

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

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

**Wednesday, January 19, 2011
9:00 a.m.**

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Patsy Brancazio, Amelia Courts, David Hall, William Jones, James Jorden, Kathy Kidder-Wilkerson, Kim Miller, Linda Ritz, Suzan Smith

OTHERS PRESENT: Nick Zervos, Greg Minnich, Bob Dunlevy

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 Ms. Smith, the Board approved the minutes of the December 13, 2010, meeting. Mr. Hall abstained.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter to Ted Mattern (Attachment A) – The Board was presented with a copy of a letter to State Superintendent Mattern written by the RESA Executive Director's congratulating him on his appointment.

C. Richard Farley, Jr. Regarding Dr. Ball (Attachment B) – A letter written by James Freeland, Federal Program Division for Ohio County Schools, and sent to C. Richard Farley, Jr. was shared with the Board. Mr. Farley's letter emphasized the lack of local experts in dealing with Autism. The letter suggested that local school districts and higher education work together to remedy the void in local expertise. Mr. Freeland's letter of December 14, 2010 provided a response utilizing 9 points to answer Mr. Farley's letter.

NEW BUSINESS:

Legislative Session Discussion (County and State Issues) – Attachments C, D

RESA Cap – WVBOE, WVASA (Attachment C) – Mr. Zervos discussed with the Board removal of the RESA formula cap which would cost the State approximately 1.4 million. The WVBOE and the WVASA both support the removal of the formula cap.

Expedite Jobs Funding Approval – Tutorial Services – Two main topics discussed were: OPEB and Job Funding. Both items were major concerns and issues in the 2011 WV Legislature. The State Board and the WVASA asked that the Job Funding

bill approval be expedited so that money can be utilized for tutorial and/or other services and programs.

State – Technology Proposal (Attachment D) – The Board was also provided with a WVDE proposal for technology requesting approximately ninety million dollars to support a dependable infrastructure statewide.

WV Cultural Center Field Trips - 50 / 50 split (Attachment E) – The Board was provided with an application (Attachment E) for requesting 50/50 school transportation funding for students to visit the WV State Museum in Charleston.

Save the Music Foundation – 304 558-0220 – Commissioner Randall Reid Smith – randall.reidsmith@wv.gov – 10 – K-8 schools per year – The Board was advised that the Save the Music Foundation would be providing ten K-8 schools statewide funding for musical instruments for their music programs on a first come first serve basis.

J.R. Clifford Project – The Board was advised that counties were provided large maps of WV highlighting various points of interest in the state as it relates to Black History. The back of the map featured various black individuals and groups who made significant contributions to WV. Enough maps were provided to every middle/junior high and senior high school in the region.

Regional History Bowl – Sherrard Middle School (Attachment F) – The WV Regional History Bowl for the 8th grade teams will be held on April 26, 2011 at the Cultural Center at the State Capitol. The regional tournaments will take place at Sherrard Middle School on March 12, 2011. Deadline for registration is February 19, 2011.

Learn 21 – Teach 21 – Parent 21 – Data Portal 21 – Jorea Marple, Deputy State Superintendent of Schools, emphasized that the State website has dynamic programs incorporated into Learn 21, Teach 21, Parent 21 and Data Portal 21 which can assist students, teachers and parents in the teaching and learning process.

GED Option – 33 Counties – 28 States – 73% pass rate – Program Option – 93% - Mr. Zervos advised the Board that 23 counties are utilizing the GED option and students enrolled are passing at a 93% rate. Normal passing rate of the GED option test is 73%.

Summer – WV Youth Science Camp – 8 days – Mr. Zervos announced that information will be forthcoming regarding the WV Youth 8 day Science Camp. The purpose of the camp is to add emphasis to an area that has been somewhat neglected for the last several years.

Substitute Bus Driver Training – Mr. Zervos informed the Board that the State was interested in seeing RESAs deliver substitute bus driver training. A pilot program would be implemented in RESA-7 where counties are having a difficult time maintaining substitutes. This issue will be further discussed with county Superintendents and the Service Personnel Association.

Save On Delivery (Attachment G) – Save On Delivery is a National Program sponsored by the Educational Shippers Association. The program is outlined in Attachment G. Mr. Minnich has been asked to research this cost savings program and bring additional information back to the Board.

Medicaid Report (Attachment H) - On a motion by Mr. Hall, with a second by Mr. Jorden, the Board approved the January 1, 2011, Medicaid Report prepared by Mrs. Wojcik in the aggregated amount of \$2,464,813.42 (from 7/1/10 through 12/31/10 for the RESA-6 counties.

BP Consulting, Inc. (Attachment I) – On a motion by Mr. Jorden, with a second by Mr. Hall, the quarterly agreement with B.P. Consulting, Inc., as outlined in Attachment I, was approved.

OPEB Challenge (Attachment J) – An editorial titled “Don’t Minimize the OPEB Challenge” was provided to the Board. The article was published in the January 10, 2011 edition of the News Register.

Supplements and Transfers (Attachment K) - On a motion by Ms. Smith, with a second by Mr. Jorden, the Board approved the supplements and transfers as presented by Mr. Minnich in Attachment K.

Budget Status Report (Attachment L) - On a motion by Ms. Smith, with a second by Mr. Jones, and upon review of the RESA-6 budget as outlined in Attachment L and explained by Mr. Minnich, the Budget Status Report was approved

Checks Issued (Attachment M) - On a motion by Mr. Hall, with a second by Ms. Smith, the RESA-6 Checks Issued in Attachment M were approved.

PERSONNEL:

On a motion by Mr. Hall, with a second by Ms. Smith, the following personnel item was approved.

Employment

Permission to employ Angela Cogar – Substitute Sign Language Specialist

Request for personnel changes for 2011 – 2012 – Request was made by Mr. Zervos for superintendents to provide him with any requested personnel changes for RESA employees for the 2011- 2012 school year.

WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION REPORT

Amelia Courts provided a brief report on behalf of the WVDE. Topics covered were:

- **Appreciation to Marshall and Ohio County Superintendents for the presentation on the Middle College Program at WVNCC.**

- **Mary Polling, House Ed Chair, indicated that the Jobs Funding bill is a top priority in hopes to expedite its approval.**
- **Mrs. Courts stated that there was some discussion in House Ed regarding the statewide education audit.**
- **The Technology Improvement Package was also discussed extensively in House Ed as well as teacher pay raise and teacher evaluation.**
- **The cost savings made by RESAs were also discussed in House Ed.**
- **A major concern in House Ed is the student dropout rate in West Virginia.**

OTHER CONCERNS

Ms. Smith was concerned about the lack of funding for the universal pre-K program and indicated that the collaboratives were demanding more funding. Headstart was not the problem but the private pre-schools were in Hancock County

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by Mr. Jorden, with a second by Mr. Hall, the meeting was adjourned.

Co-Chairperson

Executive Director/Secretary