



# Four Corners

Regional Education Cooperative #1  
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## MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 11, 2023

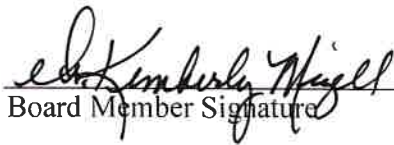
- I. Welcome
- II. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum – Quorum was determined as follows and meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.:
  - Present:
    - Cody Diehl, Farmington Municipal Schools (Zoom)
    - Mike Hyatt, Gallup-McKinley County Schools
    - Kevin Summers, Aztec Municipal Schools
    - Steve Carlson, Central Consolidated Schools (Zoom)
    - Dr. Kimberly Mizell, Bloomfield Schools
  - Absent:
    - Dr. Toni Pendergrass, San Juan College
    - Randy Stickney, Zuni Public Schools
  - Also in Attendance:
    - David Bowman, Director
    - Staci Babcock, Business Manager
- III. Action: Approval of Meeting Agenda – Mr. Summers moved to approve the meeting agenda and Dr. Mizell seconded. The motion passed to approve the meeting agenda.
- IV. Action: Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – Previous meeting minutes were reviewed and submitted for approval as follows:
  - a. October 21, 2022 – Mr. Summers moved to approve the meeting minutes and Dr. Mizell seconded. The motion passed to approve the meeting minutes.
  - b. December 14, 2022 – Dr. Mizell moved to approve the meeting minutes and Mr. Diehl seconded. The motion passed to approve the meeting minutes.
- V. Action: Approval of Quarterly Financial Report – Ms. Babcock reviewed the business consent agenda including two increase BARs and one transfer BAR. The revenue and expenditure reports were included as well as check listing report. Mr. Summers questioned the check sent to Penasco, which Mr. Bowman explained it was funding provided by the

tech initiative grant for equipment. Mr. Summers moved to approve the Quarterly Financial Report and Mr. Diehl seconded. The motion passed to approve the quarterly financial report.

VI. Discussion, Updates, and Actions

- a. Action: Approve MOU with REC-5 re. Tips by Text – Mr. Bowman reported on REC-5 having a grant to engage in a study by the Rand Corp. to parents. The REC will help disseminate information to assist with enrollment only. Mr. Summers moved to approve the MOU with REC-5 and Dr. Mizell seconded. The motion passed to approve the MOU with REC-5.
- b. Action: Ratify MOU with Aztec re. Frost Grant – Mr. Bowman explained that the Frost grant in collaboration with Aztec Schools will involve mentorships and the focus will be on principals and assistant principals. An annual convention for the 4 Corners will be held by Aztec to build capacity through local districts. The REC will manage the fiscal responsibility. Dr. Mizell moved to approve the ratification of the Frost Grant MOU with Aztec Schools, Mr. Summers abstained and Mr. Diehl seconded. The motion passed to ratify the Frost Grant MOU with Aztec.
- c. Discussion: Legislative Activity re. Dual Credit – Mr. Bowman provided an update regarding two house bills supporting dual credit. A task force will be initiated to determine the purpose and usefulness of dual credit within the state. The region should be represented on the task force. Dr. Pendergrass mentioned that there is already a task force in place, should proceed with caution as the additional money would be nice but not with additional policies and standards. The college doesn't make much; however, it is the right thing to do. Mr. Bowman also noted that the legislature proposed paying for teachers to also take courses to meet the higher education credentials in an effort to find qualified individuals to teach. There is mention of a 3-year pilot program and with the REC being a state agency we are set up to receive appropriations. Another option would be for PED to receive and distribute through IGAs.
- d. Discussion: State Technology Initiative Update – Mr. Bowman reported on Tech Bits, a 1-hour training held twice a month. There have been four Tech Bits completed to date. He was asked to send the flyer to the Superintendents to be passed along to Tech teachers.

- e. Discussion: CLIA Update – Mr. Bowman noted that the initiative is going well. The company will front load the remainder of the costs to complete the fiscal portion. There are 35 sites engaged with two more just added.
  - f. Discussion: EEDW Update – Mr. Bowman stated that the participation has been difficult. In an effort to meet goals and objectives, the team has been working with federal evaluators to find a path, which will allow every participant to be considered program students. The team will provide encouragement for students to participate so a comparison can be made. The team was asked to present at the Project Director’s meeting.
- VII. Superintendent Discussion – Mr. Bowman noted that another EC training will be held through the Kellogg grant, which may require an Ad Hoc meeting to approve the contract. The legislative session was discussed. Mr. Ryan Lane has been helpful in keeping Mr. Summers apprised of news. Dr. Mizell mentioned the Governor’s remarks about an increase in salary, paying medical for employees, and making Pre-K mandatory. Dr. Pendergrass also noted the mention of money for teacher shortages.
- VIII. Next Board Meeting – April 12, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.
- IX. Action: Approval to Adjourn – Mr. Summers moved to approve the adjournment of the meeting and Dr. Mizell seconded. The motion passed to approve the adjournment of the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

  
Board Member Signature

VP  
Title

4-19-23  
Date Approved