**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**OF THE**

**RESA-6 REGIONAL COUNCIL**

**RESA-6 Training Room**

**Wheeling, WV 26003**

**Thursday, April 20, 2017**

**9:00 a.m.**

**MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT: Michelle Chappell, Shelby Haines, Michael Hince, Bill Jones, Kim Miller, Christie Robison, Edward Toman, Cindy Yeater**

**OTHERS PRESENT: Nick Zervos, Greg Minnich, Marian Kajfez, Dr. Wilson, Jason Butcher**

**CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Ms. Chappell.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a motion by Mr. Jones, with a second by Mr. Toman, the Board approved the minutes of the March 29, 2017 meeting**.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Medicaid Report (Attachment A) - On a motion by Mr. Jones, with a second by Mr. Toman, the Board approved the March 1, 2017, Medicaid Report prepared by**

**Ms. Wojcik in the aggregate amount of $722,577.71.**

**Permission for Joe Paolo, Special Education Director, to attend Meeting – Capacity Building Institute – NTACT – Kansas City – 5/15/17 – 5/19/17 – On a motion by Mr. Jones, with a second by Mr. Toman permission was granted for Joe Paolo, Special Education Director to attend meeting for Capacity Building Institute – NTACT in Kansas City on May 15, 2017 through May19, 2017.**

**West Virginia Department of Education Agenda – April 12 and April 13, 2017 (Attachment B) – Dr. Wilson reported that the Board Meeting April 12 and April 13 provided two days of Professional Development for all the Board Members. Topics reviewed were the Constitution’s Authority for the State Board to oversee education, review the Ethics Act and Guidelines for school board Members, the Strategic Plan in process for the State Board, discussions of the large number of polices that the State Board receives, a cupcake law and its effect on child nutrition, School Aid Formula and how it works and Legislative Issues discussion. He also informed Council that feedback provided on policies that are on comment are truly used to shape the final state board policies approved.**

**Letter from Kristen Lanham, Coordinator School Finance – no findings noted on Audit Report 6/30/16 (Attachment C) – A letter from Kristen Lanham acknowledges that the Audit report of 5/30/17 found that RESA-6 had no findings. Mr. Zervos commended Mr. Minnich and Mr. Bieniek for the cooperative work resulting in a clean audit.**

**Executive Director’s Evaluation (Attachment D) – The instrument was provided to each of the Regional Council Members to complete with their individual results emailed to Toni Shute, Superintendent of Brooke County Schools. Mrs. Shute will compile all the information bringing the results to the May Board Member for review by the Regional Council and by Mr. Zervos.**

**RESA-6 Services to Counties; Collectively Identify RESA Services Needed Discussion (Attachment E) – Mr. Zervos provided Attachment E which outlines the comprehensive services that RESA-6 delivers to each of the 5 Counties. The list is extensive and it demonstrates how services and programs are integrated into each of the 5 counties.**

**Governor’s Education Reform Bill – Engrossed Committee Substitute HB 2711; HB 2711 State Task Force Discussion (Attachment F) – House Bill 2711 has been passed by both the West Virginia House and Senate and is currently waiting for the signature of the Governor for approval. The Bill abolishes Regional Education Service Agencies June 30, 2018. And provides county school systems an opportunity to create Educational Service Cooperatives which specifically provides county BOEs authority to enter educational service cooperatives with other county BOEs statewide. Agreements must be in writing. ESCs will have a governing council similar to the RESA Regional Council to oversee the administration, including employment authority, of the cooperative.**

**On a motion by Mr. Hince, and a second by Dr. Miller, the RESA-6 Regional Council chooses to stay the course in the 2017 – 2018 school year providing as many programs and services as possible with the funding sources made available by the LEAs, State Board, the WVDE, Grants and Legislative Funding. Mr. Zervos commended the Regional Council for decades of collaboration and cooperation for creating a very strong Regional Service Agency and for voting for a systematic process that allows RESA-6 to transform or reinvent itself into an Educational Service Cooperative.**

**Other bills and other components found in HB2711 were reviewed by Jason Butcher utilizing the handout provided for all Regional Council Members (Handout)**

**State Board Membership Update – Barbara Whitecotton and Chuck Hatfield – They were not confirmed by the Legislature and, therefore, will be replaced by 2 new State Board Members.**

**Directive WVBOE/Jason Butcher (Attachment G) – Once the WV Budget has been approved and HB2711 is signed into law it may become necessary to inform certain employees in each of the RESAs that funding for their positions have been terminated and therefore, their positions may be eliminated.**

**RESA Matrix of Services (Attachment H) – A comprehensive list of 133 programs and services were provided to the Regional Council for their review. This matrix identifies a multitude of services provided by each of the 8 RESAs statewide.**

**Editorial on RESAs (Attachment I) – Mr. Mike Myer at the Wheeling Intelligencer has been most supportive of RESA-6 and in his editorial in Attachment I he suggests that the Governor fund RESAs for the transitional year 2017 – 2018.**

**Audited Financial Report year ending June 30, 2016 – Tetrick & Bartlett, PLLC (Attachment J) – On a motion by Mr. Toman, with a second by Dr. Miller, the Audit Financial Report year ending June 30, 2016 was accepted. The only thing identified in the report that was missing was an invoice from Mountaineer Gas totaling $75.43 for the SPOKES program.**

**Paper Bid (Attachment K) – On a motion by Mr. Jones, with a second by Mr. Hince, the paper bid as provided by Mr. Minnich in Attachment K was approved.**

**Budget Supplements (Attachment L) - On a motion by Ms. Miller, with a second by Ms. Robison, the Budget Supplements as provided by Mr. Minnich and outlined in Attachment J were approved.**

**Budget Status Report (Attachment (M) - On a motion by Mr. Hince, with a second by Ms. Robison, the Budget Status Report as provided by Mr. Minnich and outlined in Attachment K was approved.**

**Checks Issued (Attachment N) - On a motion by Ms. Robison, with a second by Mr. Toman, the RESA-6 Checks Issued as provided by Mr. Minnich and outlined in Attachment N were approved.**

**Auditor Preference for FY2017 (Attachment P) – On a motion by Dr. Miller, with a second by Mr. Toman, the Auditor Preference for FY2017 is to be performed by certified public accounting firm of Tetrick & Bartlett, PLLC**

**PERSONNEL:**

**On a motion by Mr. Jones, with a second by Ms. Robison, the following was approved:**

**Employment**

**Permission to place Nick P. Zervos, Executive Director, in Talent Pool – July 1, 2017**

**Permission to place Patti Dei, Secretary, in Talent Pool – July 1, 2017**

**Retirement**

**Patti Dei, Secretary – June 30, 2017**

**OTHER CONCERNS: Dr. Wilson had a concern about the effect of the Tim Tibow rule on home school students participating in public school extracurricular activities and in Technical Education Programs.**

**WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION REPORT:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**On a motion by Mr. Toman, with a second by Mr. Hince, the meeting was adjourned.**

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**Co-Chairperson Executive Director/Secretary**

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