



RESA-1 Regional Council Meeting
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RESA-1 Office
Beckley, West Virginia
May 8, 2009

McDowell-Mercer-Monroe-Raleigh-Summers-Wyoming

ATTENDANCE:

Regional Council Members Present

Dr. Deborah Akers, Superintendent, Mercer County
David Ballard, Board Member, Summers County
Dr. Tom Blevins, Bluefield State College
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
Dr. Charlotte Hutchens, Superintendent, Raleigh County
Mary Alice Kaufman, Board Member, Mercer County
James McGrady, Asst. Superintendent, Wyoming County
Ed Pell, Board Member, Monroe County
Mike Prichard, Board Member, Wyoming County
Patricia Waddell, Board Member, Raleigh County
Dr. Kathy Liptak, Concord University

Regional Council Members Not Present

Frank L. Blackwell, Superintendent, Wyoming County
Florisha Christian-McGuire, Principal, Iaeger High School
Vickie Hinerman, Superintendent, Summers County
Dr. Stanley Hopkins, West Virginia Department of Education
Sandra Pell, Teacher, Mountain View Elementary & Middle School

RESA-1 Staff Present

Keith Butcher, Executive Director, RESA-1
LaDawn Mitchem, Executive Secretary, RESA-1
David Brooks, Treasurer, Raleigh County
Susan Barnes, Special Education Director – RESA-1
Jane Meador, RTI Specialist – RESA-1

Guests

Joseph Beckett, Ed.D., ATC

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by Regional Council Vice-Chairperson Dr. Lyn Guy, Superintendent, Monroe County.

Reports:

Financial Report Update: The financial reports for April 2009 were posted online prior to the meeting and were available for review. 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 Medicaid Report for April 2009 were posted online prior to the meeting and were available for review. Keith Butcher was available for discussion.

State Department Report: No Report was available.

Employee Status Reports: The employee status reports for April 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: May 8, 2009

Regional Council Meeting Schedule

The next meeting of the Regional Council will be held at 10:00 AM on June 12, 2009, at the RESA-1 office in Beckley, WV.

Professional Development Update

A schedule of RESA-1 professional development was posted on the Regional Council website for review.

Leadership Series

Mr. Butcher will schedule a day of professional development for school and county administrators on the new WVDE administrator standards and a legislative/legal update in the fall.

Partnerships for Math 5-Adult Certifications

Mr. Butcher reported on competitive grant opportunity from WVDE that encourages collaborative partnerships between RESAs, Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs), School Systems and others to design a program that will result in increased numbers of middle and high school math classes being taught by Highly Qualified Teachers. The grant provides a small amount of funding for grant administration and evaluation and encourages school systems and others to provide funding for teachers from their district to participate in three years worth of classes leading to certification in secondary math 5 through adult. Partnering in this application is a way for a schools system (LEA) to use their Title II, RLIS or other funding to increase the percentage of math classes taught by highly qualified teachers. Those districts listed as high need as found in the chart on page 4-5 of the application should seriously consider participating in a partnership application.

The grant provides a total of \$120,000 over a three-year period (\$40,000 per year). Participating districts would need to match grant funding using their Title II, RLIS or other funding a cost of \$7,000 per cohort participant. The grant deadline is May 12, 2009. Mr. Butcher would need to know which districts are interested by May 8, 2009. The Regional Council asked Mr. Butcher to include RESA-1 in the application process.

ARRA Stimulus Funding

RESA-1 has offered to apply for additional ARRA competitive funding in an area that would address district needs. The Regional Council expressed interest in this opportunity provided a funding area can be identified.

Pre-K, Pre-K Special Needs

Greenbrier County is planning to add several Pre-k programs by the 2009-2010 school term. They have asked if other counties in our area will need additional teachers certified in Pre-k or Pre-k special needs and would be interested in establishing a teacher certification program in our area to meet this need. Discussion indicated this is an area of need for RESA-1. Mr. Butcher will contact higher education institutions for information on graduate programs.

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 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, and training in the use of Lexile scores to improve instruction. Institute materials will include Janet Allen's Words, Words, Words, and the Marzano 6 step plan for teaching vocabulary in each content area. The AAL Institute is a collaborative grant including the participating school districts, RESA-1, Bluefield State College and Concord University.

May Schedule

During the month of May, the Executive Director will complete the evaluation process for all RESA-1 employees, finalize the FY 2010 RESA-1 Strategic Plan, and begin the task of developing the FY 09 Annual Report.

Information:

Joseph Beckett, Ed., D., ATC, Director, Athletic Trainer Program, Concord University presented a brief overview of the Certified Athletic Trainer Proposal. This proposal was established to help the counties be provided with National Certified Athletic Trainers.

Action:

1. Motion by Mike Callaway and seconded by Dave Ballard to accept the April 2009 Minutes. Motion passed and the April Minutes were approved.
2. Motion by Patricia Waddell seconded by Ed Pell to accept the Monthly Financial Reports for April 2009. Motion passed. Monthly Financial Reports were accepted.
3. Motion by Suzette Cook and seconded by Patricia Waddell to accept recommended RESA-1 FY 2008 Audit. Motion passed. Audit accepted.
4. Motion to adjourn by Dave Ballard.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed Copy on File

Keith Butcher, Executive Director
RESA-1

Date