

**ORDER OF BUSINESS
OF THE
RESA-6 REGIONAL COUNCIL**

**Ohio County School's Board Room
Wheeling, WV 26003**

Wednesday, August 8, 2012

9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Patsy Brancazio, Chris Carder, Heidi Hohman, Linda Kirk, James Lazear, Beth Philipps, Sue Smith, Dianna Vargo

OTHERS PRESENT: Nick P. Zervos, Greg Minnich, Richard Lawrence (for Amelia Courts), Tammy Wells (for Diane Watt), John Coller, Lisa Mullin, Jennifer Coyne, Marian Kajfez

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Mr. Zervos.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCE NEW BOARD MEMBERS:

Mr. Zervos welcomed all the Board Members back for the 2012 – 2013 school year and introduced the following new Board Members: Dianna Vargo, Superintendent, Ohio County, Chris Carder, Ohio County, Beth Phillips, Marshall County, Linda Kirk, Wetzel County.

ELECTION OF CO-CHAIRS:

The co-chairs selected for the 2012 – 2013 school year are Kathy Kidder Wilkerson, Superintendent, Brooke County and Patsy Brancazio, Hancock County Board Member.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Ms. Smith, with a second by Ms. Hohman, the Board approved the Minutes of the June 6, 2012, meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Calendar for 2012 – 2013 RESA-6 Regional Council Scheduled Meetings (Attachment A) – On a motion by Ms. Smith, with a second by Ms. Carder, the 2012 – 2013 RESA-6 Regional Council Scheduled Meetings were approved.

5-County Calendar (Handout) – The 5-County Calendar was presented to the Regional Council at its June Meeting and will be mailed to the new members by Candace O’Shea.

Medicaid Report (Attachment B) - On a motion by Ms. Carder, with a second by Ms. Smith, the Board approved the July 1, 2012 and August 1, 2012, Medicaid reports prepared by Mrs. Wojcik in the aggregate amounts of \$4,606,917.29 (July) and \$253,606.60 (August) (from 7/1/11 through 07/31/12) for the RESA- 6 counties.

Presentation by Terry Sterling and John Coller – Chamber of Commerce Vocational Job Fair – John Coller and Lisa Mullins addressed the Council about the Wheeling Area Chamber of Commerce Vocational Technical Fair being held at Belmont College on Thursday, September 27, 2012 from 8:30 a.m. - 12:00. Additional information will be forthcoming to all Superintendents.

Math I Update (Attachment C) – The Board was provided with a copy of the thank you note sent to James Denova, Vice President, Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation for the generous grant of \$107,000 to implement the Math I program to all 9th grade students in Hancock, Brooke, Marshall and Wetzel Counties. Three days of training has been received by the 9th grade teachers in July and 7 additional days will be provided by Carnegie Learning consultants. All textbooks and software have been received by the school districts implementing the program. WVU Grad Credit was offered for Teacher Leadership Participants (TLI Grade 9)

Governor’s Forum Review – Approximately 60 people attended the Governor’s Forum held at Wheeling Park High School. Sub-committees were established in the areas of technology, career technical education and curriculum instruction and feedback was given from each committee to the consultants directing the forum.

Agreement for Continued Use of Greggsville School (Attachment D) –On behalf of the Regional Council, Mr. Zervos thanked Ms. Vargo and Ohio County Board of Education for extending the use of the Greggsville School to house RESA-6. The agreement was signed and sent back to Ohio County Schools.

Presentation – West Virginia Retirement Plus – (Enclosure) – Jennifer Coyne, Regional Marketing Manager for the WV Retirement Plus Program, provided the council with a trifold outlining the program, its merits and how one can sign up. She provided contact information for those wanting to learn more about the WV 457 Retirement Program.

Evaluation Training Update – Ten demonstration schools, two per county, have had leadership teams train on how to use the new teacher evaluation system on July 17th at the White Palace. Each of those schools will be required to implement the new evaluation system. These leadership teams will then assist in the training of other school leaders who will have to implement the evaluation in 2013 – 2014.

Evaluation Training Update

- Demo Schools: Training with Hancock County schools on Aug 22.

- **Counselor Evaluation Training at RESA 6 on August 29 for DEMO & Pilot Schools**
- **PRI will be an Evaluation Review for all Administrators. WVDE will present new Teacher and Administrator Evaluation. The Pilot and Demo Schools will offer their experiences to the whole group.**

RESA-6 Annual Staff Meeting – August 15, 2012 – Mr. Zervos noted that the RESA staff will be having their annual meeting on August 15, 2012 at RESA-6 training room.

Next Generation Standards – Heidi Hohman (Handout) – Ms. Hohman gave the Board a very passionate presentation regarding the Next Generation Standards and explained to the Board the commitment that the School Leadership teams have made in attending the TLI in working and collaboration with their own school team and with RESA-6 teams. Her simple request was to ask for Board, Superintendent and Principal support and provide teachers with the tools to implement these new standards. She demonstrated to the Board the types of questions that would be asked on the student assessment and provided the Board with 2 questions. (Enclosure).

These new standards simply require students to use higher level thinking skills, application skills, analysis skills, evaluation synthesis which you find in Blooms Taxonomy.

Teacher Leadership Institute (TLI) for grades 1, 4, 5, 9 and SASS (Science, Arts, and Social Studies) were held during July with a focus on the Common Core/WVCSOs. At each TLI, RESA Professional Development Directors led a county/RESA/state-wide Affinity Diagram Activity to determine the Professional Development (PD) needs of the TLI participants. The topics, 3 from each RESA, at each TLI, will be reviewed on August 22 by the RESA PD Directors. Commonalities of need will be identified and a plan to provide PD will be designed.

RESA PD Directors are working on a Benedum Foundation Grant Application to provide Leadership Training for the TLI participants as they provide NxGen WVCSO info to their colleagues. The plan is to have two face-to-face meetings with TLI participants, Fall & Spring, and to meet virtually through the year to keep TLI teachers connected. The Benedum Foundation Grant would support substitutes, materials and graduate credit for the teacher leaders.

The foundation has been laid, through professional development, for teachers to successfully assist students in incorporating higher order thinking and progress from strictly knowledge-based learning to synthesis of knowledge. Implementation of the Common Core State Standards will be supported by the research-based professional development of the past few years, including:

- Rigor and Relevance Framework**
- Bloom's Taxonomy**
- Classroom Assessment Network (CAN 1, CAN 2)**
- Collaborative Teams Network (CTN)**
- Professional Learning Communities (PLC)**
- Assessment Strategies, both Formative and Summative**
- Instructional Practices Inventory (IPI).**

Late FY2012 Supplement and Transfers (Attachment E) - On a motion by Ms. Smith, with a second by Ms. Carder, the Supplement and Transfers as outlined in Attachment E and presented by Mr. Minnich were approved.

Checks Issued (Attachment F) - On a motion by Ms. Carder, with a second by Ms. Vargo, the RESA-6 Checks Issued outlined in Attachment F and presented by Mr. Minnich were approved.

Bread Bid (Attachment G) – On a motion by Ms. Smith, with a second by Ms. Vargo, Nichols Bakery will continue as a selected vendor for purchasing bread in all RESA-6 counties.

Milk Bid (Attachment H) – On a motion by Ms. Smith, with a second by Ms. Carder, United Dairy will continue as a selected vendor for purchasing milk in all RESA-6 counties.

OPEB (Handout) – Mr. Minnich presented the Council with the enclosed table which provides each county with a reimbursable OPEB amount.

Technical Assistant Support Specialist (TAS) – Rick Redd - The Board was informed that the WVDE has indicated that \$50,000 of funding will be provided to RESA-6 to carry out the SPL project known formerly as RTI. Mr. Zervos indicated that Mr. Rick Redd will be utilized as a TAS Specialist.

School Safety Initiative SB 592 – The Regional Council was provided with a letter from Mike Pickens, Executive Director of the WVDE Office of School Facilities, informing Superintendents about the requirements of SB 592 which requires all school and county crisis response plans to be updated and that contact information be provided no later than 9/1/12. The letter also requires that PCII registration and training be completed for all Superintendents, County Asset Managers, School Principals and School Asset Managers. In addition Asset Managers are required to complete 4 days ACAMS training (Enclosure)

Wellness Program – The Council was informed that the 20 year grant to WVDE for Wellness Programs expires in March and that all WVDE level employees will no longer serve in that capacity. The RESA Wellness Specialist will confirm their services throughout the 2012 – 2013 school year. The department will request from the legislature funding to continue this highly successful and needed program.

PERSONNEL:

On a motion by Ms. Smith, with a second by Ms. Vargo, the following personnel items were approved:

Employment

**Permission to employ Trevor Standiford – Warehouse Assistant–part-time
 Permission to employ LPN ½ time for Marshall County
 Permission to employ Theresa Kowcheck – SPOKES Substitute**

Permission to employ Shane Healy – Homebound Teacher for Marshall County
Permission to post and employ Speech/Language Pathologist
Permission to post and employ Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing - ½ time
Permission to post and employ Middle College Math Teacher – WVNCC / Brooke County

Resignation

Emily Miller, Speech/Language Pathologist – July 27, 2012

Termination

Frank Wishon – Behavior Specialist – lack of need

Removal from Sub List for SPOKES

Denise Freeland
Karen Crawford
Catherine Horvath
Linda Kerr
Liz Lehew
Amy Miesel

Patricia Morris
Christy Rogers
Marilyn Schnupp
John Sorrenti
Suzette Taylor

WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION REPORT:

Richard Lawrence reported on 3 issues discussed at the August 8th Board Meeting:

- 1. SSAC Attendance / Student Transfer Rules;**
- 2. Policy 5310 allowing the evaluation demonstration schools a waiver to use the new evaluation tool for teachers and principals;**
- 3. Amended Policy 2510 to include the implementation of the Common Core Next Generation Standards.**

OTHER CONCERNS:

Ms. Smith reminded the Board that Monongalia County has a law suit regarding whether employees can be hired by RESAs to serve county schools utilizing county funding.

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by Mr. Lazear, with a second by Mr. Brancazio, the meeting was adjourned.

Co-Chairperson

Executive Director/Secretary