



# Four Corners

Regional Education Cooperative #1  
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## MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 16, 2020

- I. Welcome and Introductions – Meeting was called to order at 10:25 a.m.
- II. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum – Quorum was determined as follows:

Present:

Dr. Kimberly Mizell, Bloomfield Schools  
Kirk Carpenter, Aztec Municipal Schools  
Dr. Eugene Schmidt, Farmington Municipal Schools  
Daniel Benavidez, Zuni Public Schools  
Dr. Toni Pendergrass, San Juan College  
Mike Hyatt, Gallup-McKinley County Schools @ 10:31 a.m.

Absent:

Dr. Dave Goldtooth, Central Consolidated Schools

Also in Attendance:

Jodie Maestas, Bloomfield Schools  
David Bowman, Director

- III. Agenda Review and Approval – Dr. Mizell presented the current meeting agenda. The agenda was reviewed, with no changes noted. Mr. Benavidez moved to approve the meeting agenda and Mr. Carpenter seconded. The motion passed to approve the meeting agenda.
- IV. Previous Meeting Minutes Review and Approval – Dr. Mizell presented the minutes of the January 14, 2020 meeting. Minutes were reviewed with no changes noted. Mr. Benavidez moved to approve the minutes and Dr. Schmidt seconded. The motion passed to approve the previous meeting minutes.
- V. Quarterly Financial Budget Reporting – Mrs. Maestas presented the quarterly budget report. The revenue and expenditure reports were shared. The CTE funds were beginning to be spent as the COVID-19 pandemic hit, which left professional development that could not be completed. Having the CTE funds were good for the REC, however there may be expenditures denied by the State Department. In that case, the purchasing district will be responsible for reimbursing the REC those expended funds. The Kellogg grant was

received, however it must be ran through Bloomfield School District for financials. The check listing was shared as well as the expenditure breakdown. Current staff contracts will remain the same.

VI. Updates, and Possible Action

- a. Contracted CTE/Perkins Support Proposal – Mr. Bowman noted that Rick Jones is still in place, otherwise there is no update as of today.
- b. Update on Kellogg Proposal – Mr. Bowman reported on the award of the Kellogg Proposal, however the REC is unable to be the fiscal agent so financials will be ran through Bloomfield Schools. The project will develop PreK-12 dual language, a pilot to run through one school. A roadmap of strands and timelines is currently being created. Will partner with REC Districts for guidance.
- c. REC Literacy Coaches – Mr. Bowman stated that there is still no guidance on exactly what this is going to look like. There’s an interest in training trainers like LTRS training. The RECs will manage and distribute the literacy coaches with only one coach being assigned per REC. Mr. Benavidez mentioned that the need is more toward virtual coaches as each district has something in place for literacy. There’s a need for assistance with zoom and online learning. Dr. Schmidt agreed with the need for a virtual coach to assist in remote learning. Mr. Bowman agreed that virtual assistance is needed now more than ever. We can definitely submit on what we propose is needed.
- d. Teacher Quality Partnership Proposal – Mr. Bowman noted that the Districts didn’t want to move forward with the proposal, so this will not be committed to. The idea was to take recent graduates, give them a residency, and they would get their Master’s degree.

- VII. Report-outs by District – Mr. Carpenter began by stating that Aztec was preparing for the next school year; filling positions, working with NMAA and NMPED. Dr. Mizell noted that Bloomfield has been working on a learning plan for reentry, for all possible scenarios. For the possible loss in revenue of sports without fans, purchased a live streaming license. Dr. Schmidt mentioned that Farmington had been living streaming sports for a couple of years with success. He also noted that the District had been preparing a model of staggered start similar to the Georgia model. Also, the San Juan College Early High School was the highest ranked school, wanted to thank everyone for their partnership. Dr. Schmidt also noted that he didn’t understand the ranking system, but that Piedra Vista is ranked a 53, while SJCHS is ranked a 92. Mr. Hyatt reported that Gallup has been planning for the unknown. Concerned about the Cares Act funding. Different reports on what is going to be required: 6 feet social distancing or 3 feet and 1 student per seat on the bus or 2. Mr.

Benavidez reported that he will be moving to the Central Consolidated Schools as Superintendent. As for Zuni, the District is very proud of the connectivity with the co-op giving high speed internet to all sites. Hoping that sports will resume and have a fan based as the children need to run. Dr. Pendergrass noted that some of the college has opened back up with safety precautions in place and still offering online platforms as well. The college is planning on starting a hybrid model for those who cannot learn remotely. Some career programs require hands on so those issues will need to be addressed. Offering a course for working learners, which will be offered for free to REC Districts; just need to know how many coupons for each District. Requesting feedback from participants to know what adjustments need to be made.

- VIII. Questions or Requests – Mr. Bowman mentioned that there is professional development available as needed. Some would be good for a single district while others may be good for several districts to partner on. Will share a list of topics available and the Districts can decide what is needed.
- IX. Next Board Meeting – Dates were discussed, however with the start of school and the uncertainty on what that is going to look like, September was agreed on with a date to follow.
- X. Adjournment – Mr. Benavidez moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Carpenter seconded. The motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

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Board Member Signature

Title

Date Approved