

**MINUTES**  
**RESA 7 Regional Advisory Council Meeting**  
**September 18, 2014 at 10:00 am**  
**Preston County at**  
**Preston County Board of Education**

Members Present

Members Absent

Barbour: Dr. Joseph Super  
Mr. Eric Ruf

Doddridge:

Mr. Rick Coffman  
Mr. Jack Bell

Gilmer:

Dr. William Simmons

Mr. Gabriel Devono

Harrison:

Dr. Mark Manchin  
Mr. Frank Devono, Jr.

Lewis:

Ms. Sylvia McNeish  
Ms. Theresa McAbee

Dr. Joseph Mace

Marion:

Mr. Gary Price  
Mr. Tom Dragich  
Mr. Rockie DeLorenzo

Monongalia:

Dr. Frank Devono

Dr. Clarence Harvey

Preston:

Mr. Rick Hicks  
Mr. Stephen Wotring

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:

Ms. Jeani Hawkins

WVU:

Dr. Lynne Schrum

Also in attendance: From RESA 7 – Kathy Hypes, Mary Lewis – Also: Dr. Barbara Parsons, Mon Co Board President

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**I. Call to Order**

Welcome with Mr. Rick Hicks, Preston County Superintendent. Mr. Hicks welcomed everyone to Preston County and encouraged the Council to enjoy fresh-made buckwheat cakes after the meeting.

**II. Agenda Adjustments**

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

**III. Reports/Recognition – Executive Director**

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

The RESA School Improvement team is contacting and working with their assigned schools mostly with organizing professional development. The team is also attending SLT meetings.

**Co-Teaching with Marilyn Friend next week and the School Leadership Team Conference via the WVDE being held at Waterfront Place.** RESA representatives will be in attendance to share information back to the counties.

**County Liaisons**

A person at RESA has been assigned to each county as a liaison to coordinate trainings and supply information. The liaisons were shared at the last RESA 7 Superintendents' Meeting.

**RESA Legislative Study Group**

On September 9, 2014, Mr. Wade Linger, WV State Board Member, presented to a group from the WV Legislature on the effectiveness of the RESAs. He shared cumulative information from among all eight RESAs. Many delegates had questions and showed interest in the work of the RESAs. In particular, RESAs have 570 full-time equivalent employees. The slide show displayed how RESAs obtain and use funding, how shared services benefit counties fiscally, Medicaid reimbursement figures, audit findings and the RESA response, plus a comparison of all services offered by the individual RESAs.

**Policy 3233 – Policy that governs RESAs**

Will be released in October 2014 for comment.

**Gazette article handout**

Provided at the meeting. The article quotes Ms. Gayle Manchin on the expected future role of RESAs.

**Regional Council Agendas**

Beginning October 2014, all Regional Council agendas will be emailed electronically. Counties can then bring a laptop to the meeting, or choose

to print a copy to bring. The one-page agenda will be provided at the meeting.

**Mary Lewis, RESA 7 Director of the Executive Office  
Bus Driver Training Update**

Regional trainings will be held through October and November to train the nominated trainers for each county. More information will come via Mr. Mike Pickens and the WVDE with details. All training-related expenses will be the responsibility of the county. Upon successful completion of the training, RESA will provide the trainers with agreement letters and additional training to begin training within their counties. For more information, contact Mary Lewis at 304.624.6554 ext 221.

**IV. Information**

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

**Agenda – Action**

**V. Approve the Minutes**

- D. Minutes from August 7, 2014 Meeting – Attachment D

Mr. Ruf made a motion to approve the Minutes. Mr. Wager 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. Devono made a motion to pull item H, the Aging Report, for separate discussion. Ms. Preston seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Dr. Super made a motion to approve items E-G from the Consent Agenda. Mr. Hicks seconded the motion.

**VII. Personnel**

- I. Employment – Attachment I
- J. Resignations – Attachment J

Ms. Preston made a motion to approve the Personnel Agenda. Mr. Hicks seconded the motion.

**VIII. State Department**

- K. State Board Meeting Agenda (August 2014) – Attachment K

Mr. Panetta was not present to report.

**IX. WVASA Report**

Dr. Devono, WVASA President, reported. Thursday, September 25, 2014 is the first prospective superintendent committee meeting with prospective superintendents attending for a morning training with Dr. LaDotta Taylor of Edventia. Prospective

superintendents should enroll with Mr. AJ Rogers and should be nominated by their superintendent or a board member at a cost of \$100. Those with 1-4 years' experience as a superintendent are also invited to attend in the afternoon where a variety of topics will be covered.

The first WVASA membership meeting will be Friday, September 26 beginning at 10am at the Bridgeport Conference Center. New State Superintendent of Schools Dr. Michael Martirano will be in attendance to address the Association. The following meeting will be in Beckley on October 30-31, 2014.

**X. WVSBA Report**

Mr. Eric Ruf has volunteered to be the representative to the Council. Dr. Barbara Parsons, Monongalia County Board President, was in attendance and reported on her work concerning governance of boards of education. The SBA hired a consultant to work with the association to make school boards more efficient as evidenced by greater student outcomes. This work has been on the governance of school boards and how best to structure them, as well as defining the roles of all administrative bodies involved, including the RESAs. A model will be proposed in October 2014.

**XI. Council Members Discussion**

**XII. Next Meeting – October 16, 2014 in Monongalia County**  
**LOCATION: Eastwood Elementary School**

**XIII. Adjournment**

Mr. Hicks made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Wager seconded the motion.

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