

MINUTES
RESA 7 Regional Advisory Council Meeting
August 7, 2014 at 10:00 am
Randolph County at
Randolph County Board of Education

Members Present

Barbour: Dr. Joseph Super
Mr. Eric Ruf

Doddridge:

Gilmer: Mr. Gabriel Devono
Dr. William Simmons

Harrison:

Lewis: Ms. Sylvia McNeish
Ms. Theresa McAbee

Marion: Mr. Gary Price
Mr. Tom Dragich

Monongalia: Dr. Frank Devono
Dr. Clarence Harvey

Preston: Mr. Mac Crum

Randolph: Mr. Terry George
Mr. Bruce Haddix

Taylor: Mr. Bob Maynard
Mr. Richard Teagarden

Tucker: Dr. Eddie Campbell
Ms. Janet Preston

Upshur: Mr. Roy Wager
Dr. Greenbrier Almond

SDE: Mr. Joe Panetta

FSU:

WVU:

Members Absent

Mr. Rick Coffman
Mr. Jack Bell

Dr. Mark Manchin
Mr. Frank Devono, Jr.

Dr. Joseph Mace

Mr. Rockie DeLorenzo

Mr. Rick Hicks

Mr. Stephen Wotring

Ms. Jeani Hawkins

Dr. Lynne Schrum

Also in attendance: From RESA 7 – Kathy Hypes, Mary Lewis, Brooke Michael, Pam Hewitt & Rodger Marshall (Randolph Co), Tony Domingo (Homeland Security)

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I. Call to Order

Welcome with Mr. Terry George, Randolph County Superintendent. Mr. George welcomed everyone to Randolph County and directed the Council to the picnic following the meeting.

II. Agenda Adjustments

Ms. Preston made a motion to approve the Agenda Adjustments. Mr. Teagarden seconded the motion.

III. Reports/Recognition – Executive Director

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

Introduction of New Board Members

To start the first meeting of the new school year, the Council took the opportunity to introduce themselves, including the following who are new to the Council: Ms. Kathy Hypes, RESA 7 Executive Director; Mr. Bruce Haddix, Randolph County Board Member; Ms. Janet Preston, Tucker County Board Member; Mr. Tom Dragich, Marion County Board Member; Mr. Eric Ruf, Barbour County Board Member; Mr. Gabe Devono, Gilmer County Superintendent. Additionally, Dr. Mark Manchin, new Harrison County Superintendent and Mr. Frank Devono, Jr, Harrison County Board Member who were unable to attend.

Mr. Tony Domingo, ACAMS Administrator

WV Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management

WV Safe Schools Repository Update

A handout was distributed to the superintendents with an update. Mr. Domingo addressed the Council concerning the new WV Safe Schools Repository web-based platform. The site will be rolled out initially to Upshur County this afternoon. The previously used ACAMS database is no longer in use. PCII has been migrated into a new IP Gateway system. PCII is still required for those previously certified. The Safe Schools database replaced ACAMS and is housed under the HSIN (Homeland Security Information Network). It is suggested that each county designate 2-3 County Asset Managers to access and keep this information updated. Those counties who elected to have Bill Bickerstaff manage updating their data will still have that option. Mr. Domingo will register the County Asset Managers into HSIN for access to the Safe Schools Database.

IV. Information

- A. Regional Advisory Council Meeting Dates – Attachment A
- B. Medicaid – Attachment B
- C. Activities Report – (June - July 2014) – Attachment C

Agenda – Action

V. Approve the Minutes

D. Minutes from June 26, 2014 Meeting – Attachment D

Dr. Almond made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Teagarden 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. Employment – Attachment I

J. Resignations – Attachment J

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

VIII. State Department

K. State Board Meeting Agenda – Attachment K

An approved State Board meeting agenda was not available by the date of this meeting.

Mr. Joe Panetta reported. The new State Superintendent, Dr. Martirano, will have his first meeting with the Department staff on September 15, 2014. Mr. Robert Hull retired August 1, 2014. Mr. Clayton Birch is acting on his behalf as interim.

Concerning the implementation of the new school calendar policy, school is starting earlier this year. Also this year, providing 180 instructional days is an absolute requirement. The State Board has made improving student achievement a priority. The RESAs have been given the task to assist the counties in school improvement.

A state budget has not yet been received for FY16. This year, via the Governor's office, a request will be made to eliminate specific programs to correct the budget deficit as opposed to the previous 7.5% required cut.

IX. WVASA Report

Dr. Devono, newly elected President of the WVASA, reported. September 25-26, 2014 will be the first meetings. The new State Superintendent will be in attendance to speak on Friday, September 26 at the first membership meeting beginning at 10:00am at the Bridgeport Conference Center. On Thursday, September 25, a superintendents' leadership meeting will be held to organize future sessions via a grant. The following meeting will be October 30-31, 2014 in Beckley.

X. WVSBA Report

No representative was available to report.

XI. Council Members Discussion

XII. Next Meeting – September 18, 2014 – Preston County, 10:00 am

XIII. Adjournment

Mr. Wager made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Harvey seconded the motion.

