

MINUTES
RESA 7 Regional Advisory Council Meeting
March 19, 2015 at 10:00am
Gilmer County at
Waco Center

Members Present

Barbour:

Doddridge:

Gilmer: Mr. Gabriel Devono
 Dr. William Simmons

Harrison:

Lewis: Ms. Sylvia McNeish
 Ms. Theresa McAbee
 Mr. L.D. Skarzinski

Marion: Mr. Gary Price

 Mr. Rockie DeLorenzo

Monongalia: Dr. Frank Devono
 Dr. Clarence Harvey

Preston: Mr. Stephen Wotring
 Mr. Mac Crum

Randolph: Mr. Terry George
 Mr. Bruce Haddix

Taylor: Mr. Bob Maynard

Tucker: Dr. Eddie Campbell
 Ms. Janet Preston

Upshur: Mr. Roy Wager

SDE:

FSU:

WVU:

Members Absent

Dr. Joseph Super
Mr. Eric Ruf

Mr. Rick Coffman
Mr. Jack Bell

Dr. Mark Manchin
Mr. Frank Devono, Jr.

Dr. Joseph Mace

Mr. Tom Dragich

Mr. Richard Teagarden

Dr. Greenbrier Almond

Mr. Joe Panetta

Ms. Jeani Hawkins

Dr. Lynne Schrum

Also in attendance: From RESA 7 – Kathy Hypes, Mary Lewis, Nicole Kemper, Fred Oldaker – Deborah Nicholson (WVDE), Jason Butcher (State Board Coordinator), Tony Domingo (Homeland Security), Mike Green (WV State Board Vice President)

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I. Call to Order

Welcome with Mr. Gabe Devono, Gilmer County Superintendent. Mr. Devono welcomed everyone to Gilmer County and the newly constructed Waco Center of Glenville State College. Dr. Bart of GSC was introduced and welcomed everyone to campus.

II. Agenda Adjustments

Mr. Fred Oldaker, RESA 7 AEPA Purchasing, was added to section III to provide a report.

Mr. Wotring made a motion to approve the Agenda Adjustment. Dr. Harvey seconded the motion.

III. Reports/Recognition – Executive Director

Speaker: **Ms. Kathy Hypes, RESA 7 Executive Director**

Graduation 20/20

Graduation 20/20 funding is from the WVDE Office of Special Programs via IDEA funds. These funds will enable each RESA to hire one Graduation 20/20 School Support Specialist. The posting is expected this spring so that they may begin July 1. The position will focus on Barbour, Lewis and Tucker counties for the upcoming school year. Each year, they will aid a different set of counties by looking at at-risk youth and formulating action plans. The program also hopes to strengthen and support high school administrators to sustain the work into the future.

WVBE/WVDE Catalyst Schools Model – Cohort 2

Each RESA will work in conjunction with the WVBE to roll out the Catalyst School Model of professional learning over the next 3 years. RESA 7 hopes to bring six schools into Cohort II for the 2015-16 school year. Currently, three schools in RESA 7 are considering the pilot. At this time, there is no funding for the cohort but all training will be free. Three additional schools can still be added from RESA 7. Qualifying criteria includes already having an embedded collaborative culture in the school. RESA 7 staff will provide support to the schools and districts with this statewide rollout.

BoardDocs

Four counties in RESA 7 have picked up BoardDocs at the lowest price offered by Dr. O’Cull. Anyone still interested may contact Ms. Hypes for information.

Mrs. Deborah Nicholson, WVDE Coordinator of World Languages

RESA 7 is employing a native-speaking Chinese teacher to instruct WV students through virtual education. The teacher will physically visit classrooms a minimum of two times per year. The Chinese I course provides a regular high school credit. There is a charge of \$400 per course per student. Counties need to share the number of students

interested before April 15 to secure the teacher. Ms. Nicholson is willing to travel to schools to do a presentation to garner interest. The option to continue into Chinese II will be available the following year.

**Mr. Jason Butcher, Coordinator-WV Board of Education Agencies
RESA Executive Director's Performance Evaluation**

Mr. Butcher distributed explanatory handouts on the new performance evaluation for RESA executive directors. The system has been expanded to include more role specific items. The aim is to create a committee within the Regional Council to send one completed evaluation on behalf of the Council to the State Board. The committee will also work with the executive director to create goals for the upcoming year and track their progress. Exact deadlines will be shared at a later date, but the form will be due sometime in May 2015.

Mr. Fred Oldaker, RESA 7 AEPA Purchasing

Mr. Oldaker announced that RESA 7 still leads the state in purchasing and savings as of December 2014. A folder was distributed with explanatory handouts. If you choose an approved vendor from the AEPA purchasing list, then you do not need to bid the service out. A list of approved vendors and services was provided in the folder. Turf companies, companies that provide walk-through metal detectors and many others have been updated as possible options. AEPA pricing is updated on a yearly basis. There is no requirement that any county use the AEPA purchasing list. Mr. Oldaker is happy to attend a county board meeting and explain the program.

Mr. Tony Domingo, Homeland Security Safe Schools Repository

Mr. Domingo announced that we are the only RESA in the state that has added all county and school information into the Safe Schools Repository. They continue to work on transitioning floor plans from ACAMS by removing the PCII protection so that they may be added into the repository.

IV. Information

- A. Regional Advisory Council Meeting Dates – Attachment A
- B. Medicaid – Attachment B
- C. Activities Report – (January-February 2015) – Attachment C

Agenda – Action

V. Approve the Minutes

- D. Minutes from January 15, 2015 Meeting – Attachment D

Ms. Preston made a motion to approve the Minutes. Mr. McCrum seconded the motion.

VI. Consent Agenda

- E. Budget Adjustments – Attachment E
- F. Payment of Invoices – Attachment F
- G. Treasurer's Report – Attachment G
- H. Aging Report – Attachment H

Dr. Simmons made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Wager seconded the motion.

VII. Personnel

- I. Resignations – Attachment I
- J. Medical Leave – Attachment J

Dr. Harvey made a motion to approve the Personnel agenda. Ms. Preston seconded the motion.

VIII. State Department

- K. State Board Meeting Agenda – Attachment K

Mr. Mike Green was in attendance to address the Council. Mr. Green discussed the repeal of the Common Core bill. He emphasized the need to communicate more with our communities to provide education on the current curriculum. Next, he addressed the change in instructional days. At this time, students still must receive 180 instructional days. The school calendar waiver guidance policy (18-5-45) states that if it is not possible to complete the 180 instructional days by June 30, then the county may schedule instructional days on non-instructional days. Mr. Green said the Board is exploring alternate means of educating students when weather prevents school from being in session. Mr. Green is also still committed to expanding infrastructure statewide to increase connectivity.

IX. WVASA Report

Dr. Devono reported. Bills supported by the WVASA concerning a change in personnel transfer dates and one affecting service personnel did not pass. A bill on PreK programs and retired substitutes working beyond 130 days in an area of critical need both passed. Other bills the Association supported are listed on their website. The summer conference will be June 23-26 at Canaan.

X. WVSBA Report

No report.

XI. Council Members Discussion

XII. Next Meeting – April 16, 2015– Tucker County, 10:00 am

LOCATION: Tucker County

XIII. Adjournment

Mr. George made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Wotring seconded the motion.