



# RESA-1 Regional Council Meeting

## MINUTES

RESA-1 Office

Beckley, West Virginia

September 4, 2009

McDowell-Mercer-Monroe-Raleigh-Summers-Wyoming

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### **ATTENDANCE:**

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

Dr. Deborah Akers, Superintendent, Mercer County  
David Ballard, Board Member, Summers County  
Frank L. Blackwell, Superintendent, Wyoming County  
J. Michael Callaway, Board Member, McDowell County  
Florisha Christian-McGuire, Principal, Iaeger High School, McDowell County  
Suzette Cook, Superintendent, McDowell County  
Teresa Farley, Teacher, Spanishburg School, Mercer County  
Dr. Lyn Guy, Superintendent, Monroe County  
Dr. Charlotte Hutchens, Superintendent, Raleigh County  
Mary Alice Kaufman, Board Member, Mercer County  
Dr. Kathy Liptak, Concord University  
Mike Prichard, Board Member, Wyoming County  
Patricia Waddell, Board Member, Raleigh County

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

Dr. Tom Blevins, Bluefield State College  
Dr. Sarah Brown, Chief Instructional Leader, Summers County  
Vickie Hinerman, Superintendent, Summers County  
Dr. Stanley Hopkins, West Virginia Department of Education  
Ed Pell, Board Member, Monroe County

#### **West Virginia Department of Education**

Dr. Lowell E. Johnson, West Virginia Department of Education Board Representative

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

Keith Butcher, Executive Director, RESA-I  
LaDawn Mitchem, Executive Secretary, RESA-I  
Jamie Bailey, Medicaid Specialist, RESA-I  
Darrin Butcher, Treasurer, Raleigh County Schools

#### **Guests**

Dr. William O'Brien, Concord University, RESA-I American History Grant

#### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Dr. Deborah Akers, Superintendent, Mercer County Schools.

## **REPORTS:**

**Financial Report Update:** The financial reports for July 2009 were posted online prior to the meeting and were available for review. Darrin Butcher, Treasurer, Raleigh County Schools, was available for discussion or to answer any questions. There were no questions and no discussion.

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

**State Department Report:** Dr. Dr. Lowell E. Johnson, West Virginia Department of Education Board Representative, 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 July and August 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: September 4, 2009**

### **Continuing Grants Received**

<b>Program</b>	<b>C-Number</b>	<b>Staff</b>	<b>Amount</b>
WVEIS Technical Repair and Maintenance	C320796	J. Watson	\$116,409.40
WVEIS/RESA Router Maintenance	C320739	J. Watson	\$20,000
ABE Braxton, Pocahontas, Webster	C321876	S. Cook	\$55,336
ABE Braxton, Pocahontas, Webster	C321975	S. Cook	\$36,238
ABE SPOKES	C319418	S. Cook	\$1,001,201
ABE Federal Coordination	C321930	S. Cook	\$48,277
ABE State Coordination	C321905	S. Cook	\$85,836
TANF Assessment	C319406	S. Smith	\$105,122
Tech Prep	C323347	R. Boyd	\$90,000
IDEA Preschool Discretionary	C322198	S. Barnes	\$3,430
IDEA PART B School-Age Discretionary	C322206	S. Barnes	\$21,790
State Aid	C322214	S. Barnes	\$47,000
IDEA Preschool Discretionary	C322224	S. Barnes	\$23,000
IDEA PART B School-Age Discretionary	C322233	S. Barnes	\$45,000
CAN School of Practice	C323976	L. Price	\$12,000
HEPC	ITQ 09 BSC CU	L. Price	\$75,000
ABE State Teacher Training	C321903	L. Miller	\$176,101
ABE Federal Teacher Training	C321920	L. Miller	\$41,400

### **Competitive Grants Received**

<b>Program</b>	<b>C-Number</b>	<b>Staff</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Teaching American History	84.215X	L. Price/W. O'Brien	\$982,414

### **Improving Teacher Quality Grant**

The West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission has released a request for proposals for Improving Teacher Quality Grants. For the FY 2009 and FY 2010 school years, RESA-1, Concord University, and Bluefield State College have received \$75,000 annually for the Advancing Adolescent Literacy project, serving middle school teachers in RESA-1. RESA-1 will meet with professional development coordinators for the six school districts to develop a grant proposal for the FY 11 school year.

## **RESA-1 Executive Director's Report: September 4, 2009 cont.**

### **Medicaid Specialist**

Presently the RESA-1 Medicaid Specialist is employed for 220 days at a total program cost (salary and benefits) of \$45,684. The cost per county is determined by percent of total county enrollment. So that Medicaid transmittals can continue on a full year basis, RESA-1 was asked to calculate the Medicaid Specialist's salary for a 240 day contract period. The program salary cost for 240 days would be approximately \$49,144.

<b>Cost Projection for Medicaid Specialist (240)</b>			
<b>County</b>	<b>Enrollment</b>	<b>Current Cost</b>	<b>Projected Cost</b>
Mercer / 29%	9,538	\$13,248.36	\$14,251.76
Monroe / 6%	1,955	\$2,741.04	\$2,948.64
McDowell / 11%	3,675	\$5,025.24	\$5,405.84
Raleigh / 37%	12,316	\$16,903.08	\$18,183.28
Summers / 4.5%	1,544	\$2,055.78	\$2,211.48
Wyoming / 12.5%	4,140	\$5,710.50	\$6,143.00
<b>RESA-1 / 100%</b>	<b>33,168</b>	<b>\$45,684</b>	<b>\$49,144</b>

### **Substitute Teacher Training**

With the exception of RESA-1, all RESA trained substitute teachers pay a fee for substitute teacher training. While some RESAs charge as much as \$100 per person for this training, RESA-1 is considering a charge of \$25.00 per person to cover materials, travel and the cost of CPR registration.

### **Leadership Series**

RESA-1 will continue the Leadership Series of professional development for school and county administrators. The first event will be held October 1<sup>st</sup> and will include an Education Legal and Legislative Update presented by Howard Seufer and a session on the proposed West Virginia Leadership Standards presented by Lydia McCue. RESA-1 is currently surveying county leaders to develop topics for future Leadership Series offerings. Please send suggested topics to Linda Ballard Price or Keith Butcher.

## **Information and Discussion:**

***Teaching American History Grant:*** Dr. William O'Brien presented the council with an overview of the RESA-1 American History Grant, Prism-WV and American's Founders: Providing Perspective to a Legacy of Principle and Perseverance in the Traditional American History Classroom. Prism-WV is a professional development program for teachers in the 9-county "Southern West Virginia Consortium for Study of the American Founding," an organization created specifically for this project.

***RESA Task Force:*** Keith Butcher presented the council with a copy of the Executive Summary for the Report of the RESA Task Force in Response to the West Virginia Senate Bill 127. Dr. Lowell Johnson and Keith Butcher discussed possible recommendations resulting from the September meeting of the State Board RESA Task Force.

**Action:**

1. Motion by David Ballard and seconded by Mike Prichard to accept the July 2009 Minutes. Motion passed and the July 2009 Minutes were approved.
2. Motion by Lyn Guy seconded by Suzette Cook to accept the Monthly Financial Reports for July 2009. Motion passed. Monthly Financial Reports were accepted.
3. Motion by Mike Pritchard and seconded by Frank Blackwell to change the RESA-I Council Meeting from April 16, 2010 – April 9, 2010. This action was due to prior meeting commitments of the county superintendents and board members. Motion passed.
4. Motion by Frank Blackwell and seconded by David Ballard to select Suzette Cook as the RESA-1 WVASA representative. Motion passed.
5. Motion to adjourn by Dave Ballard.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed Copy on File

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Keith Butcher, Executive Director  
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