



RESA-1 Regional Council Meeting

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RESA-1 Office

Beckley, West Virginia

February 12, 2010

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
Florisha Christian-McGuire, Principal, Iaeger High School
Dr. Lyn Guy, Superintendent, Monroe County
Vickie Hinerman, Superintendent, Summers County
Dr. Stanley Hopkins, West Virginia Department of Education
Mary Alice Kaufman, Board Member, Mercer County
Danny Lively, Board Member, Monroe County
James McGrady, Assistant Superintendent, Wyoming County
Nelson Spencer, Assistant Superintendent, Raleigh County
Patricia Waddell, Board Member, Raleigh County

Regional Council Members Not Present

Frank L. Blackwell, Superintendent, Wyoming County
J. Michael Callaway, Board Member, McDowell County
Suzette Cook, Superintendent, McDowell County
Teresa Farley, Teacher, Mercer County
Dr. Charlotte Hutchens, Superintendent, Raleigh County
Dr. Kathy Liptak, Concord University
Mike Prichard, Board Member, Wyoming County

RESA-1 Staff Present

Keith Butcher, Executive Director, RESA 1
LaDawn Mitchem, Executive Secretary, RESA 1
Jamie Bailey, Medicaid Specialist, RESA 1
Darrin Butcher, Treasurer, Raleigh County Schools
Kerry Richmond, Coordinator, RESA 1

Guests

Bonita Miano, Director of Services, McDowell County
Nancy Walker, Executive Director, WVDE Office of Information Systems
Don Chapman, Assistant Director, WVDE Office of Health Schools

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 am by Dr. Lynn Guy, Superintendent, Monroe County Schools.

Reports:

Financial Report Update: The financial reports for January 2010 were posted online prior to the meeting and were available for review. Darrin Butcher, RESA CFO, 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 January 2010 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 January 2010 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: February, 2010

Grant Awards

Grant award receipts and adjustments to existing grant awards are reported monthly.

Program	C-Number	Staff	Adjustment	Current Amount
Public Service Training	C-319291	Rick Rice	-\$3,604	\$192,427
Public Service training (New)	C-333859	Rice Rice		\$2,455

Improving Teacher Quality Grant

On behalf of the six school districts, RESA 1 submitted a grant request to the Higher Education Policy Commission for Improving Teacher Quality funding. The proposal, "Assessments for Learning," was returned for revisions pending approval. Upon receipt of funding, the RESA 1 grant partnership will implement an intensive professional development program for teachers of secondary mathematics and English. The participating teachers will receive sustained professional development designed to 1) increase teacher knowledge in assessments for learning, 2) increase teacher knowledge of 21st century content and 3) increase teacher effectiveness in the implementation of standards-based instruction and assessment practices.

During the month of August 2010, sixty secondary school teachers of mathematics and English will meet to participate in a five-day summer institute. Participating teachers will continue learning during the following school year through two follow-up days of professional development. Professional development training provided through the summer institute and follow-up activities will be provided by the higher education institution partners and the West Virginia Department of Education. The structure of the professional development will be designed by the partnership to address identified needs and increase the understanding and application of educational research pertinent to assessments for learning. Each participating public and private school teacher will receive between 50 to 60 contact hours of sustained, ongoing research-based professional development.

RESA 1 Audit

The RESA 1 financial audit for fiscal year 2008-2009 was conducted on February 18, 2010 by Sullivan Webb, P LLC, Certified Public Accountants. The audit report will be made available to the Regional Council as soon as it has been completed.

Community and School Board Presentations

The Executive Director has contacted each county to schedule a 10-minute presentation at a local school board meeting. Mr. Butcher attended the Summers County Board of Education meeting on February 9th and the McDowell County Board meeting on February 16th. The purpose of the visit is to provide information on what services are being provided to each specific county and to receive feedback on services. The Executive Director is also available to speak to civic groups upon request.

Regional Council Schedule

The next meeting of the RESA-1 Regional Council will be held at 10:00 am on March 12th, 2010 at the RESA 1 office in Beckley. That scheduled meeting conflicts with a meeting of the West Virginia Association of School Administrators. It is recommended that the March Regional Council meeting be moved to March 19, 2010, at 10:00 am.

Information:

Graduation Rate Update:

Nancy Walker, Executive Director, WVDE Office of Information System provided the Regional Council with a report on the change in calculation for the State Graduation Rate.

RESA Based Coordinated Health Program:

Don Chapman, Assistant Director, WVDE Office of Healthy Schools presented to the Regional Council with the West Virginia Board of Education (WVBE) endorsed Coordinated School Health Program. The CSHP model is promoted the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention which is organized into eight separate but related components that must be implemented in a coordinated manner to gain the maximum impact for resources expended.

The CSHP components include:

- Health education
- Physical education
- Nutrition services
- Health services
- Counseling and psychological services
- Healthy school environment
- School staff wellness
- Family community involvement

Action:

1. Motion by Dave Ballard and seconded by Patricia Waddell to accept the January Minutes. Motion passed and the January Minutes were approved.
2. Motion by Mary Alice Kaufman seconded by Dave Ballard to accept the Monthly Financial Reports for January. Motion passed. Monthly Financial Reports for January were accepted.
3. Motion by Patricia Waddell and seconded by Dave Ballard to approve the meeting change for the March 2010 meeting. Motion passed. March meeting rescheduled for March 19, 2010.
4. Motion to adjourn by Mary Alice Kaufman.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed Copy on File.

Keith Butcher, Executive Director
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Date