

Region 9 Education Cooperative Coordinating Council Meeting

Location: 2002 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, NM 88345

Date & Time: March 19, 2025 9:00 AM

Minutes

At 9:00 am Chair Lee called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Region 9 Coordinating Council to order. With a quorum present, in person, Mr. Lee, Mr. Lindsay, Ms. Ferguson, Ms. Ross, and present on Zoom, Mr. Patterson, and Mr. Clough. Not present at the start of the meeting was Ms. Gillespie.

Chair Lee then led the meeting in the pledge of allegiance.

Chair Lee asked for a motion to approve the order and content of the agenda. Mr. Clough provided a motion to approve, Mr. Lindsay seconded. A roll call vote ensued with Mr. Clough-y, Mr. Lindsay-y, Ms. Ferguson-y, Ms. Ross-y, Mr. Patterson-y, Mr. Lee-y. With all members present voting in favor the motion passed.

Ms. Gillespie joined the meeting on Zoom following this approval item.

Chair Lee asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the regular Coordinating Council meeting on February 19, 2025 and from the special meeting on March 4, 2025. Mr. Lindsay provided a motion to approve, Ms. Ferguson seconded. A roll call vote ensued with Mr. Lindsay-y, Ms. Ferguson-y, Ms. Ross-y, Mr. Patterson-y, Mr. Clough-y, Ms. Gillespie-y, Mr. Lee-y. With all members present voting in favor the motion passed.

Chair Lee asked for a motion to approve the previous month's vouchers for February 2025. Mr. Lindsay provided a motion to approve, Ms. Ferguson seconded. A roll call vote ensued with Mr. Lindsay-y, Ms. Ferguson-y, Ms. Ross-abstained, Mr. Clough-y, Mr. Patterson-y, Ms. Gillespie-y, Mr. Lee-y. With 6 members present voting in favor, and 1 member abstaining, the motion passed.

Chair Lee asked for a motion to approve the budget adjustment requests (BARS) as presented for February. Mr. Dooley provided a short summary of the increase and decrease of BARS, there were no questions. Ms. Ferguson provided a motion to approve, Mr. Patterson seconded. A roll call vote ensued with Ms. Ferguson-y, Mr. Patterson-y, Mr. Lindsay-y, Mr. Clough-y, Ms. Gillespie-y, Ms. Ross-abstained, Mr. Lee-y. With 6 members present voting in favor, and 1 member abstaining, the motion passed.

Chair Lee asked for a motion to approve the asset disposal of the training equipment for wind energy. Discussion followed with information from Mr. Dooley that ENMU-Ruidoso would like to purchase the equipment for their new CTE center at the Ruidoso campus. Mr. Dooley also shared there had been communication with Mesa Lands Community College, Clovis Community College, Pattern Energy, and Weatherford University in West Texas about any interest in the equipment. After exploring the options, Region 9 determined that ENMU-Ruidoso is most likely the best option to put

Ms Freed then provided an overview of the Region 9 Ed Services newsletter that is shared monthly with Region 9 Superintendents, Principals, Special Education Directors, and is also sent statewide to the 10,000 subscribers to Region 9 information requests. Highlights this month include:

- Support for literacy in the Region 9 districts. Tessa Talsma and Allison Mouttet are working on becoming certified LETRS instructors.
- Upcoming events include the April 17th Round Table with Walsh Gallegos for our member special education directors, the Office of Special Education (OSE) conference April 28-30, and the OSE Mentorship Conference May 15-16.

Attached to the newsletter is an impact report that shows services received by each Region 9 district. July through December 2024 shows 138.5 hours of professional development delivered, with 2,249 participants. Child Find supported member districts with 202 screenings from the spring of 2024 to March of 2025. Medicaid quarterly revenues reflected \$64,065.99. Digital learning and math supports are growing with member districts taking advantage of the support from Jennifer Johnson and Tessa Talsma.

Ms. Freed also highlighted what is being nationally recognized is the work around the Region 9 Medical and Educational Diagnostic Interagency Network (MEDIAN) Project. Previously only for Region 9 member districts, this effort is now available statewide.

Also highlighted, is the work being done through Region 9 to support the only consortium Equity Council in New Mexico..

The new Region 9 Gifted teacher program is blooming and our participating schools, Carrizozo, Capitan, and Tularosa are receiving services under this program.

Mr. Dooley then emphasized the Region 9 Ancillary (related services, nursing) and coaching FTE projections will be sent out in April. A reminder that the Special Education Directors Round Table with Walsh Gallegos will be on April 17th, and the July 30th All District professional development day will feature Kevin Honeycutt. Estimated costs for the All District day are \$25,000.00. Mr. Dooley will be reaching out to the sponsors that Mr. Lindsay had previously contacted to see if we can get support to help fund the day.

Capitan hosted the final Academic Competition of the year on March 5th which brought a first place for both JV and Varsity teams from Capitan.

School Based Health highlights included the LCCHC - Anti Vaping student campaign as a success and the completion of the Maze of Life March 6-7 with all member districts participating.

Mr. Dooley then displayed the working spreadsheet Region 9 uses to calculate the annual membership fee. In previous years, the salary and benefits for the Region 9 Executive Director and Business Manager, the required annual audit, rent, utilities, and insurance were totaled, the legislative appropriation was deducted and the balance distributed to each district based on the average of their 80 and 120 student membership. Discussion about last year when Region 9 removed the annual rent due to building ownership and reduced the amount to a nominal 12,000.00 for building maintenance which resulted in a decrease for most of the members. To continue to reduce the membership fees, Region 9 is proposing this year to only keep the 2 salary and benefit positions, and the annual audit but to remove all the other costs previously included. The result is an overall decrease across all Region 9 member districts.

Mr. Dooley then shared an offer being suggested by Mr. Wren to have a worksession with all Region 9 member superintendents and their tech support personnel to identify work either being done or needing to be done so best practices could be shared and identified. Discussion occurred and a suggestion to have a work session on the June 18th Coordinating Council meeting be created. Ms. Ross asked that the meeting be hosted at Region 9 due to construction in Hondo that will be in process.

At 10:08 am Chair Lee asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Ferguson provided a motion to approve, Mr. Lindsay seconded. A roll call vote ensued with Ms. Ferguson-y, Mr Clough-y, Mr. Lindsay-y, Ms. Ross-y, Mr. Patterson-y, Ms. Gillespie-y, Mr. Lee-y. With all members present voting in favor the meeting was adjourned.