



# RESA-1 Regional Council Meeting

## **MINUTES**

### RESA-1 Office

### Beckley, West Virginia

### June 12, 2009

McDowell-Mercer-Monroe-Raleigh-Summers-Wyoming

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#### **ATTENDANCE:**

##### **Regional Council Members Present**

Dr. Deborah Akers, Superintendent, Mercer County  
Gilbert Bailey, Board Member, Mercer County  
David Ballard, Board Member, Summers County  
Dr. Sarah Brown, Chief Instructional Leader, Summers County  
J. Michael Callaway, Board Member, McDowell County  
Florisha Christian-McGuire, Principal, Iaeger High School  
Suzette Cook, Superintendent, McDowell County  
Dr. Richard Druggish, Concord University  
Vickie Hinerman, Superintendent, Summers County  
Dr. Charlotte Hutchens, Superintendent, Raleigh County  
Dr. Stanley Hopkins, West Virginia Department of Education  
James McGrady, Asst. Superintendent, Wyoming County  
Ed Pell, Board Member, Monroe County  
Sandra Pell, Teacher, Mountain View Elementary & Middle School  
Mike Prichard, Board Member, Wyoming County  
Patricia Waddell, Board Member, Raleigh County  
Ronald Whetzel, Asst. Superintendent, Monroe County

##### **Regional Council Members Not Present**

Frank L. Blackwell, Superintendent, Wyoming County  
Dr. Tom Blevins, Bluefield State College  
Dr. Lyn Guy, Superintendent, Monroe County  
Mary Alice Kaufman, Board Member, Mercer County  
Dr. Kathy Liptak, Concord University

##### **RESA-1 Staff Present**

Keith Butcher, Executive Director, RESA-1  
LaDawn Mitchem, Executive Secretary, RESA-1  
Jamie Bailey, Medicaid Specialist, RESA-1  
David Brooks, Treasurer, Raleigh County  
Darrin Butcher, Treasurer, Raleigh County  
Linda B. Price, Director Staff Development, RESA-1  
Kerry Richmond, RESA-1 Mathematics Science Coordinator

### **Guests**

Sandra Angius, Ed.D. Director of the Center for Education Services at Edvantia and Georgia K. Hughes-Webb, MA, Research & Evaluation Specialist, provided a presentation on educational services provided by Edvantia.

Joseph Beckett, Ed.D., ATC Director Athletic Trainer Program, provided an overview of the Masters Degree program in Health Promotion and the athletic trainer education program provided by Concord University. These programs are available beginning in the fall of 2009.

Kerry Richmond, RESA-I Mathematics Science Coordinator, provided an update on the accomplishments of the Classroom Assessment Network (CAN) initiative of the West Virginia Department of Education. Ms. Richmond provided an overview of plans for the 2009-2010 school year.

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 am by Regional Council Chairperson Dr. Deborah Akers, Superintendent, Mercer County.

### **Reports:**

**Financial Report Update:** The financial reports for May 2009 were posted online prior to the meeting and were available for review. David Brooks; Darrin Butcher, Treasurer, Raleigh County Schools and Keith Butcher, RESA-1 Executive Director, were available for discussion or to answer any questions. There were no questions and no discussion.

**Proposed FY 10 Budget:** The proposed FY 10 RESA-1 budget was posted online prior to the meeting and was available for review. David Brooks; Darrin Butcher, Treasurer, Raleigh County Schools and Keith Butcher, RESA-1 Executive Director, were available for discussion or to answer any questions. There were no questions and no discussion.

**Medicaid Report Update:** The Medicaid Report for May 2009 were posted online prior to the meeting and were available for review. There were no questions and no discussion.

**State Department Report:** Dr. Stanley Hopkins, Assistant State Superintendent, West Virginia Department of Education, gave a brief overview of the State Board of Education Meeting and discussed current State Board initiatives.

**Employee Status Reports:** The employee status reports for May 2009 were posted online prior to the meeting and were available for review. There were no questions or discussion concerning the status reports.

### **RESA-1 Executive Director's Report: June 12, 2009**

#### **Professional Development Update**

A schedule of future RESA-1 professional development has been provided.

### **ARRA Stimulus Funding**

When information is released concerning competitive education funding opportunities, the Executive Director will contact each district to identify a representative from each county for the purpose of developing a RESA-1 application for funding based on common identified needs.

### **RESA-1 Graduate Degree and Certification Programs**

Concord University has enrolled 88 educators for participation certification or masters degree programs through an agreement with RESA-1. Another 11 students are still in the process of enrollment. Two cohort groups will begin the fall of 2009 for Educational Leadership & Supervision. One Reading Cohort group has been established for educators seeking a certification in Reading Specialist or a Masters Degree in Reading Specialist. A waiting list, in order of the date of application, has been established for all three programs, however there are not enough educators remaining to establish additional courses for the three programs. RESA-1 has discussed with Concord University the possibility of beginning an additional program in Education Leadership & Supervision beginning with the summer term of 2010 should enough students be identified.

### **Preschool Special Education**

The Executive Director met with Dr. Robert Angel on Marshall University concerning the possibility of providing a certification and master's degree program for preschool special education. A copy of the proposed coursework is attached for your review. RESA-1 would need to identify a minimum of twenty-five teachers to participate in the program in order to make an agreement with Marshall University financially viable. It was recommended that Mr. Butcher wait until fall to contact potential students for participation in the graduate degree program.

### **Advancing Adolescent Literacy Training**

August 10-13 will be the dates for the training of middle school teams of core teachers using funding provided by the Higher Education Policy Commission grant funding. Concord University is providing the institute location. Grant finding will provide meals and teacher stipends at \$100 per day for 60 grant funded participating teachers. As with last year's institute, counties can send additional teams of teachers to the institute at county cost. The focus of institute will be a middle school team approach to the implementation of the AIM tiered intervention model, reading and vocabulary strategies for core subject teachers, training in the use of Lexile scores to improve instruction. Institute materials will include *Building Academic Vocabulary* by Marzano and Pickering and *Do I Really Have to Teach Reading?* by Cris Tovani. The AAL Institute is a collaborative grant including the participating school districts, RESA-1, Bluefield State College and Concord University. A total of 115 participants have registered for the training

### **Action:**

1. Motion by Dave Ballard and seconded by Mike Callaway to accept the May 2009 Minutes. Motion passed and the May Minutes were approved.
2. Motion by Charlotte Hutchens seconded by Patricia Waddell to accept the Monthly Financial Reports for May 2009. Motion passed. Monthly Financial Reports were accepted.
3. Motion by Dave Ballard and seconded by Mike Prichard to continue the Financial Services Agreement with Raleigh County for 2009-2010. Motion passed Financial Services Agreement was approved.

4. Motion by Patricia Waddell and seconded by Suzette Cook to choose option B for the Regional Council Meeting Schedule for 2009-2010. Motion passed. Option B Schedule was accepted.
5. Motion by Mike Callaway and seconded by Patricia Waddell to continue with the current Chairperson, Dr. Deborah Akers and Vice-Chairperson, Dr. Lyn Guy for the 2009-2010 year. Motion passed.
6. Motion to adjourn by Patricia Waddell.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed Copy on File

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Keith Butcher, Executive Director  
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