

Minutes

Regional Council Meeting Beckley, West Virginia January 12, 2012

ATTENDANCE:

REGIONAL COUNCIL MEMBER PRESENT:

Mercer County

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

McDowell County

J. Michael Callaway, Board Member

Monroe County

Danny Lively, Board Member

Summers County

David

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

Wyoming County

Mr. James McGrady, Asst. Superintendent
Mike R. Prichard, Board Member

Higher Education

Dr. Kathy Liptak, Concord University

WVDE

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

REGIONAL COUNCIL MEMBER NOT PRESENT:

McDowell County

Jim Brown, Superintendent

Monroe County

Dr. Kevin Siers, Superintendent

Raleigh County

Dr. Charlotte Hutchens, Superintendent
Cynthia Jafary, Board Member
Clyde Stepp, Principal, Board Member
Darrin Butcher, Treasurer

Wyoming County

Jeanette

Mr. Frank Blackwell, Superintendent
"Jeanie" Graham, Teacher

Higher Education

Dr. Betsy Steenken, Bluefield State College

RESA 1 STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

CALL TO ORDER

The teleconference meeting was called to order at 3 pm by Dr. Deborah Akers, Superintendent, Mercer County Schools.

REPORTS:

Financial Report Update: The financial reports for November and December 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 November and December 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 November and December 2011 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:

RESA Funding

Mr. Butcher discussed the possibility of reduced funding for two grant areas next year. He explained that some ABE funding may be provided to RESA 4 for hiring an ABE coordinator to serve the RESA 4 counties. In addition, RESA 1, depending on the authorizing of federal funding, may not receive funding next year for the Teaching American History Grant, PRISM.

We The People

Mr. Butcher recommends that all RESA 1 high school participate in the *We the People* program into an existing civics or other social studies course at the high school level. He suggested a school presentation to the regional council on the program.

Special Education Director

The interview committee recommended Robert Greg Bartlett for the position of RESA 1 Special Education Director. Mr. Bartlett was employed for the position by the State Board of Education, effective December 23, 2011. Greg was previously employed as the Special Education and School Improvement Director for RESA 6.

Substitute Teacher Training

Beginning January 23rd, Keith Butcher, Michelle Moore, and Greg Bartlett will be teaching a substitute teacher certification and recertification course online. More than 80 teachers, recommended from the counties, are enrolled in the course. Please contact Michelle Moore for additional information on substitute teacher certification and recertification.

Innovation Zone Grant

An Innovation Zone Grant, written by the RESA 1 Adolescent Health Coordinator, Celi Van Dyke, has been awarded to Raleigh County for Independence Middle School. The grant will provide an after-school program designed to keep kids in school and improve the high school graduation rate. For assistance with grant writing, please contact Keith Butcher or Celi Van Dyke.

WV Let's Move Physical Activity Day

Emily Meadows, RESA 1 Regional School Wellness Specialist, has asked me to announce a Let's Move event. It is time to get our kids up and moving for the Let's Move WV Physical Activity Day! January 19 at 1:00pm has been designated by Governor Tomblin and State Superintendent Dr. Marple as time for all students in WV schools to have a physical activity break. This year, the event will be implemented through the use of the Cupid Shuffle dance. WVDE has established a website to monitor which schools are participating. At this time, MANY have not signed up. Please go to <http://www.wvphysicalactivity.org/?pid=19> and complete the form to show your school's commitment to healthier students! Local media may call about visiting your school on that day.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION:

RESA 1 Privacy Policy – Keith Butcher, RESA 1 Executive Director, presented the RESA 1 Privacy Policy. Approval of a privacy policy is required for a reduction in the BRIM insurance premium. The current RESA 1 Privacy Policy was posted for review during a public comment period. No comments were received on the policy and no changes are recommended.

Legislative Priorities – Keith Butcher, at the request of the State Superintendent, has asked the RESA 1 Regional Council to provide letters of support for the State Board of Education and WVDE Legislative Priorities.

RESA Funding – Keith Butcher has asked that the RESA 1 Regional Council to provide a letter of support from the Regional Council to RESA 1 area legislators in support of legislation to lift the cap on RESA funding.

ACTION:

1. Motion by Mike Prichard and second by Dave Ballard to approve the November 10, 2011 minutes. The minutes were approved.
2. Motion by Dave Ballard and second by Kathy D'Antoni to accept the Monthly Financial Reports for November and December 2011. Motion passed. Monthly Financial Reports were accepted.
3. Motion by Mike Prichard and second by J. Michael Callaway to approve the Legislative Priorities. Motion passed. Legislative Priorities approved.
4. Motion by Danny Lively and second by Mary Alice Kaufman to approve the Letter of support for removal of the funding cap on WV RESAs. Motion passed. Letter approved.
5. Motion by Mary Alice Kaufman to adjourn the January 12, 2012 Regional Council Meeting. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed Copy on File

Keith Butcher, Executive Director
RESA 1

Date