

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

**Oglebay Park – Wilson Lodge – Betty Zane Room
Wheeling, West Virginia**

**Wednesday, December 14, 2011
5:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Patsy Brancazio, Amelia Courts, David Hall, Shelby Haines, James Jordan, Kathy Kidder, George Krelis, Barbara Logue, Suzan Smith

OTHERS PRESENT: Nick Zervos, Greg Minnich, Kim McConnaughy, Ronda Kouski, Caryn Puskarich

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order Mr. Jordan.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Mr. Hall, with a second by Mr. Krelis, the Board approved the minutes of the November 16, 2011, meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

SB Policy 4373 Discussion – Policy 4373 was passed by the State Board of Education at its December meeting with 14 out of 18 areas amended. The policy is effective 7/1/12. Mr. Zervos will put together a study group to analyze the policy with representation coming from each of the five counties.

Governor’s Regional Substance Abuse Task Force - Caryn Puskarich - (Enclosures) Mrs. Puskarich reviewed a message from the Governor regarding his Advisory Council on Substance Abuse. She provided the Board with handouts describing the expected results of the Task Force and Region I Prevention Team priorities. She also requested one representative per county to be a part of the Task Force. Mr. Krelis said that he would like to speak at their next scheduled meeting.

RESA-7 Survey Update – At this time no new information regarding the RESA-7 Audit has been provided to the Executive Director or State BOE. The complete audit should be in the BOE’s hands in January 2012.

OEPA Draft Report – Mr. Penix informed Mr. Zervos that the RESA-6 Audit Review information will be placed on the State BOE January 2012 agenda.

AEPA Cooperative Purchasing – Ralph Board, Executive Director, RESA-5, attended the National AEPA Cooperative Purchasing Meeting and informed the Executive Directors that West Virginia was accepted into the Cooperative. Much more information needs to be reviewed before RESAs can choose to participate.

Regional Bus Operator Training - Mr. Minnich explained that the transportation directors, regional trainers, and RESA staff met with Ben Shew and Victor Gabriel to discuss in general, the movement to regional bus driver training. Mr. Minnich indicated that all present were receptive to the idea. During the meeting an additional meeting was scheduled for just Transportation Directors and RESA staff to establish a framework for a regional program. The fundamental structure will be that counties will continue to recruit personnel, RESA administration will primarily be involved with managing the verification process for bus driver eligibility, then a regional coordinator and the regional trainers will be involved with the actual training process, and then hiring bus drivers would be handled by counties. The intent is to use the regional coordinator that the State Department is employing initially, and once the program is established to re-access the coordinator role. The hope is to have the program set up by the end of January.

WALS Foundation Mock Trial Program – Ohio County is currently participating in the Mock Trial Program and Brooke County is interested. Mr. Zervos requested if any other counties are interested to let him know as soon as possible.

RESA-6 Quarterly Newsletter (Enclosure) - Kim McConnaughy provided the members of the Regional Council with a hardcopy of the RESA 6 quarterly newsletter. Content included articles on the Regional Science Bowl, Crisis Intervention Training, IPI, OEPA Review of RESA 6, Coat Drive Project, and various stories from each of the 5 counties throughout the panhandle. The newsletter will be distributed electronically from Mr. Zervos' office to include regional council members, the State Board, RESA 6 directors and staff. The Board was complimentary of Mrs. McConnaughy's work.

Grant Writer Opportunity/Discussion (Attachment A) – Mr. Zervos brought to the attention of the Board a grant writer by the name of George Rubert. He would be willing to work with any of the counties utilizing his skills in writing and seeking grants.

RESA Executive Director's Meeting with Governor on 12/19/11 – The Board was informed that the Executive Director's meeting with the Governor has been changed from 12/19/11 to 12/22/11 at which time he will be asked to remove the cap from RESA funding.

Letter of Support – Remove Cap – Mr. Zervos asked that each Superintendent write a letter of support to the Governor requesting the removal of the funding cap.

Medicaid Report (Attachment B) - On a motion by Mr. Brancazio, with a second by Mr. Hall, the Board approved the December 1, 2011, Medicaid report prepared by Mrs. Wojcik in the aggregate amount of \$ 1,590,839.52 (from 7/1/11 through 11/30/11) for the RESA- 6 counties.

Budget Status Report (Attachment C) - On a motion by Ms. Smith, with a second by

Mr. Hall, the RESA-6 Budget Status Report as outlined in Attachment C and presented by Mr. Minnich was approved.

Supplement and Transfers (Attachment D) - On a motion by Mr. Hall, with a second by Mr. Krelis, the Supplement and Transfers as outlined in Attachment D and presented by Mr. Minnich were approved.

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

Coat Drive Distribution – Mrs. Kouski co-chaired the coat drive and informed the Board that the internal staff at RESA-6 purchased 40 coats for students in RESA-6 schools. Eight coats were provided per county to be distributed at the discretion of the Superintendent.

Common Core Teacher Training (Enclosure) – A letter by Charles Nichols, Executive Director, RESA-3 and a letter by Robert Hall was provided to the Board regarding Common Core Teaching Training. Superintendents felt strongly that the State Department should consider doing the Common Core Training regionally to reduce the cost, inconvenience and travel expenses associated with statewide training.

PERSONNEL:

On a motion by Mr. Krelis, with a second by Mr. Hall, the Board accepted the resignation listed below.

Resignation

Robert Greg Bartlett – Director of Special Education and School Improvement
Thursday, December 22, 2011 (Enclosure)

On a motion by Ms. Smith, with a second by Ms. Kidder, the Board chose to delay the posting of this position listed below for approximately one month and utilize the services of Rick Redd until the position is filled. Mr. Krelis opposed.

Employment

Permission to post the position of Director of Special Education and School Improvement

On a motion by Ms. Smith, with a second by Ms. Kidder, the Board approved to employ the following part-time retirement pool personnel:

Bonnie Ritz, Administrative
Rick Redd, Administrative
Kathy Freeland, Substitute Speech Pathologist
Mary Beth Lucas, Substitute Speech Pathologist
Sue Langmyer, School Psychologist
Sue Postlewait, Administrative, Title I

Robert Koch, Math, Gateway
Harry Louthman, Social Studies Gateway
Bonnie Mueller, English, Computers, Writing, Gateway
Elizabeth Lehew, PE, Health and Electives, Gateway
Charles Vermillion, Science, Gateway
Patty Morris, General Substitute, Gateway

WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION REPORT:

Mrs. Courts informed the Board that Policy 4373 was passed by the State BOE at its December meeting and 14 out of 18 areas of the policy were amended to address the statewide written comments.

Mrs. Courts indicated that State Policy 2510 was currently under review and that proposed changes should be in place by the Fall of 2012.

OTHER CONCERNS:

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Jorden adjourned the meeting.

Co-Chairperson

Executive Director/Secretary