

Minutes

**Regional Council Meeting
Beckley, West Virginia
January 28, 2011**

ATTENDANCE:

Regional Council Members Present

McDowell County

J. Michael Callaway, Board Member

Mercer County

Mary Alice Kaufman, Board Member
Teresa Farley, Teacher

Monroe County

Dr. Kevin Siers, Superintendent
Danny Lively, Board Member

Raleigh County

Dr. Charlotte Hutchens, Superintendent
Cynthia Jafary, Board Member

Summers County

Vickie Hinerman, Superintendent
Dr. Sarah Brown, Chief Instructional Leader
David Ballard, Board Member

Wyoming County

Frank Blackwell, Superintendent
Morgan Davis, Board Member

WVDE

Dr. Kathy D'Antoni, Assistant State Superintendent of Schools

Regional Council Members Not Present

Jim Brown, Superintendent, McDowell County
Dr. Deborah Akers, Superintendent, Mercer County
Clyde Stepp, Principal, Board Member, Raleigh County
Dr. Tom Blevins, Bluefield State College
Dr. Kathy Liptak, Concord University

RESA-1 Staff Present

Keith Butcher, Executive Director, RESA 1
LaDawn Mitchem, Executive Secretary, RESA 1
Jamie Bailey, Medicaid Specialist, RESA 1
Celi Van Dyke, RESA 1 Adolescent Health Initiative Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting held by conference call was called to order at 1pm by Vickie Hinerman, Superintendent, Summers County Schools, RESA 1 Regional Council Vice-Chairperson.

REPORTS:

State Board of Education Report: Dr. Kathy D'Antoni, Assistant State Superintendent of Schools reported to the board that the State School Superintendent of Schools will be announced on February 10, 2011. There is currently an effort to reform middle school education.

Financial Report Update: The financial reports for November and December 2010 were posted online prior to the meeting and were available for review. Keith Butcher, RESA 1 Executive Director, were available for discussion and to answer any questions. There were no questions or discussion.

Medicaid Report Update: The Medicaid Reports for November and December 2010 were posted online prior to the meeting and were available for review. Keith Butcher, RESA 1 Executive Director and Jamie Bailey, Medicaid Specialist, RESA 1 were available for discussion and to answer any questions. There were no questions or discussion.

Employee Status Reports: The employee status reports for November and December 2010 were posted online prior to the meeting and were available for review. There were no questions or discussion concerning the status reports.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT January 2011

The Executive Director's Report for January was posted online prior to the meeting and was available for review. Mr. Butcher discussed substitute teacher training, science certification and the National Board Certification of Teachers Program.

Science Certification

Mercer County has asked that RESA 1 explore the possibility of offering an advanced science teaching certification through an accredited college or university. With more students required to take Chemistry during the 2011-2012 school year, additional teachers for advanced sciences will be needed. RESA 1 is currently exploring possible options.

Substitute Teacher Training

RESA 1 will conduct training for first time substitute teachers on March 8th and 9th in Princeton (Workforce Office) and on March 9th and 10th at the RESA 1 Office in Beckley, WV. Training topics will include Education Laws and Policies, Classroom Management, Content Standards and Objectives, Instructional Strategies, Student Health and Wellness, and First Aid/CPR. Training hours are from 9 am to 4 pm daily with registration on the first day beginning at 8:30 am. Each participant will be required to pay \$25.00 cash at registration.

National Board Certification of Teachers

RESA 1 is launching a class for prospective National Board Teacher Candidates to be taught by Paula Wykle and Sandy Sheatsley. The class will consist of approximately thirteen sessions from February 2011 through April 2012. Candidates will submit their portfolios in March of 2012. All candidates will be provided assigned readers to assist them throughout the National Board Process. The support class, is being offered at no charge to participants in part through a grant provided by the Benedum Foundation. For additional information, please contact Paula Wykle at pwykle@access.k12.wv.us or 304.890.6946.

INFORMATION / DISCUSSION:

Girls on the Run – Celi Van Dyke, RESA 1 Adolescent Health Initiative Coordinator, presented to the Regional Council a brief overview of the **Girls on the Run** program. This program is a developmentally focused youth sport program that uses running as a vehicle to promote positive social, cognitive, physical, emotional and psychological assets and development. Implementation would be targeted for school year 2011-2012 with one elementary school in Summers and/or Wyoming Counties targeted to receive the program for the Fall of 2011. The vision is to establish as many programs as possible in each of the counties through direct service delivery or collaboration with other Girls on the Run Councils.

Bus Operator Training & Testing – Ben Shew II., WVDE Executive Director, Office of Transportation discussed with the Regional Council the possibility of coordinating bus operator training and testing through RESA 1. It was suggested that the Executive Director and Mr. Shew meet with the county transportation directors to discuss bus operator training and testing.

Equity-Related Professional Development for Teachers and Administrators – Beth Sattes, WV Consultant to Mid-Atlantic Equity Center MAEC, presented to the regional council a brief overview of Promoting Academic Rigor for All Students. There were four topics of training or technical assistance:

1. Classroom-Based Quality Questioning
2. Leading with Quality Questioning
3. Instructional Rounds
4. Improving Reading Vocabulary and Comprehension

The Regional Council suggested a follow-up meeting with the county chief instructional leaders be held on Wednesday, February 9, 2011 to further discuss possible services.

ACTION:

1. Motion by Dr. Kevin Seirs and seconded by Frank Blackwell the Regional Council approved the November and December 2010 Minutes for RESA 1.
2. Motion by Dr. Kevin Seirs and seconded by Frank Blackwell to accept the Monthly Financial Reports for November and December 2010. Motion passed. Monthly Financial Reports were accepted.
3. Motion by Morgan Davis and seconded by David Ballard to approve Girls on the Run Program. Motion Passed. Girls on the Run will be implemented in Summers and Wyoming Counties beginning Fall 2011.
4. Motion by Frank Blackwell to adjourn the January 28, 2011 Regional Council Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed Copy on File

Keith Butcher, Executive Director
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Date