

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

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

**Thursday, February 11, 2016
3:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Michelle Chappell, Chad Haught, Michael Hince, Heidi Hohman, Kathy Kidder, Beth Phillips, Toni Shute, Dianna Vargo, Leatha Williams

OTHERS PRESENT: Nick Zervos, Greg Minnich, Dr. James Wilson

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Mr. Hince.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a motion by Ms. Phillips, with a second by Mr. Haught, the Board approved the minutes of the January 14, 2016 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Medicaid Report (Attachment A) - On a motion by Ms. Phillips, with a second by Ms. Vargo, the Board approved the February 1, 2016 Medicaid Report prepared by Ms. Wojcik in the aggregate amount of \$2,041,114.43.

WVASA Report – Kathy Kidder (Attachment B) – Ms. Kidder provided the Board with an overview of the January 27, 2016 WVASA Committee Meeting. She reviewed comments made by three State Board members, President Green, Mr. Linger and Mr. Jackson concerning the topics of standards, end of the year course assessments and the accountability A-F model. Ms. Kidder reported on the status of 15 legislative issues currently moving through the House and Senate. She also reviewed the legislative priorities of the WVASA for 2016. (See enclosure)

WV Legislature – Performance Evaluation and Research Division (Attachment C) – Attachment C was the request by the legislative auditors of RESA-5 prior to their onsite visit: Revenues and Expenses were requested, there appears to be more focus on revenues than in past, they asked how state aid was spent. Other areas to be reviewed are salaries, organization chart, and focus on details of Professional Development and Technical Assistance.

Senate Bill 373 (Attachment D) - The original proposed bill put control of RESAs to the State Superintendent. A substitute Bill passed 8-6 in the Senate Education Committee on a party line vote. This Bill places RESAs back under the Regional Council which then becomes a Regional Board. Current status of the bill is in limbo waiting for Senator Sypolt or Senator Cole to assign the Bill to the Senate Finance Committee. Senator Sypolt is chair of the Education Committee and is listening to concerns by all parties. The State Board of Education is lobbying to keep RESAs under State Board control.

Conflict of Interest Questionnaire and Fraud Inquiry – Mr. Minnich provided the Board with a Conflict of Interest Questionnaire and Fraud Inquiry form to be returned to him when completed.

Career Pathway (Attachment E) – A new program at the Community College will be starting in April/May which focuses on Health Care.

Alternative Certification (Enclosure) – The Superintendents learned about requirements to gain Alternative Certification at the Superintendent's Conference. Mr. Zervos inquired if the Counties want to apply for the Alternative Certification Program. The consensus of Council is to do a regional application (see enclosure). (Note: Wetzel County has a need at this time for Special Education Autism Teacher.)

WV School Improvement Grant Status – Each RESA will be granted \$25,000 to work on a Statewide Collaborative to improve instruction. March 4, 2016 will be the next opportunity to compete for additional grant funds.

Legislative Visits (Attachment F) – WVASA has made the request for support of WVASA priorities. RESA-6 plans to attend the week of March 14 through March 19, 2016 if needed. Ms. Kidder, Ms. Phillips, Mr. Hince and Ms. Williams volunteered to attend if they have no scheduled conflicts.

Wade Linger's Resignation – **WVBOE** (Attachment G) – Mr. Linger tendered his resignation with the State Board of Education. He was a strong advocate for RESAs and the Standards and has been an outstanding Board Member.

WVDE Agenda – The West Virginia Department of Education's Agenda for February 10, 2016 was provided to Council.

Supplements/Transfers (Attachment H) - On a motion by Ms. Phillips, with a second by Ms. Hohman, the Supplements/Transfers as provided by Mr. Minnich and outlined in Attachment H were approved.

Budget Status (Attachment I) – On a motion by Ms. Vargo, with a second by Ms. Hohman, the Budget Status Report as provided by Mr. Minnich and outlined in Attachment I was approved.

Checks Issued (Attachment J) - On a motion by Ms. Phillips, with a second by Ms. Vargo, the RESA-6 Checks Issued as provided by Mr. Minnich in Attachment J were approved.

WVASA Legal Issues (Attachment K) – Mr. Zervos provided Attachment K which outlined State Code 49-2-803 – Persons mandated to report suspected abuse and neglect; requirements. He also provided them a copy of the power point presented by Howard Seufer and Kim Croyle titled 10 New Year’s Resolutions that Will Protect Your Personnel Decisions in 2016 and Avoid Unwelcomed Outcomes.

ESSA (Attachment L) – An article written by Jennifer Fink was distributed to Council Members which provided 4 of ESSAs most important shifts. (See Attachment L)

Permission to contract with Russell Nesbitt Services, Inc. for janitorial services (Attachment M) – On a motion by Ms. Hohman, with a second by Ms. Kidder, the Board approved the contract with Russell Nesbitt Services, Inc. for janitorial services as outlined in Attachment M.

PERSONNEL

On a motion by Ms. Kidder, with a second by Ms. Hohman, the Board approved the following personnel item:

Employment

Permission to post and employ SPOKES Instructor – Marshall County

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

Resignation

Vicki Mentzer – SPOKES Instructor – April 4, 2016

Retirement

Candace O’Shea – Executive Secretary - June 30, 2016

Place in Talent Pool for 2016-2017 School Year

WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION REPORT

The West Virginia Department of Education report was provided by Dr. Wilson. Items of concern were: Status of the WV Standards, Comparison of the WV Standards of California and Massachusetts by Mr. Linger and Mrs. Kingery, A – F Grading System, Passage of the Brooke County Waiver Request, Learning Schools Implementation, Roll-out of the WV College and Career Readiness Standards, Teacher Shortage Resolution, Policies 2510, 2444.1, 2442.3 and 2450.

OTHER CONCERNS:

Formula monies being distributed on the basis of square miles per county was an issue brought to the Board by State Board Member Campbell.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Ms. Phillips, with a second by Ms. Hohman, the meeting was adjourned.



Co-Chairperson



Executive Director/Secretary

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