

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

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

**Thursday, October 16, 2014  
6:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Nick Zervos, Greg Minnich, Joe Paolo

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mr. Albright.

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Board Meeting Dates per Mr. Zervos** – Mr. Zervos reviewed the dates of the future Regional Council Meetings.

**Medicaid Report** (Attachment A) - On a motion by Ms. Smith, with a second by Mr. Brancazio, the Board approved the September 1, 2014 Medicaid report prepared by Ms. Wojcik in the aggregate amount of \$1,254,911.07.

**WVBE Agenda – 10/8/14** (Attachment B) – The Board was provided with a copy of the WVBE agenda for 10/8/14. Ms. Blatt commented that Dr. Martirano served as State Superintendent of Schools for the first time and shared his mission and vision plan for education.

**Conference Call – Legal Issues – Dee Cockrille and Leslie Tyre** (Attachment C) – There was a conference call concerning contracting legal counsel with Leslie Tyre, attorney for RESA-2. She serves 4 counties and assists with grievances at Level 1, 2 and 3, deals with employee discipline issues, student expulsions, drafts/contracts, trains personnel on Policy 5000, deals with sexual harassment issues, parental problems, Special Ed due processing hearings, levy and bond issues and provides client advice for personnel related issues.

Her employment costs are shared with 4 counties in RESA-2. The Council Members asked numerous questions regarding her work which she promptly answered. Ms. Tyre indicated that the number one issue is employing the right person for this position. Mr. Zervos requested that each Superintendent talk with their Boards about this possible legal collaboration for RESA-6 and inform him if they are interested. Ms. Smith said Hancock County recently employed legal counsel and would not need the services.

Salute to Woodsdale Elementary - Recognized National Blue Ribbon School – Mr. Zervos saluted Woodsdale Elementary School which is to be recognized Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup> by the Ohio County Board of Education for being selected as National Blue Ribbon School.

Report of the WVBE Commission and Imagine WV's Recommendations for Transforming School Leadership – Mr. Zervos advised the Council to read closely the WVBE Commission's report on Education Efficiency and Imagine WV's Recommendations for Transforming School Leadership. Could be major impact on county and RESA operations if recommendations are adopted by WVBE.

Nxt Gen Standards (Enclosure) – A handout was provided to the Board outlining WV Nxt Generation Standards and Objectives and the Common Core Story. This document can be used to answer questions from employees, students and community members.

Florida Grading System (Attachment D) – Attachment D is a newspaper article in the Tampa Bay Times noting that the Florida education commissioner proposed plan to simplify school grading system.

Business Plan Competition Judges Needed – If any Board Members are interested in being a Business Plan Competition Plan Judge, notify Mr. Zervos.

Conscience Discipline – Joe Paolo - Conscious Discipline, created by Dr. Becky Bailey, is a comprehensive evidence and research based self – regulation program that integrates social – emotional learning and discipline. The program builds a “School Family” by ensuring that the teacher and student recognize that they are in, both, a safe physical and emotional environment. The program teaches teachers and students the power of self-regulation. Rituals, encouragement, jobs and empathy are key elements in establishing a connection between the student and teacher. Once the Brain States - Survival and Emotional - are mastered, the student is ready for the Executive Brain State or “teach me”. The cornerstone this transformative, brain-based and practical approach is the ability to transform any discipline encounter into a teachable moment. The beauty of the program is that assertiveness, consequences and positive intent are all included in the conscious discipline tool box. Conscious Discipline professional development was provided to over 115 Universal Pre-K and Pre-k teachers. When teachers returned to their classrooms, they immediately began incorporating Conscious Discipline technique into their routine.

OEPA Progress Discussion – Each of the Superintendents articulated where they were in regard to OEPA preparation and were pleased with the PRI focus on the visits.

**Annual Financial Statement (Enclosure) - On a motion by Ms. Phillips, with a second by Ms. Kirk, the Annual Financial Statement, as presented by Mr. Minnich, was approved.**

**Carryover Supplements (Attachment E) – On a motion by Mr. Haught, with a second by Ms. Phillips, the Carryover Supplements as presented by Mr. Minnich and outlined in Attachment E were approved.**

**Supplements / Transfers (Attachment F) - On a motion by Ms. Phillips, with a second by Ms. Smith, the Supplements / Transfers as presented by Mr. Minnich and outlined in Attachment F were approved.**

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

**ACAMS Training – Anthony Tony Domingo (Enclosure) – Mr. Anthony Domingo, State ACAMS Administrator, addressed the Board about the new ACAMS data base. His presentation is outlined in the enclosure he provided. He also distributed a questionnaire to the Superintendents requesting directory information for those persons assigned as County ASSET Managers for the ACAMS program.**

**Recognize Gail Adams for being selected Teacher of the Year – The Board and Mr. Zervos recognized Gail Adams, a teacher at Wheeling Park High School, as being selected as West Virginia Teacher of the Year for 2015.**

#### **PERSONNEL:**

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

##### **Employment**

**Employ Joseph Hamilton, Supervisory Special Education Transportation Aide  
(Hancock County) – 9/26/14**

**Employ Wendy Douglass, Substitute Interpreter**

**Post and employ part-time Speech Pathology Assistant – primarily Brooke  
County**

**Permission to post Regional Bus Operator Trainer**

##### **Resignation**

**Bonnie Kerr, School Nurse, 12/19/14 (Attachment H)**

#### **WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION REPORT**

**Ms. Blatt indicated that the School's Strategic Plans, which were due November 1, has been moved up to January 15, 2015. She also indicated the test data should be available to the schools by the end of October and informed the Board that a contract has been signed with the testing company for Smarter Balanced Assessment.**

## **OTHER CONCERNS**

- **Institutional placement of students and accountability for student dropouts**
- **CPI Training**
- **Brooke County Bond Issue – November 4<sup>th</sup>**

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

**On a motion by Ms. Kidder Wilkerson, with a second by Ms. Phillips, the meeting was adjourned.**

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**Co-Chairperson**

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**Executive Director/Secretary**

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