

Minutes

Regional Council Meeting Beckley, West Virginia February 9, 2012

ATTENDANCE:

REGIONAL COUNCIL MEMBER PRESENT:

Mercer County

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

McDowell County

Jim Brown, Superintendent
J. Michael Callaway, Board Member

Monroe County

Dr. Kevin Siers, Superintendent
Danny Lively, Board Member

Raleigh County

Dr. Charlotte Hutchens, Superintendent
Darrin Butcher, Treasurer

Summers County

David

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

Wyoming County

Mr. Frank Blackwell, Superintendent
Mike R. Prichard, Board Member

Higher Education

Dr. Betsy Steenken, Bluefield State College
Dr. Kathy Liptak, Concord University

WVDE

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

REGIONAL COUNCIL MEMBER NOT PRESENT:

Raleigh County

Cynthia Jafary, Board Member
Clyde Stepp, Principal, Board Member

Wyoming County

Jeanette "Jeanie" Graham, Teacher

RESA 1 STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Keith Butcher, Executive Director, RESA 1
LaDawn Mitchem, Executive Secretary
Michelle Moore, Professional Development Director
Jamie Bailey, Medicaid Specialist

CALL TO ORDER

The teleconference meeting was called to order at 3 pm by Vicki Hinerman, Superintendent, Mercer County Schools.

REPORTS:

State Board of Education Report: Dr. Kathy D'Antoni, Assistant State Superintendent of Schools reported to the regional council a brief overview of the legislative bills that are in and out of committee and the State Board Meeting.

Financial Report Update: The financial reports for January 2012 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 January 2012 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 January 2012 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

February 9, 2012

Grant Awards Received/Adjusted

Coord /Dir	Grant	Amount	Type	C Number
E. Meadows	RSWS	\$ 500.00	Initial	C370301
R. Boyd	Edge	\$ 30,000.00	Initial	C371011
E. Meadows	RSWS	\$ 10,000.00	Initial	C370475
S. Cook	GED	\$ 41,589.00	Adj.	C342623
R. Rice	Homeland Security	\$ 400.00	Adj.	C354880

Substitute Teacher Training

Keith Butcher, Michelle Moore, Carmelita Smith and Greg Bartlett are currently teaching a substitute teacher certification and recertification course online. More than 100 teachers, recommended from the counties, are enrolled in the course.

HEPC Grant

The Higher Education Policy Commission has returned comments concerning the RESA 1 submitted Improving Teacher Quality Grant. The grant committee will be revising and resubmitting the \$75,000 grant to provide writing instruction professional development for secondary teachers of language arts and social studies

Elementary Mathematics Specialization

Dr. Kathy Liptak and the Concord University math department will meet on February 21st with curriculum supervisors of the six counties to discuss the development of an elementary teacher mathematics specialization. It is hoped that this discussion will benefit both Concord University and RESA 1 school districts by designing a teacher program of study that increases math content knowledge as well as increasing knowledge of instructional strategies and math materials currently being used in RESA 1 elementary classrooms.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION:

Leadership Series Workshop - Keith Butcher, RESA 1 Executive Director, gave a brief overview of the workshop scheduled for February 22, 2012 at the Beckley-Raleigh County Convention Center.

Common Core Standards – Michelle Moore, Professional Development Director, had a phone conference with County Curriculum & Instruction Specialists to discuss questions/concerns involving the Common Core/Next Generation Standards, county needs/expectations relating to the Common Core rollout this summer, preparing principals and teachers before school is out this year, and curriculum resources supporting the Next Generation standards. Michelle would like to coordinate one or two sessions with county teacher leaders, preferably the teachers going to TLI this summer. During the sessions the group would look at the organization of the standards, instructional practices needed, curriculum resources they are using and its relationship to the Next Generation standards, as well as the professional development needs. Current concern with moving forward with this session involves release time and funding substitute teachers. Michelle shared possible ideas of an online platform to discuss these issues with the teachers."

ACTION:

1. Motion by Dave Ballard and second by Mary Alice Kaufman to approve the January 2012 minutes. Motion passed. The minutes were approved.
2. Motion by Mike Prichard and second by Michael Callaway to accept the Monthly Financial Reports for January 2012. Motion passed. Monthly Financial Reports were accepted.
3. Motion by Mike Prichard to adjourn the February 9, 2012 Regional Council Meeting. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed Copy on File.

Keith Butcher, Executive Director
RESA 1

Date