



Four Corners

Regional Education Cooperative #1
Working for the Future


MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 17, 2021

- I. Welcome and Introductions – Meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m.
- II. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum – Quorum was determined as follows:
 - Present:
 - Dr. Eugene Schmidt, Farmington Municipal Schools
 - Dr. Kimberly Mizell, Bloomfield Schools
 - Kevin Summers, Aztec Municipal Schools
 - Daniel Benavidez, Central Consolidated Schools
 - Dr. Toni Pendergrass, San Juan College
 - Absent:
 - Randy Stickney, Zuni Public Schools
 - Mike Hyatt, Gallup-McKinley County Schools
 - Also in Attendance:
 - Jodie Maestas, Bloomfield Schools
 - David Bowman, Director
- III. Review of Funded Project – Mr. Bowman presented the grant award for the Extending Equity into the Digital Workforce award. The project is a 4-year grant to develop and deploy a digital curriculum in computer science through early college high schools. Other districts will be encouraged to offer, such as through Edgenuity. The goal is to increase technology and computer science through courses. Although the proposal was developed quickly, it was the highest design scored within the federal review. There are primarily 21 early college high schools worldwide.

Discussion began regarding established coursework and career pathway counselors. The need for approval being such a short window, as funding will begin in January. Board feels that further meetings are necessary to review the goals and objectives to ensure they can be met before accepting. There should be incentives for IHEs to participate and LEAs to buy in. IT pathways already exist but they do not all follow the same framework. The evaluators have been named, and the Board feels that the

evaluation processes isn't a concern but positions and staffing may be. There may be organizations that already provide some services, which needs to be reviewed. The Board determined that a work session needs to take place to answer questions more thoroughly. Will accept grant under conditions that questions will be addressed and expenditures will be revised as needed. Letters of support will also be needed from the listed partners.

- IV. Approval to Receive Grant Award – Dr. Mizell made a motion to accept grant award with option to amend scope of work to reflect adjustments to budget and to bring back before the Board in January and Mr. Benavidez seconded. The motion passed to conditionally accept the grant award.
- V. Adjournment – Mr. Benavidez moved to adjourn the meeting and Dr. Mizell seconded. The motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 10:42 a.m.

	SECRETARY	1/28/2022
Board Member Signature	Title	Date Approved