

MEETING NOTES September 15, 2023

- I. Welcome Meeting was held via Zoom and was called to order.
- II. Roll call and Determination of Quorum Quorum was determined as follows:

Present: Kevin Summers – Aztec Municipal Schools

Steve Carlson – Central Consolidated Schools Dr. Kimberly Mizell, Bloomfield Schools Dr. Toni Pendergrass – San Juan College

Absent: Randy Stickney – Zuni Public Schools

Cody Diehl – Farmington Municipal Schools Mike Hyatt – Gallup-McKinley County Schools

Also in Attendance:

David Bowman, Director Staci Babcock, Director of Finance

- III. Action: Approval of Meeting Agenda Mr. Carlson moved to approve the meeting agenda and Dr. Pendergrass seconded. The motion passed unanimously to approve the meeting agenda.
- IV. Discussion, Updates and Actions
 - a. Discussion: MOU with Region 9 for State Tech Initiative

Mr. Bowman presented a review of the State Tech Initiative. This is a continuation of last year's MOU with different funding implementation levels. The Academic Competitions will require a minimum of 2 teams – Mr. Diehl mentioned he could find teams for this, Tech Bits, Student Run Help Desk – we were working with a school from CCSD last year, but the training never took place. New this year is the EDTech Boost Program. Teachers will earn a stipend for their participation. The board packet has a rundown of the financials. From a fiscal standpoint, the whole project has a funding level of \$275,000 which should generate a net gain for REC-1 of \$132,000. Call for questions by Dr. Mizell.

Mr. Carlson asked about participation for last year. Mr. Bowman stated there no participants last. Mr. Carlson asked if the reason was timing or interest. Mr. Bowman said probably both factors were involved. The MOU last year wasn't received until October.

Mr. Bowman said it was a very good experience for the schools who participated last year and went to the state competition. He mentioned while middle schools were allowed to participate, only high schools would be able to go to state.

Mr. Carlson asked about the meetings for EDTech Boost program. It may be difficult for teachers to attend. Mr. Bowman state that each monthly meeting would be help twice to accommodate. All the monthly meetings would be held on-line. The only in person meeting would be for the one in Ruidoso. Teachers would be reimbursed mileage and lodging to make the trip.

There were no further questions.

- b. ACTION: Approve MOU with Region 9 for State Tech Initiative-Mr. Summers moved to approve the MOU with Region 9 for the State Tech Initiative. And Mr. Carlson seconded. The motion passed unanimously to approve the MOU for the State Tech Initiative.
- V. Next quarterly board meeting: November 8
- VI. ACTION: Approval to Adjourn.Dr. Pendergrass motioned to adjourn and Mr. Summers seconded. The meeting adjourned.

Board Member Signature

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