

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

**RESA-6 Training Room  
Wheeling, WV 26003**

**Thursday, January 15, 2015  
9:00 a.m.**

**MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dennis Albright, Patsy Brancazio, Chad Haught, Michael Hince, Gary Kestner, Kathy Kidder Wilkerson, Linda Kirk, Beth Phillips, David Smith, Suzan Smith, Dianna Vargo

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Nick Zervos, Greg Minnich, Jonathan Pollock

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** On a motion by Ms. Smith, with a second by Ms. Phillips, the Board approved the minutes of the December 11, 2014 minutes.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Supplements / Transfers (Attachment A)** - On a motion by Mr. Brancazio, with a second by Mr. Kestner, the Supplements / Transfers as presented by Mr. Minnich and outlined in Attachment A were approved.

**Budget Status Report (Attachment B)** - On a motion by Ms. Phillips, with a second by Mr. Brancazio, the Budget Status Report as presented by Mr. Minnich and outlined in Attachment B was approved.

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

**Medicaid Report (Attachment D)** - On a motion by Ms. Phillips, with a second by Ms. Smith, the Board approved the January 1, 2015 Medicaid Report prepared by Ms. Wojcik in the aggregate amount of \$1,730,239.42.

**2015 Legislative Session** - Mr. Zervos on behalf of Frank Devono, requested that the RESA-6 Board set aside a week during the Legislative session which Board Members can go to Charleston and support the 2015 WVASA Legislative priorities. The week of March 1<sup>st</sup> was selected.

**Discussion of the A – F Grading System** – Ms. Smith and Mr. Zervos attended a training for the A – F Grading system which resulted in lengthy discussions and recommendations on the implementation of this new grading system. The comments are to be presented to the State Board of Education at its January 16<sup>th</sup> meeting for consideration. Ms. Smith said emphatically that the public and all educators need to fully understand the content of this grading system before it is implemented statewide. The RESA Board concurred with her statement. Mr. Zervos informed the Board that the spring PRI will provide training on the A – F system.

**RESA Executive Director’s Meeting with Dr. Martirano’s Report** – On Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, the RESA Executive Directors met with Dr. Martirano and provided him with information necessary to answer legislative questions regarding RESAs. Dr. Martirano presented the RESA Directors with a 2015 Education Week Quality Counts Report. He requested any assistance that RESAs can provide for improvement of student achievement.

**Further Discussion on Governor’s Commission Report** – The WVBE at its January 15<sup>th</sup> meeting accepted the Governor’s Commission Report stating that it would further review the comments provided by the public concerning the report.

**Focus School Briefing** - Jon

**FAST Team Report** - Jon

**Curriculum Alignment Process (CAP) (Attachment E)** - Jon

**Conscious Discipline and ECPBS** – Mr. Zervos reminded the Board that Mr. Paolo is working with Ms. Homberg, WVDE Special Ed Director, regarding the benefits of both the Conscious Discipline Program and the Early Childhood Positive Behavior Support Program and determining whether the programs could substitute each other.

**West Virginia Department of Education Agenda–January 14, 2015** - The Board was provided with a copy of the WVBE agenda for January 14, 2015. Mr. Butcher informed the Board:

- New Science standards were reviewed by the State Board and placed on comment until the February meeting.
- The Board also reviewed the A – F Grading System and tabled it until the February meeting.
- The OEPA RESA-7 Counties’ report was reviewed by the WVBE. The report contained 3,200 pages covering all 12 counties in RESA-7.
- A brief discussion was held regarding SB Policy 2510 specifically the success of Math I, II and III. Putnam Schools requested a waiver to go back to Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, etc.

**PERSONNEL:**

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

**Resignation**

**Mary Ellen Fry, Facilitator Public Service Training, January 31, 2015**

**Employment**

**Post Public Service Training Facilitator Position**

**WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION REPORT**

**OTHER CONCERNS**

**Ms. Smith had a concern with Battelle for Kids at which time Ms. Kouski provided the following information:**

- **reference the Superintendents update**
- **E-mail to Mr. Zervos with the following attachments: WV Roster Verification, FAQs, Roster Verification Administrator Guide and the provided link from the Department of Education for training documentation for Battelle for Kids**
- **Mr. Zervos forwarded the email to the Regional Council**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**On a motion by Mr. Brancazio, with a second by Mr. Kestner, the meeting was adjourned.**

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**Co-Chairperson**

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**Executive Director/Secretary**