

MINUTES
RESA 7 Regional Advisory Council Meeting
October 15, 2015 at 10:00am
Monongalia County at
WVU Erikson Alumni Center

	<u>Members Present</u>	<u>Members Absent</u>
Barbour:		Mr. Jeff Woofter Mr. Eric Ruf
Doddridge:		Mr. Rick Coffman Mr. Jack Bell
Gilmer:	Mr. Gabriel Devono	Dr. William Simmons
Harrison:		Dr. Mark Manchin Mr. Frank Devono, Jr.
Lewis:	Dr. Joseph Mace Ms. Sylvia McNeish Ms. Theresa McAbee	Ms. Grace Tallhamer
Marion:	Mr. Gary Price	Mr. Tom Dragich Mr. Rockie DeLorenzo
Monongalia:	Dr. Frank Devono Dr. Clarence Harvey	
Preston:	Mr. Stephen Wotring Mr. Mac Crum	
Randolph:	Ms. Pamela Hewitt Mr. Bruce Haddix	
Taylor:	Ms. Kathy Green	Mr. Richard Teagarden
Tucker:	Dr. Eddie Campbell Ms. Janet Preston	
Upshur:	Mr. Roy Wager Dr. Greenbrier Almond	
SDE:		Mr. Joe Panetta
FSU:		Ms. Jeani Hawkins

Also in attendance:

From RESA 7: Kathy Hypes, Mary Lewis, Jeovanna Lacaria, James Rubal, Lisa Heinbaugh, Dr. Robin Asbury

From Air Mechanical Sales: Mr. David Light and Mr. Chuck Ray

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I. Call to Order

Welcome with Dr. Frank Devono, Monongalia County Superintendent. Dr. Devono welcomed everyone to Monongalia County and the Erikson Alumni Center. He thanked our vendor, Air Mechanical Sales, for sponsoring our luncheon following the meeting.

II. Agenda Adjustments

Mr. Wotring made a motion to approve the agenda adjustments. Dr. Mace seconded the motion.

III. Reports/Recognition – Executive Director

Speakers:

Ms. Kathy Hypes, RESA 7 Executive Director
Informational Updates:

Policy 3233 Update

Policy 3233, the policy governing RESAs, has underwent two changes by the State Board. First, at least 50% of the annual evaluation rating of RESA Executive Director must be provided by the regional council. Second, removes references to specific technology platforms and instead provides a general reference to technology to allow for evolving platforms, devices, etc.

Budget Cut

The RESAs experienced a 4% budget cut last week. The Finance Department at RESA 7 has been preparing for a budget cut before now. How other cuts will effect specific departments is still unknown and yet to be shared from the state level. Updates will be shared.

RESA Audit

The audit is still underway. The entire process is expected to last for 6 months.

Amicus Brief Filed

A copy of the filed Amicus Brief was distributed as a handout. It was filed last Tuesday on behalf of the RESAs statewide. AFT now has 45 days to file a counter brief in response. At that point, there will be a period for Monongalia County to propose a counter brief. Future updates will be shared.

Mr. David Light, President, Air Mechanical Sales

Along with Mr. Chuck Ray, the representatives gave a presentation to the Council and distributed promotional information. A mobile showroom was on-site for the Council to tour after the meeting. Air Mechanical is a Bard manufacturing sales company specializing in climate control solutions. The company's product is prevalent in Virginia and expanding into WV now. A family-owned company, they've been in business since 2002. Mr. Light outlined the problems with most school heating and cooling systems. Air Mechanical provides one solution for heating, cooling, dehumidification, energy recovery and ventilation that offers classrooms individual climate control. Mr. Light invited everyone to tour the mobile showroom parked in the lot outside. New construction systems begin at \$13 per square foot and range higher depending on the system. Mr. David Light can be reached at 1-800-344-9256 or at dlight@airmechanicalsales.com. Their site is www.airmechanicalsales.com.

Ms. Jeovanna Comer, RESA 7 PALS Grant Update

An informational brochure was distributed to the Council. The PALS (Principals Advancing Literacy Skills) grant was received with partial funding. There will be five PD session with Edwards Educational Services targeting elementary principals grades K-5 beginning in November 2015 and concluding June 2016. In addition, a book study will begin with two virtual meetings. Participation is available for all elementary principals with a signed MOU committing to the year's activities. Ms. Comer hopes to have at least 40 administrators participate. If academic coaches or central office staff wish to participate, they are more than welcome. Contact Ms. Comer to join at jlacaria@k12.wv.us or 304-624-6554 ext. 222.

Social Media Presentation with Tony Caridi

On October 22 at the new Fairmont Armory, Tony Caridi will give a 2-hour presentation on handling the media. A handout with details was provided.

Dr. Robin Asbury, RESA 7 WV Workplace Ed/Adult Career Pathways

Dr. Asbury works as part of the State's Adult Education program. Previously called Adult Basic Education, the Adult Education initiative's scope has broadened. The Workplace Education program analyzes a company's needs and works to find employees who meet their needs and provide training needed. Dr. Asbury's work extends statewide. The program works to fill skill gaps for potential and new employees entering the workforce. Also, WV is one of 14 states chosen to receive technical assistance for Adult Career Pathways. The goal is for students to be prepared to gain life-sustaining employment. The program has 4 pilot projects statewide to connect people to employment and training opportunities. For more information, please contact Dr. Asbury at rlasbury@k12.wv.us.

Mr. James Rubal, RESA 7 Project ISAAC/iBelieve

Mr. Rubal distributed a handout outlining Project ISAAC's goals and information about the iBelieve Foundation. Project ISAAC's after school program provides reading, math and homework help as well as enrichment and recreation activities. The program also offers career exploration and the option to gain college prep and credit.

The iBelieve Foundation is a leadership academy founded in 2010. A total of 59 RESA 7 high school students participated in the summer camp in Wheeling. A leadership summit was held on October 14 in Monongalia County with 56 students in attendance. Saturday, November 21 is the next leadership summit at St. Mary's High School. Any high school statewide may send students. iBelieve's students have 100% rate of graduating high school and attending college. For more information, contact James Rubal at [jrupal@k12.wv.us](mailto:jrubal@k12.wv.us) or at 304-624-6554 ext. 279.

Ms. Lisa Heinbaugh, RESA 7 Graduation 20/20

A handout was distributed. The goal is to have a 90% graduation rate statewide by the year 2020. Currently, the WV average graduation rate is 84%. The initiative provides support to schools to close the graduation gap. Ms. Heinbaugh works with 12 schools in Cohort I. Each participating school receives \$2500 from the State. Ms. Heinbaugh works through the school leadership teams to analyze their data to target at-risk students using a variety of software tools, including ZoomWV and Bright Bytes. Participating schools are developing action plans with strategies, goals and interventions to assist the at-risk population. Ms. Heinbaugh can be contacted at lheinbaugh@k12.wv.us or by calling 304-624-6554 ext. 236.

IV. Information

- A. Regional Advisory Council Meeting Dates – Attachment A
- B. Medicaid – Attachment B
- C. Activity Reports – (September 2015) – Attachment C

Agenda – Action

V. Approve the Minutes

- D. Minutes from September 17, 2015 Meeting – Attachment D

Mr. Wager made a motion to approve the minutes from September 17, 2015. Mr. Wotring seconded the motion.

Mr. Devono made a motion to include the approval of the minutes as part of the Consent Agenda for future meetings. Dr. Harvey seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

Mr. Devono made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Dr. Almond seconded the motion.

VII. RESA 7 Strategic Plan

- I. Approval of the RESA 7 Strategic Plan – Attachment I

Mr. Devono made a motion to approve the RESA 7 Strategic Plan. Mr. Wager seconded the motion.

VIII. Personnel

- J. Employment – Attachment J
- K. Resignations – Attachment K

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

IX. State Department

- L. State Board Meeting Agenda – Attachment L

No representative present to report.

X. WVASA Report

The next membership meeting will be Friday, October 30 at Tamarack beginning at 10:00am. The Leadership Seminar will commence the day before. These sessions have been well-attended.

XI. WVSBA Report

A training is being held on November 7 at Stonewall for continuing education hours.

XII. Council Members Discussion

XIII. Next Meeting – November 19, 2015 – Harrison County, 3:00 pm at RESA 7

XIV. Adjournment

Mr. McCrum made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Harvey seconded the motion.

Ms. Kathy Hypes, Executive Director
Submitted By

Date

Dr. Eddie Campbell, Chairperson
Accepted By

Date

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