirmed for January 8 2024 in Jal. It is a full day and will be held in the cafeteria in Jal. Currently, we have approximately 56 participants from member districts committed to attend. An invitation was also extended to Lovington to see if they were interested in spots remaining. Jal will be providing breakfast and lunch on the day of the training.

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Upcoming Trainings/Events

- A. Secretary Call-December 21, 2023 9:00 a.m.
- B. LFC Meets in Santa Fe December 11-15, 2023
- C. Toolbox 4.3 Workshop Presented by Elena Gallegos in Jal January 8, 2024
- D. REC7 Closed for Christmas Break, December 25-January 8, 2024
- E. Next Meeting Scheduled for January 11, 2024

Additional Informational Items:

Application for Administrative Leadership Development Program with CES was submitted for review. Currently waiting approval into the program.

On December 8, 2023 Secretary Romero sent out a letter regarding the proposed calendar rule change. I have the letter enclosed in your folder. I know that this change directly affects districts in our region. Thoughts?

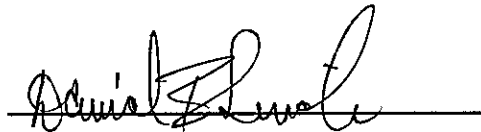
There is a workshop flyer in your packet regarding Emotional Poverty which is being held on January 12, 2024 and hosted by Four Corners REC 1. As of Monday, there were 150 seats remaining. Deadline to register is December 22, 2023.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, the Regular Board Meeting of 12/14/2023 was adjourned at 10:40 a.m., motioned by Mr. Slover; motion unanimously carried.



April Williams

REC VII Executive Director



Brian Snider

REC VII Board President