



EORC Meeting Minutes

June 11, 2020

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Campbell called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.

Present: Chris Campbell, Chairman; Destry Jones, Scott Woolstenhulme, Dale Layne, Andy Mehl, Seth Deniston, Jim Doramus and Stephanie Bailey-White.

Others Present: Jo Ann Bujarski, State Department of Education (SDE); Todd Lawrence, SDE; Dylan Baker, Idaho Commission for Libraries, Daniel Vogt, SDE.

Ms. Bailey-White made a motion to approve the minutes for February 26, 2020 and March 31, 2020. Mr. Mehl seconded, motion carried.

Mr. Layne made a motion to approve one-time non-recurring costs for New Plymouth in the amount of \$6000. Mr. Jones seconded, motion carried.

Mr. Vogt reported that the committee had set a maximum per school district of \$10,000 or \$2,000 per site for funds to be used for the COVID 19 responses. There had been a total of \$125,000 spent for 130 hotspots. There was an additional \$72,000 requested, but not reimbursed due to the maximum set. As there was money still available, Mr. Mehl made a motion to approve reimbursement of the additional \$72,000. Mr. Woolstenhulme seconded, motion carried. Mr. Layne and Mr. Woolstenhulme abstained due to possible conflict of interest.

Reimbursements were allowed to be submitted for one more week, deadline to be June 19, 2020.

Mr. Campbell discussed the current programs being put into place to potentially help with home internet. The Idaho Department of Commerce received \$1.25 billion in CARES funding from the federal government. The Coronavirus Financial Advisory Council approved \$100 million of that for a broadband initiative for underserved communities. That money must be expended by December 30. The second \$50 million distribution of the \$100 million will be a grant with a 50/50 match. That money must be expended by December 30 as well.

Mr. Campbell mentioned there is a Digital Divide Task Force of which he is a member and one item they are addressing are devices for schools and homes.

Mr. Campbell mentioned the committee terms were up for everyone, so asked who would be willing to stay on. Mr. Layne, Mr. Doramus, Mr. Jones, Mr. Deniston and Mr. Woostenhulme will all be willing to stay. Ms. Bailey-White will stay as she is the representative for the Idaho Commission on Libraries.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Deniston made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Layne seconded, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

For Questions Contact

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