

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

**Wheeling Jesuit University
Wheeling, WV 26003**

**Thursday, June 2, 2011
9:00 a.m.**

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Patsy Brancazio, David Hall, Heidi Hohman, William Jones, James Jorden, Kathy Kidder Wilkerson, George Krelis, Fred Renzella, Linda Ritz, Suzan Smith

OTHERS PRESENT: Nick Zervos, Greg Minnich, Kim McConnaughy, Robert Dunlevy, Debbie Reese, Harry Sacco

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a motion by Mr. Hall, with a second by Mr. Renzella, the Board approved the minutes of the May 12, 2011, meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

CyGaMEs – Academic Gaming – Dr. Debbie Reese (Attachment A) – Dr. Debbie Reese presented information on the programs Selene, Moon World and Moon Gazers offered free by the Center for Educational Technology (CET) at Wheeling Jesuit University for students in RESA-6. Dr. Reese provided the Board with handouts describing each of the programs and gave them contact information necessary for acquiring programs mentioned above (Enclosure).

Retirement Benefits – Harry Sacco - Mr. Harry Sacco, Regional Representative of Lincoln Financial Securities provided the Board with a packet of information which was titled “Use Them or Lose Them.” He discussed the value of accumulating sick days for WV Educational System employees (Enclosure).

Kent State University – Agreement with RESA-6 for Placement of Occupational Therapy Assistants (Attachment B) - On a motion by Mr. Jorden, with a second by Ms. Smith, entering into an agreement with Kent State University to place Occupational Therapy Assistant students in RESA-6 schools under the direct supervision of the RESA-6 COTAs was approved.

Phillips Group Contract (Suspension) - On a motion by Mr. Hall, with a second by Mr. Krelis, Mr. Zervos was given the leeway to negotiate with the Phillips Group for 2011 – 2012. If a mutual agreement cannot be agreed upon, the current contract will be suspended July 1, 2011.

Lease – Youth Services System, Inc. (Attachment C) – On a motion by Mr. Renzella, with a second by Ms. Smith, the lease of a classroom for the Wheeling SPOKES program for \$300 a month was approved (see attachment C).

Lease Extension/Amendment Mason Rehab Building – New Martinsville – On a motion by Mr. Krelis, with a second by Mr. Jorden, a one month lease extension (addendum 2) for the New Martinsville SPOKES program with Terry Mason has been approved. Permission was given to Mr. Zervos to negotiate the new lease for next school year. (Enclosure)

Eckles Engineering (Attachment D) – Information was provided to the Board about Eckles Engineering and what they could offer the counties remodeling and building new schools. Some concerns were expressed about the RESA being a vehicle to promote business opportunities by private entities.

Medicaid Report (Handout) - On a motion by Mr. Renzella, with a second by Ms. Smith, the Board approved the June 1, 2011, Medicaid report prepared by Mrs. Wojcik in the aggregate amount of \$4,622,204.55 (from 7/1/10 through 5/31/11) for the RESA- 6 counties.

SPOKES Expansion with Wheeling DHHR housed in Hazel Atlas Building (Attachment E) Mrs. McConnaughy described to the Board the SPOKES expansion with the DHHR. It is to be housed in the Hazel Atlas Building in Wheeling. Mrs. McConnaughy pointed out in Attachment E in a letter from Debrah Varner, Executive Director, Adult Education and Work Force Development that Hampshire in Ohio Counties were selected to receive funding to expand the SPOKES program by July 1, 2011.

Exemplary Teacher – Suzanne Muncy – Moundsville Middle School – Suzanne Muncy, teacher at Moundsville Middle School was selected by her peers in the RESA-6 Exemplary Teacher program for 2010 – 2011. Ms. Muncy would receive a monetary award “equal to the highest average two-day pay for a teacher in the region.” (Enclosure)

Supplements and Transfers (Enclosure) - On a motion by Mr. Jorden, with a second by Mr. Branzio, the Board approved the supplements and transfers as presented by Mr. Minnich.

Budget Status Report (Enclosure) - On a motion by Ms. Smith, with a second by Mr. Renzella, and explained by Mr. Minnich, the Budget Status Report was approved.

Checks Issued (Enclosure) - On a motion by Ms. Smith, with a second by Mr. Jorden, the RESA-6 Checks Issued were approved.

June 29th Meeting for Superintendents and Board Members at Oglebay – 3:00 p.m. with Dr. Jorea Marple – Mr. Zervos reminded the Board that Dr. Jorea Marple would be meeting with Superintendents and Board Members from RESA-6 counties for a roundtable discussion regarding the state and county directions for education. The meeting will be held at Oglebay Park on June 29, 2011 from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Honor William F. Jones – Retiring Superintendent – The outgoing chairmen for the RESA-6 Board for 2010 – 2011 were recognized with a plaque provided by Mr. Zervos. The two outgoing chairs are Mr. George Krelis and Mr. Patsy Brancazio. New chair will be elected by the Board at the August 10, 2011 meeting.

Mr. William Jones, retiring Superintendent of Wetzel County Schools, was honored by the Board for his leadership, collegiality and kindness that he has brought to Wetzel County and to RESA-6. He was provided with a plaque titled “Is he a Reason, a Season, or a Lifetime?” He was also presented a beautiful mother of pearl globe from the Regional Council members emblematic of global 21 learning and reflecting how he has made a better world for the communities and schools which he served. (Enclosure)

Mr. Jones graciously accepted the honors and recognized the Board for their leadership, assistance and for being a wonderful sounding board for him doing his tenure as Superintendent. He thanked the Board Members for their fellowship and kindness that they brought to his life.

The Importance of Time (Attachment F) – Mr. Zervos utilized Attachment F titled “The Importance of Time” to thank the Board Members for the time they spent in making their schools the best they can be. He applauded them for their collaborative efforts and for giving time to each other to assist with problems that are inherent in any superintendency.

Education Efficiency Audit (handout) – The Governor’s office has indicated that an Education Efficiency Audit to review Compliance with Public Education statutes, state aide formula, state and local policies, practices and procedures, entities to be reviewed are listed in the enclosure.

RESA-6 Regional Council Board Meetings 2011 - 2012 – Draft (handout) – The Board was provided with a RESA-6 Regional Council draft meeting schedule for 2011 – 2012 (enclosure). The Board was reminded that there will be no meeting in July and the first meeting for 2011 – 2012 school year would be held August 10, 2011. Mr. Zervos requested that the Board review the draft schedule and point out conflicts that would require changes to the meeting dates. A final schedule will be approved at the August meeting.

PERSONNEL:

On a motion by Mr. Hall, with a second by Mr. Krelis, all personnel items listed below were approved.

Employment:

Permission to increase days from 200 to 220 for the 2011- 2012 school year – Denise Aiken (SPOKES Job Coach) pending receipt of funding

Permission to post new SPOKES position at New Martinsville Center

Interpreter Status - reminded Board of possible reduction in force in August due to lack of students or loss of additional students.

Retirement

Judi Bennett-Wysocki – Resource Teacher Visually Impaired – June 30, 2011

WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION REPORT:

OTHER CONCERNS:

Ms. Smith would like Superintendents and RESA-6 Directors to meet about 5 times a year to hold discussions that would be beneficial. Examples might be: county specific exemplary programs, construction issues, curriculum and staff development practices, etc.

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by Mr. Krelis, with a second by Mr. Renzella, the meeting was adjourned.

Co-Chairperson

Executive Director/Secretary

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