



RESA-I Regional Council Meeting

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RESA-I Office

Beckley, West Virginia

January 9, 2009

McDowell-Mercer-Monroe-Raleigh-Summers-Wyoming

ATTENDANCE:

Regional Council Members Present

Dr. Deborah Akers, Superintendent, Mercer County
David Ballard, Board Member, Summers County
Frank L. Blackwell, Superintendent, Wyoming County
Dr. Sarah Brown, Chief Instructional Leader, Summers County
J. Michael Callaway, Board Member, McDowell County
Florisha Christian-McGuire, Principal, Jaeger High School
Suzette Cook, Superintendent, McDowell County
Dr. Lyn Guy, Superintendent, Monroe County
Vickie Hinerman, Superintendent, Summers County
Dr. Charlotte Hutchens, Superintendent, Raleigh County
Mary Alice Kaufman, Board Member, Mercer County
Kathy Liptak, Concord University
Ed Pell, Board Member, Monroe County
Mike Prichard, Board Member, Wyoming County

Regional Council Members Not Present

Dr. Tom Blevins, Bluefield State College
Dr. Stanley Hopkins, West Virginia Department of Education
Sandra Pell, Teacher, Mountain View Elementary & Middle School
Patricia Waddell, Board Member, Raleigh County

RESA-I Staff Present

Keith Butcher, Executive Director, RESA-I
LaDawn Mitchem, Executive Secretary, RESA-I
David Brooks, Treasure, Raleigh County
Jamie Bailey, Medicaid Specialist, RESA-I
Susan Barnes, Special Education Director, RESA-I
Joe Jett, Computer Specialist, RESA-I
Jane Meador, RTI Specialist, RESA-I
John Watson, Computer Coordinator, RESA-I

Guests

Frank Mann, III, Assistant Superintendent – Wyoming County
Robert Mallace, Coordinator, West Virginia Department of Education, Troops to Teachers

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 am by Dr. Deborah Akers, Superintendent, Mercer County Schools.

Reports:

Financial Report Update: The council received the financial reports for November and December 2008 prior to the meeting. David Brooks, Treasurer, Raleigh County Schools and Keith Butcher, Executive Director, RESA-I were available for discussion or to answer any questions. The council has asked for a detailed list of the BB&T Company Credit Card statement.

Mr. Brooks informed the Regional Council that Sullivan and Web will be conducting the RESA-I Audit for July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008. Price of this Audit will be \$13,000.00.

Medicaid Report Update: The council received the Medicaid Report for November and December 2008 prior to the meeting. Keith Butcher and Jamie Bailey were available for discussion or to answer any questions.

State Department Report: Dr. Stan Hopkins, West Virginia Department of Education, was unable to attend therefore there was no State Department Report

Employee Status Reports: The employee status reports for November and December 2008 were mailed to the council prior to the meeting or posted on line. There were no questions or discussion concerning the status reports.

RESA-I Executive Director's Report: January 9, 2009

Regional Council Meeting Schedule

The next meeting of the Regional Council will be held at the RESA-I Office Building on **February 13, 2009, at 10:00 AM.**

RTI Specialist

Jane Meador of Summers County, has been employed by the West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) as the RTI Specialist for RESA-I. All requests for RTI services will be submitted to Ms. Meador and must be approved by WVDE. Ms. Meador outlined her duties and goals as the RESA-I RTI Specialist.

WV Works Assessment Specialist

Pending approval of the West Virginia State Board of Education, Samuel Smith has been selected as the WV Works Assessment Specialist for Southern West Virginia. Mr. Smith was previously employed by RESA-I as the SPOKES Instructor in Wyoming County. Serving a thirteen county area, Mr. Smith will be housed at RESA-I.

Administrative Certification/Master's Degree

The Executive Director has met with Marshall and Concord Universities concerning possible agreements to provide Reading Masters, School Administrative Certification, and Education Administration Masters programs. Such agreements would, through a cohort experience, will offer reduced course cost to participants. RESA-I would be the program provider and services by agreement would be provided by either Marshall University or Concord University. The majority, if not all, of the courses will be offered through a Blackboard format, where participants meet face to face monthly and complete all other requirements online. The Regional Council discussed the nature of the agreements with Marshall and Concord and asked if the agreements could be by course or by year. Mr. Butcher will provide additional information at the February meeting of the Regional Council.

Information:

Troops to Teachers Guest Speaker:

Robert Mallace, Coordinator, West Virginia Department of Education, Troops to Teachers presented a PowerPoint presentation to the Council on the Troops to Teachers Program. Mr. Butcher asked for an electronic copy of the presentation which will be provided to the County Superintendents.

Cooperative Purchasing:

The West Virginia Department of Education has asked the RESA's to make their best attempts to save money and cut spending costs. Mr. Butcher asked the Regional Council if there were additional opportunities for cooperative purchasing throughout the RESA-I service area. Mr. Butcher asked the representative to consider any additional possibilities which can be discussed at future Regional Council meetings.

eWalk:

RESA-I has offered to contract and provide this service for each county. McDowell County is participating and Monroe County is interested in taking a look at the program. The Regional Council asked for a presentation on the eWalk program at the next Regional Council meeting.

Action:

1. After change to the Attendance portion of the November Minutes, a Motion by Lyn Guy and seconded by Frank Blackwell to approve the minutes for November 14, 2008. Motion passed and the November Minutes were approved.
2. Motion by Lyn Guy and seconded by Charlotte Hutchens to accept the Monthly Financial Reports for November and December 2008. Motion passed. Monthly Financial Reports were accepted.
3. Motion by Mike Prichard and seconded by Dave Ballard the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting of the RESA-I Regional Council will be on February 13, 2009 at 10:00 am at the RESA-I Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed and on file at RESA-I

February 13, 2009

Keith Butcher, Executive Director
RESA-I

Date