



Four Corners

Regional Education Cooperative #1
Working for the Future

MEETING MINUTES APRIL 13, 2022

- I. Welcome and Introductions – Meeting was in-person and virtual and was called to order at 10:05 a.m.
- II. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum – Quorum was determined as follows:
 - Present:
 - Dr. Kimberly Mizell, Bloomfield Schools
 - Dr. Eugene Schmidt, Farmington Municipal Schools (Zoom)
 - Kevin Summers, Aztec Municipal Schools
 - Mike Hyatt, Gallup-McKinley County Schools (Zoom)
 - Steve Carlson, Central Consolidated Schools (Zoom)
 - Adrienne Forgette, San Juan College Delegate (Zoom)
 - Absent:
 - Randy Stickney, Zuni Public Schools
 - Dr. Toni Pendergrass, San Juan College
 - Also in Attendance:
 - David Bowman, Director
 - Jodie Maestas, Business Manager
 - Staci Babcock, Accounts Payable
- III. Agenda Review and Approval – Mr. Bowman presented the agenda for review and approval. No changes were noted. Dr. Mizell moved to approve the meeting agenda and Mr. Hyatt seconded. The motion passed to approve the meeting agenda.
- IV. Previous Meeting Minutes Review and Approval – Mr. Bowman presented the January 28, 2022 meeting minutes. Minutes were reviewed with no changes noted. Dr. Mizell moved to approve the minutes and Mr. Summers seconded. The motion passed to approve the previous meeting minutes.
- V. Quarterly Financial Budget Reporting Review and Approval – Mrs. Maestas presented the awards and approval BARS. Half of the funds for the CLIA IGA through NMPED

were received. The check listing was included in the Board packet. The Kellogg grant was completed on March 31st, with funds remaining which may need to be returned. Board Members questioned the CLIA IGA, as most districts have already received certification, the pandemic is in flux, and feel as if the REC may be wasting their time. Mr. Bowman responded that the start-up and conditions were reviewed and extended, granting the request to have half of the funds upfront. There are an estimated 12 districts that do not have a certificate of waiver, in addition there are BIA and private schools in need. The certification can be used for Flu testing and pregnancy testing as well. The funding has fixed costs (salaries) and variable costs (on-site visits). The level of funding would allow for 100 test sites. The NMPED may also be looking at expanding the IGA which could be a long-term cash flow for the REC. As the discussion of the IGA concluded, Mrs. Maestas announced her retirement from the Bloomfield School District and the REC#1. The Board commended Mrs. Maestas on a job well done.

VI. Discussion, Updates, and Actions

- a. Action: Approval of EEDW (EIR Grant) Contracts for Evaluation and Curriculum Licensing – Mr. Bowman explained that the evaluation was written into the grant. There were communications with the Department of Education (DOE) regarding the evaluator, which has been communicated to the Board members through email. The letter received from the DOE indicated that the grant listed NS4ed, LLC as the evaluator which solidifies the decision. The curriculum development and licensing was posted for bids, with only one received and meeting the criteria, which is now listed as a sole source.

Board members had reservations regarding the contracts being awarded to the co-writer of the grant. Thus making the writer the same in evaluating and implementing. Dr. Mizell mentioned that this does take place in federal grants and that Mr. Goins himself will not be the sole evaluator but rather his team. Dr. Schmidt agreed that he has had this experience with federal grants as well. Dr. Mizell moved to approve the EEDW Contracts for Evaluation and Curriculum Licensing and Mr. Hyatt seconded. The motion passed with the approval of Mr. Carlson, Dr. Mizell, Dr. Schmidt and Mr. Hyatt, the disapproval of Mr. Summers and the abstaining of Dr. Forgette.

- b. Action: Ratify MOU with FMS for EEDW Hiring – Mr. Bowman explained that as part of the project plan with the Early College High School (ECHS) was intended to be the lead staff, however the lead was declined therefore staff was hired. There are two certified staff members (both formerly with the NMPED)

and one grant secretary with payroll being ran through Farmington Schools. Dr. Schmidt noted that he is aware of the positions and the MOU and he approves. Mr. Summers moved to approve the MOU with FMS and Dr. Mizell seconded. The motion passed to Ratify the MOU with FMS for the EEDW Staff.

- c. Action: Accept Dr. Schmidt's Resignation as Board President – Mr. Bowman noted that Dr. Schmidt is retiring at the end of the school year. Dr. Schmidt mentioned that the newly selected Superintendent, Mr. Cody Diehl will serve on the Board for Farmington Schools. Mr. Hyatt moved to approve Dr. Schmidt's Resignation and Dr. Mizell seconded. The motion passed to approve Dr. Schmidt's Resignation as Board President. Mr. Bowman presented Dr. Schmidt with a plaque to honor his commitment in education.
- d. Action: Appoint Mr. Hyatt as Board President – Mr. Bowman asked that the Board approve Mr. Hyatt as Board President. Dr. Schmidt motioned to approve Mr. Hyatt as Board President and Mr. Summers seconded. The motion passed to approve Mr. Hyatt as Board President.
- e. Action: Nominate a new Vice-President – Mr. Bowman explained that in the Board Reorganization, the Vice-President would move into the President position and the Secretary would then move into the Vice-President position, leaving the Secretary as the position to fill. However, Mr. Summers has opted to remain as the Board Secretary at this time, leaving nominations open for the Vice-President. Dr. Schmidt nominated Mr. Diehl. Mr. Hyatt thanked him for the nomination, however he feels it would be best to nominate an experienced and knowledgeable member to accept the role. Mr. Hyatt noted that Dr. Mizell would be able to hold a position. Dr. Forgette motioned to approve the nomination of Dr. Mizell as Vice-President and Mr. Summers seconded. The motion passed for Dr. Mizell to assume the role as Vice-President.
- f. Action: Nominate a Superintendent to serve on the CES Board – Mr. Bowman noted that CES is requesting a Superintendent from each region to be nominated to serve on the CES Board. Meetings are held approximately four times a year. Mr. Hyatt motioned to nominate Mr. Summers to serve on the CES Board and Dr. Mizell seconded. The motion passed for Mr. Summers to serve on the CES Board for the region.
- g. Discussion: CLIA IGA Update – Mr. Bowman referenced the last few pages of the handouts given to the Board members. The REC has just received the startup funds and budget approval. There is a database of initial contacts for

certification waivers, the coordinator position is being posted and plan to order promotional items to get it started.


- h. Discussion: EEDW Grant Update – Mr. Bowman stated, as previously noted, that there are 3 staff members in place. The ECHS Coordinator is Veronica Sanders responsible for outreach with Administrators, Business/IT Coordinator is Jaime Cherry, and Denise Merilatt as support staff. The Advisory Team is in place. The Business Committee is forming with partnering businesses.

- VII. Discussion: Waterford Presentation – Mr. Bowman introduced Jodi Sohrt from Waterford. Jodi presented a PowerPoint presentation to the Board, for those who were unfamiliar with the program. Waterford is based out of Utah and focuses on remediation, recovery, and RTI. Investing in early childhood to close the gap and promote success. By focusing on early childhood, instead of waiting until third grade, children develop kindergarten readiness instead of playing catch up. Other programs include early learning, mentor, special education, science of reading, Spanish language support and the Waterford Family Academy.

- VIII. Superintendent Discussion – No discussions.

- IX. Next Board Meeting – Tentatively scheduled for July 13, 2022

- X. Adjournment – Mr. Summers moved to adjourn the meeting and Dr. Mizell seconded. The motion passed to adjourn the meeting at 11:13 a.m.

	<i>SECRETARY</i>	8/19/2022
Board Member Signature	Title	Date Approved