

Minutes

**Regional Council Meeting
Beckley, West Virginia
October 13, 2011**

ATTENDANCE:

REGIONAL COUNCIL MEMBER PRESENT:

Mercer County

Dr. Deborah Akers, Superintendent
Mary Alice Kaufman, Board Member

Monroe County

Danny

Dr. Kevin Siers, Superintendent
Lively, Board Member

Raleigh County

Cynthia Jafary, Board Member
Darrin Butcher, Treasurer

Summers County

David

Vickie Hinerman, Superintendent
Ballard, Board Member

Wyoming County

Mr. Frank Mann, Assistant Superintendent
Mike R. Prichard, Board Member

Higher Education

Dr. Santina St. John, Concord University
Dr. Betsy Stinken, Bluefield State College

WVDE

Dr. Gene Coulson, Executive Director,
Office of Career & Technology Innovations

REGIONAL COUNCIL MEMBER NOT PRESENT:

McDowell County

Jim Brown, Superintendent
J. Michael Callaway, Board Member

Raleigh County

Dr. Charlotte Hutchens, Superintendent
Clyde Stepp, Principal, Board Member

Summers County

Dr. Sarah Brown, Chief Instructional Leader

Wyoming County

Frank Blackwell, Superintendent

Higher Education

Dr.

Dr. Tom Blevins, Bluefield State College
Kathy Liptak, Concord University

WVDE

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

RESA 1 STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

REPORTS:

State Board of Education Report: Dr. Gene Co ulson reported to the regional council a brief update on the following:

1. Student Code of Conduct
2. Personalized Learning Landscape
3. WESTTEST Growth Model

Financial Report Update: The financial reports for September 2011 were posted online prior to the meeting and were available for review. There were no questions or discussion.

Medicaid Report Update: The Medicaid Reports for September 2011 were posted online prior to the meeting and were available for review. There were no questions or discussion.

Employee Status Reports: The employee status reports for September 2011 were posted online prior to the meeting and were available for review. There were no questions or discussion concerning the status reports.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION:

Building Asset Rich Communities for Youth – Celi VanD yke, RESA 1 Adolescent Health Coordinator presented to the regional council 40 Development Assets and workshops available from Region 1 Adolescent Health Initiative (AHI) 2011-2012.

RESA 1 Cooperative Purchasing – Keith Butcher, RESA 1 Executive Director, presented the Association of Educational Purchasing Agencies Cooperative Purchasing Program. This is a multi-state volume purchasing contracts that have benefits that are measurable, and cost effective.

L-1 Fingerprinting – Keith Butcher updated the regional council on the status of RESA 1 being host to a one day a week location for fingerprinting and the possibility of a mobile unit being available in counties needed.

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Grants Awards Received

Coord /Dir	Grant	Amount	Type	C Number
E. Meadows	RSWS	\$ 46,500.00	Initial	C345870
E. Meadows	RSWS	\$ 25,000.00	Initial	C365379
M. Moore	Student Regional Competition Fairs	\$ 5,000.00	Initial	C365917

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Education Audit

MGT of America is continuing to survey RESA employees and Regional Council representatives throughout the State as part of the WV Education Efficiency Audit.

Substitute Teacher Training Course

RESA 1 began a new training for substitute teachers from mid-September thru October 17th. McDowell County requested an additional section of the course be started as soon as possible as they had identified 10 additional candidates. This course will begin on October 17th. County personnel directors will be contacted to determine if they have any additional candidates for this course.

Annual Report

A draft of the FY 11 RESA 1 Annual Report is being prepared for approval at the November Regional Council Meeting. A draft of this report will be provided to council members at the October meeting.

Working on Writing (WOW) Factors

During the month of October, follow-up after-school school site visits will be conducted with teachers who participated in the Working on Writing (WOW) Factors Summer Institute. The participating college instructors will visit each school to assist with the implementation of writing strategies across the curriculum.

PRISM

On September 24th, forty-three teachers participating in the Teaching American History Grant (PRISM) met at the Erma Byrd Center for a day of professional development and support. Each teacher received a Kindle which was pre-loaded with all of the texts needed for this year's study. Michelle Moore presented a well received session on American History online resources.

Cooperative Purchasing

In an effort to save West Virginia school districts money through cooperative purchasing, all eight RESAs are considering a proposal to join the Association of Educational Purchasing Agencies (AEPA). AEPA is the purchasing agent for school cooperatives in 25 different states. AEPA works with their cooperatives to write the best possible bid solicitations, resulting in buying power and better prices for school districts. AEPA is unique in that each purchasing contract is awarded separately in each member state, in accordance with local bidding laws. The benefit is state-specific bid protection and lower cost of ownership for school districts. Through this agreement, there would have to be a purchasing agent at one RESA. Each RESA would each contribute \$10,000.00 toward supporting an agent who would facilitate purchasing and distribution for all participating counties. Mr. Butcher will provide a presentation at the October Regional Council meeting. For additional information, visit their website at <http://www.aepacoop.org/>.

Principal Mentor

Keith Butcher provided the RESA 1 Principal Mentor training on September 27th at the Wyoming County Board of Education. The following administrators were certified: Barry Smith, Stephen Walls, Terri Smith, and Donald Clay from Wyoming County, Sandra Sheatsley and Phyllis Newcomb from Raleigh County, and Stacey Lusk from McDowell County.

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Fingerprinting

The State of West Virginia and the West Virginia Department of Education are reviewing the agreement that each RESA will sign with L-1 Identity Solutions to provide fingerprinting services. RESA 1 is currently identified as a mobile site, with fingerprinting services provided on Wednesdays between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm. A beginning date has not been determined. The Executive Director would urge each county to assist in the identification of at least one location within their county to be a mobile site.

For additional information, please contact:

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ACTION:

1. Motion by Mike Prichard and second by Dave Ballard to approve the September 15, 2011 minutes. The minutes were approved.
2. Motion by Dave Ballard and second by Frank Mann to accept the Monthly Financial Reports for October 2011. Motion passed. Monthly Financial Reports were accepted.
3. Motion by Dr. Kevin Siers and second by Cynthia Jafary to accept the Monthly Financial Reports for October 2011. Motion passed. Monthly Financial Reports were accepted.
4. Motion by Mike Prichard to adjourn the October 13, 2011 Regional Council Meeting. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed Copy on File.

Keith Butcher, Executive Director
RESA-1

Date