



# RESA-1 Regional Council Meeting

## **MINUTES**

RESA-1 Office

Beckley, West Virginia

January 15, 2010

McDowell-Mercer-Monroe-Raleigh-Summers-Wyoming

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### **ATTENDANCE:**

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

David Ballard, Board Member, Summers County  
Dr. Sarah Brown, Chief Instructional Leader, Summers County  
J. Michael Callaway, Board Member, McDowell County  
Suzette Cook, Superintendent, McDowell County  
Teresa Farley, Teacher, Mercer County  
Dr. Lyn Guy, Superintendent, Monroe County  
Vickie Hinerman, Superintendent, Summers County  
Dr. Charlotte Hutchens, Superintendent, Raleigh County  
Dr. Stanley Hopkins, West Virginia Department of Education  
Mary Alice Kaufman, Board Member, Mercer County  
Dr. Kathy Liptak, Concord University  
Danny Lively, Board Member, Monroe County  
James McGrady, Assistant Superintendent, Wyoming County  
Mike Prichard, Board Member, Wyoming County  
Patricia Waddell, Board Member, Raleigh County

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

Dr. Deborah Akers, Superintendent, Mercer County  
Frank L. Blackwell, Superintendent, Wyoming County  
Dr. Tom Blevins, Bluefield State College  
Florisha Christian-McGuire, Principal, Iaeger High School

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

Keith Butcher, Executive Director, RESA 1  
LaDawn Mitchem, Executive Secretary, RESA 1  
Jamie Bailey, Medicaid Specialist, RESA 1  
Linda Price, Staff Development Director, RESA 1  
Darrin Butcher, Treasurer, Raleigh County Schools

#### **Call to Order**

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

## **Reports:**

**Financial Report Update:** The financial reports for **November and December 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 Reports for **November and December 2009** were posted online prior to the meeting and were available for review. Jamie Bailey, Medicaid Specialist, RESA 1, was available for discussion or to answer any questions. 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 **November and December 2009** were posted online prior to the meeting and were available for review. There were no questions or discussion concerning the status reports.

## **Information/Discussion:**

**RESA-Based Mathematics Textbook Adoption** – Keith Butcher, Executive Director, RESA 1 presented the Regional Council with a brief overview of the RESA-Wide Mathematics Textbook Adoptions. The West Virginia Department of Education Office of Instruction is committed to supporting the efforts of a RESA-wide adoption. Contingent upon continued legislative mathematics leadership funding, RESA based professional development will be offered and partially supported by the Office of Instruction staff to all RESA's which organize a RESA-wide adoption. Funding is limited and will be reserved for RESA-wide adoptions. To review the report for Mathematics Instructional Materials Adoption go to:  
<http://wveis.k12.wv.us/nclb/Materials/public09/MainMenu.cfm?tsele1=65&vsele=99999>

**RESA 1 Resolution** – Keith Butcher presented the Regional Council RESA 1 Resolution so that the Regional Council of RESA 1 urges the West Virginia Legislature to support the Boards of Educations by continuing the work of RESA's and providing the funding required to advance the educational policy of the West Virginia Legislature.

**RESA 1 Exemplary Educator Program** – Linda B. Price, Staff Development Director, RESA 1 presented an overview of the RESA 1 Exemplary Educator Program. State Board Policy 3233, Establishment and Operation of Regional Education Service Agencies requires RESAs to "serve as a repository of research-based teaching and learning practices." RESA 1 proposed the establishment of an Exemplary Educator Program to recognize exemplary research-based classroom and administrative practices.

1. RESA 1 teachers and administrators will be invited to submit an application for recognition of a research-based exemplary practice.
2. A selection committee made up of representatives from all six counties will evaluate applications based on the established rubric and selection process.
3. Educators would be selected for recognition. RESA 1 would host a reception to recognize the selected educators and information would be posted on the RESA 1 website to serve as a repository for exemplary research-based practice.

**Early Start Positions for Monroe County** - Keith Butcher presented to the Regional Council the need for (4) Early Start Positions in Monroe County. Those positions are:

1. *Early Head Start Center Based Instructor & Parent As Teacher Home Educator*
2. *Early Head Start Instructor Assistant/Parents As Teacher Home Educator*
3. *Early Head Start / Parents As Teacher Home Visitor Educator*
4. *Early Head Start / Parents As Teachers Prenatal / Health / Nutrition Specialist*

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**Grant Awards**

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

<b>Award</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Initial Amount</b>	<b>Adjustment</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>C313373</b>	<b>Homeland Security Training, Public Service</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>\$26,612.40</b>	<b>+1,445.66</b>	<b>\$28,058.06</b>

**State Reduction of Funding**

RESAs have been notified that a 3.4% reduction will be applied to this year's funding. The original amount of FY 10 funding for RESA 1 was \$512,520. That budgeted amount has been reduced by \$17,697.68 for a revised FY 10 budget of \$494,823.

**Race To The Top**

One component of the West Virginia *Race to the Top* application includes providing sustained professional development for mathematics and science teachers whose schools and districts have agreed to participation.

K-6 Components:

- Two-year academy requiring 11 days of professional development per year
- Integration of technology into authentic learning experiences
- Academy participants will commit to a 5-day summer institute and 1 day of professional development every six weeks during the school year
- Four cohorts of 200 teachers (800 total) will receive training in mathematics (Every Day math) and science (SIMPLE)
- Partnerships with higher education required

Grades 7-8 Components:

- Grade 7-8 STEM Math and Science Academy will target 200 math teachers and 200 science teachers
- Professional development for the implementation of four STEM PBL units of study
- Emphasis on structuring for the success of Algebra I students
- Emphasis on technology and project-based learning

Grade 9 Components:

- Professional development for the success of Grade 9 Algebra I students
- Training for 75 teachers using a RESA model of delivery
- Includes 4 days of annual training

High School Components:

- Eight teachers per participating high schools will participate in a year-long STEM institute
- Includes a school-based PBL model of instruction
- Participants will receive continued coaching and support

### **WVDE School Improvement Model**

The West Virginia Department of Education has developed a list of state schools in need of improvement designated in three tiers of need. Schools in Tier 1 could receive a School System of Support (SSoS) diagnostic visit and assistance to revise the school strategic plan. They would receive support from a school improvement specialist and must provide professional development that is outcome-based and monitored.

### **School Board Presentations**

The Executive Director will be contacting each county to schedule a 10 minute presentation at a local school board meeting. 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. In addition, the Executive Director is 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 February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at the RESA 1 office in Beckley.

### **Action:**

1. Motion by Dave Ballard and seconded by Mike Prichard to accept the November 2009 Minutes. Motion passed and the November 2009 Minutes were approved.
2. Motion by Dave Ballard and seconded by Suzette Cook to accept the November and December 2009 Financial Reports. Motion passed. Reports accepted.
3. Motion by Mike Callaway and seconded by Patricia Waddell to approve the RESA 1 Resolution. Motion passed. RESA 1 Resolution approved.
4. Motion by Patricia Waddell and seconded by Mike Callaway to approve the Out-of-State Travel for Kerry Richmond, Mathematics/Science Coordinator. Motion passed. Out-of-State Travel Approved.
5. Motion by Mary Alice Kaufman and seconded by Kathy Liptak to approve the Early Start Position for Monroe County. Motion passed, positions approved.
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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