



RESA-1 Regional Council Meeting

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RESA-1 Office

Beckley, West Virginia

March 20, 2009

McDowell-Mercer-Monroe-Raleigh-Summers-Wyoming

ATTENDANCE:

Regional Council Members Present

Frank L. Blackwell, Superintendent, Wyoming County
Dr. Sarah Brown, Chief Instructional Leader, Summers County
J. Michael Callaway, Board Member, McDowell County
Suzette Cook, Superintendent, McDowell County
Dr. Lyn Guy, Superintendent, Monroe County
Vickie Hinerman, Superintendent, Summers County
Dr. Charlotte Hutchens, Superintendent, Raleigh County
Dr. Kathy Liptak, Concord University
Ed Pell, Board Member, Monroe County
Patricia Waddell, Board Member, Raleigh County

Regional Council Members Not Present

Dr. Deborah Akers, Superintendent, Mercer County
David Ballard, Board Member, Summers County
Dr. Tom Blevins, Bluefield State College
Florisha Christian-McGuire, Principal, Iaeger High School
Dr. Stanley Hopkins, West Virginia Department of Education
Mary Alice Kaufman, Board Member, Mercer County
Sandra Pell, Teacher, Mountain View Elementary & Middle School
Mike Prichard, Board Member, Wyoming County

RESA-1 Staff Present

Keith Butcher, Executive Director, RESA-1
LaDawn Mitchem, Executive Secretary, RESA-1
David Brooks, Treasurer, Raleigh County
Jamie Bailey, Medicaid Specialist, RESA-1

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Regional Council Vice-Chairperson Dr. Lyn Guy, Superintendent, Monroe County Schools.

Reports:

Financial Report Update: The council received the financial reports for February 2009 prior to the meeting. David Brooks, Treasurer, Raleigh County Schools and Keith Butcher, RESA-1 Executive Director were available for discussion or to answer any questions.

Medicaid Report Update: The council received the Medicaid Report for February 2009 prior to the meeting. Jamie Bailey and Keith Butcher were available for discussion.

State Department Report: No Report was given.

Employee Status Reports: The employee status reports for February 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: March 20, 2009

Regional Council Meeting Schedule

The next meeting of the Regional Council will be held at the RESA-1 Office Building on **April 10, 2009, at 10:00 AM.**

Professional Development Update

A schedule of RESA-1 activities and professional development was distributed.

SearchSoft

Roger Herrington provided training for human resource directors on the SearchSoft Solutions Applicant Tracking System on Thursday, March 19, 2009. Two licenses per district have been provided by RESA-1 to allow school districts to review the product and determine if the SearchSoft Solutions Applicant Tracking System will be a useful tool in the hiring process.

HEPC Improving Teacher Quality Grant

RESA-1 has received a grant in the amount of \$75,000 for the Advancing Adolescent Literacy middle school professional development project. The goal of this professional development is to provide 60 middle school teachers training in the implementation of the Adolescent Instruction Model.

RESA-1 Strategic Plan

RESA-1 is now in the process of developing the 2009-1010 Strategic Plan. The current strategic plan is posted online. Any suggestions for improving the plan are greatly appreciated.

eWalk

Ten eWalk licenses have been purchased for Monroe County. As other counties make requests, additional licenses will be purchased. Summers county asked that 8 licenses also be ordered.

RESA-1 Graduate Programs

RESA-1 has received a total of 75 commitment forms for participation in the RESA-1/Concord University Graduate Programs.

29 Educational Leadership & Supervision Certification (18 hrs)

26 M.Ed. Educational Leadership & Supervision (36 hrs)

16 M.Ed. Reading Specialist (36 hrs)

4 Reading Specialist Certification (24 hrs)

Two cohort groups will begin the fall of 2009 for Educational Leadership & Supervision. Unless additional reading program commitment forms are received, then the two reading graduate programs will be combined for the first 24 hours with the Masters students completing an additional 12 hours of coursework. This will create one Reading Specialist cohort group. The three graduate programs are self-sustaining at a cost per course of \$400.

Curriculum Mapping & Benchmarking

Four districts met with RESA-1 to discuss mapping and benchmarking of the 2008 West Virginia Content Standards and Objectives. These districts requested a meeting of teachers and curriculum leaders during the summer to share and discuss curriculum maps.

Action:

1. Motion by Michael Callaway and seconded by Patricia Waddell to accept the February 2009 Minutes. Motion passed and the February Minutes were approved.
2. Motion by Ed Pell and seconded by Charlotte Hutchens to accept the Monthly Financial Reports for February 2009. Motion passed. Monthly Financial Reports were accepted.
3. Motion by Frank Blackwell that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed Copy on File

Keith Butcher, Executive Director
RESA-1

Date