

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

**RESA-6 Office
Wheeling, WV 26003**

Wednesday, November 16, 2011

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Patsy Brancazio, Amelia Courts, David Hall, Shelby Haines, James Jorden, Kathy Kidder Wilkerson, George Krelis, James Lazear, Barbara Logue, Fred Renzella, Suzan Smith

OTHERS PRESENT: Nick Zervos, Greg Minnich, Kim McConnaughy, Greg Bartlett, Jay Yeager (for Diane Watt), Robin Capehart, Terry Wallace, Ron Witt, Susan McGowan-Koyzis

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Mr. Jorden, with a second by Ms. Smith, the Board approved the minutes of the October 13, 2011, meeting.

COMMUNICATION:

OEPA Review – October 31, 2011 (Enclosure) – Mr. Zervos shared a thank you note sent to the RESA-6 staff for the presentations to the OEPA monitors and thanking them for being an outstanding RESA-6 team.

OLD BUSINESS:

L-1 Fingerprinting Discussion (Enclosure) – The Board was informed that L-1 Fingerprinting chose the Coordinating Council for Independent Living located in Moundsville as the fingerprinting site for this region.

NEW BUSINESS

Regional Academy – West Liberty Early Entrance Program Presentation – Robin Capehart, Terry Wallace and Susan McGowan-Koyzis presented a program entitled “The Advanced Academy of West Virginia” as part of The Institute for Innovation in Education at West Liberty University. This proposal would allow enrollment of high school students beginning their sophomore year of high school if qualified (See enclosure).

A future meeting with the Superintendents, RESA Executive Directors and State Superintendent of Schools will be held to better define and craft the program needs for implementation in RESA-6 counties. (Enclosure)

Adult Education Presentation – Kim McConnaughy - Kim McConnaughy provided program statistics for 2010-11 with the Adult Basic Education program which included: enrollment, GED testing, achievement rates, GED invoices reimbursed to the counties, assessments administered through DHHR, SPOKES, and Institutional Education as well as specialized workshops being delivered to youth ages 14-21 with disabilities at the 3 regional WorkForce WV Career Centers. Mrs. McConnaughy also provided the Regional Council with year-to-date statistics for 2011-12, noting the number of class sites and personnel, including the addition of one new SPOKES program for Ohio County. The 2011 Fall Conference, sponsored by WVAEA, provided 70+ sessions to 350 participants for ABE program affiliates during the week of October 24, 2011 at Stonewall Resort. The session offerings were correlated to the WV State Board goals and WVDE Priorities. Professional Development for ABE and SPOKES teachers will focus on technology this year due to supplemental funding that afforded the opportunity to purchase and place state of the art equipment in both the ABE and SPOKES classrooms. Training will also focus on more computerized software and test preparation for the TABE, WorkKeys, and GED.

As a public relations focus, the RESA 6 staff will again be participating in a "Coats for Kids" Christmas project this year. Each county will receive 8 coats (for a total of 40) for distribution to those children in need. Various sizes for both boys and girls will be distributed.

WALS Foundation Mock Trial Program – Barbara Knutsen (Attachment A) – Barbara Knutsen presented the WALS Foundation Mock Trial Program designed for fifth graders. Up to this year there have been over 10,000 students participating. Mrs. Knutsen offered to take the program region wide and has offered to write a grant that would allow for the participation of all fifth graders in RESA-6.

MOUs for Marshall University and RESA-6 Counties (Attachment B) – Cynthia Kolsun from Marshall University requested that school districts in RESA-6 update their MOUs. A sample, Marshall University MOU is included in Attachment B.

Autism Mentor Policy 5314.01 (Attachment C) Mr. Zervos provided the Board with the Autism Mentor policy 5314.01 and a West Virginia Autism Collaborative Community of Practice Proposal. Much of the work outlined in Attachment C has been completed at RESA-6 but additional feedback is necessary as the State Board finalized Policies and Procedures associated with personnel and students dealing with the Autism Program.

BTop Router Final Report (Attachment D) – All BTop routers have been installed in RESA-6 except for Cameron High School where guidance by the WVDE will be needed and a timeline established for installation when the new Cameron High School construction is completed.

Medicaid Report (Attachment E) - On a motion by Mr. Hall, with a second by Brancazio, the Board approved the November 1, 2011, Medicaid report prepared by

Mrs. Wojcik in the aggregate amount of \$1,200,490.31 (from 7/1/11 through 10/31/11) for the RESA- 6 counties.

Regional Bus Operator Training – The Board was informed that Regional Bus Operator Training will as a goal, commence after the first of the year (2012). Ben Shew spoke to the transportation directors statewide and informed them of these new bus driver training procedures.

Mollohan Foundation Scholarship Information (Enclosure) – Mr. Zervos provided the Mollohan Foundation Scholarship Information to the five Superintendents.

Annual Report to WVDE and WVBOE (Handout) – On a motion by Mr. Brancazio, with a second by Mr. Hall, the RESA-6 Annual Report was approved to be submitted to the West Virginia Department of Education and West Virginia Board of Education.

Supplements FY2012 (Attachment F) - On a motion by Mr. Hall, with a second by Mr. Brancazio, the Supplement and Transfers as outlined in attachment F and presented by Mr. Minnich were approved.

Budget Status Report (Enclosure) - On a motion by Ms. Smith, with a second by Mr. Lazear, the RESA-6 Budget Status Report as outlined in the enclosure and presented by Mr. Minnich was approved.

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

Endorse Dr. Marple's Legislative Priorities (Attachment H) – On a motion by Mr. Brancazio, with a second by Mr. Hall, with a unanimous vote, the RESA-6 Board endorsed Dr. Marple's Legislative Priorities and commended her for including the removal of the RESA cap.

Dates for Mr. Zervos to speak to local BOE – Mr. Zervos requested Regional Board Meeting dates for him to present RESA information.

PERSONNEL:

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

Employment

Permission to employ Supervisory Aide – Special Education (primarily Brooke Co.)
Permission to employ additional SPOKES substitutes

Medical Leave

Medical Leave of Absence for Faith Bonyak – Interpreter (through 1/3/12)

WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION REPORT:

Amelia Courts informed the Board of the following:

- **Lloyd Jackson has been appointed by the Governor to the State Board of Education**
- **The following items were discussed at the State Board Meeting:**
 - Charter Schools**
 - Policy 4373**
 - Policy 2510**
- **The Board was informed that there has been an outbreak of bacterial pneumonia in Gilmore and Calhoun Counties**

OTHER CONCERNS:

The following items were discussed:

- **The Supreme Court ruled that the OPEB suit was not in the proper jurisdiction and that the decision on the issue should be rendered by the Legislature**
- **A demise of career and technical education programs state wide**
- **Amending Policy 2510 by the committee of 100 educators state wide**
- **Chief Justice Robin Davis's emphasis on reducing WV Dropout rate.**
- **Meeting with Legislative Committee, Manufacturing Association and Superintendents at Oglebay Park on November 29 at 6:00 p.m.**

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

Co-Chairperson

Executive Director/Secretary