

MINUTES
RESA 7 Regional Advisory Council Meeting
May 14, 2015 at 10:00 am
Upshur County at
WV Wesleyan French See Dining Hall

Members Present

Members Absent

Barbour: Dr. Joseph Super

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:

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. 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

Also in attendance: From RESA 7 – Kathy Hypes, Mary Lewis, and Mike Freeman; From the WVDE – Mike Pickens and Sheila Diaz; Jason Butcher

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I. Call to Order

Welcome with Mr. Roy Wager, Upshur County Superintendent. Mr. Wager welcomed everyone to Buckhannon, WV. Mr. Wager encouraged everyone to visit the annual Strawberry Festival in Buckhannon this weekend. Ms. Pamela Balch, the President of WV Wesleyan College was introduced. She extended a warm welcome to the Council.

II. Agenda Adjustments

Mr. Wotring made a motion to approve the Agenda Adjustments. Dr. Almond seconded the motion.

III. Reports/Recognitions – Executive Director

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

AEPA 1st Quarter Reports for 2015

A handout was provided with varying summaries of the AEPA 1st quarter purchasing reports. For questions regarding AEPA purchasing, please contact Mr. Fred Oldaker at fwoldaker@k12.wv.us or 304.624.6554 ext. 251.

Mr. Mike Freeman, RESA 7 Public Service Training Director
Program Update

There are six public service training coordinators statewide. Mr. Freeman's department primarily organizes fire and EMS training in all RESA 7 counties and beyond. They provide high-quality training in a cost-effective manner. More than 5,000 are enrolled annually. Mr. Freeman has more than 40 part-time instructors with 2 full-time and 2 part-time office staff. Public Service Training began about 35 years ago primarily focusing on law enforcement training. Over the years, fire department and EMS trainings have been added, as well as EMT Mining training. RESA 7's staff develops the certification exams and curricular guides for statewide use. All classes are state and/or nationally accredited. Concerning K-12, fire trainings have been conducted at vocational centers to encourage students to volunteer or seek a career in that area.

Mr. Mike Pickens, Executive Director
WVDE Office of School Facilities/Transportation

Mr. Pickens explained that per SB592 and WV State Code 18-9-9f, each county and school will have a crisis plan completed and filed. A template was provided by the State in 2012. Today, each school should have a completed crisis plan template. Through a SBA grant, a safety coordinator, Sheila Diaz, has been hired. Ms. Diaz's purpose is to assist the county safety coordinators in their duties. Ms. Diaz, formerly of Patriot Services, has spent her career in risk management servicing K-12. Schools need to ensure that their crisis plans and floor plans are on file with 911 centers. Schools also need to send annual notice to parents that a redacted copy is available to view. A website is in development so that there is open communication between the counties and the State. Should anyone have any questions or wish to invite Ms. Diaz to visit their county, she is welcomes the opportunity. Ms. Diaz can be reached on her mobile by calling or texting 517-420-8721, or by email at Sheila.diaz@k12.wv.us.

IV. Information

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

V. Reduction-in-Force

- D. Notice of RESA 7 RIF – Attachment D

Dr. Super opened the floor for discussion. Ms. Hypes explained that this reduction is due to the end of technical assistance grant funds from the State. Dr. Super requested RESA 7 carryover funds be considered to continue the position, or that alternative funding be sought. Ms. Hypes asserted that both options would be investigated.

Agenda – Action

VI. Approve the Minutes

- E. Minutes from April 16, 2015 Meeting – Attachment E

Mr. McCrum made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Price seconded the motion.

VII. Consent Agenda

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

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

VIII. Personnel

- J. Employment – Attachment J
- K. Resignations – no items

Dr. Super made a motion to approve the Personnel Agenda. Mr. Price seconded the motion.

IX. Approval of School Messenger Contract Renewal for 2015-2016

- L. School Messenger Renewal Quote – Attachment K

Ms. Preston made a motion to approve the renewal of the School Messenger contract for 2015-2016. Mr. Wotring seconded the motion.

X. Regional Council Meeting Dates for 2015-2016

- M. New Meeting Dates for 2015-2016 – Attachment L

Mr. Wager made a motion to approve the creation of new Regional Council meeting dates for the 2015-2016 year. Ms. Preston seconded the motion.

XI. RESA 7 Proposed Budget

- N. Proposed RESA 7 Budget for 2015-2016 – Attachment M

Mr. Teagarden made a motion to approve the RESA 7 proposed budget for 2015-2016. Dr. Super seconded the motion.

XII. State Department

O. State Board Meeting Agenda – Attachment N

Mr. Jason Butcher was in attendance to report. He referenced the “New business” portion of the State Agenda. The requested approval of local board of education policies for embedded credit portion of Policy 2510 passed. The following policies are out for comment for the next 30 days: Policy 2422.7, Policy 2423, and Policy 2520.15. Board Member Wade Linger was appointed to the SBA to complete an unexpired term ending November 4, 2015. Year-round coaching came to a 5:2 vote. The majority voted to send the policy out for public comment.

XIII. WVASA Report

Dr. Devono was not present to report. The next membership meeting is Friday, May 15 in Putnam County beginning at 10:00am. The Summer Conference will be in June 23-26 at Canaan Resort in Tucker County.

XIV. WVSBA Report

Mr. Ruf was not present to report. The annual business meeting is May 16 in Flatwoods at the Days Inn.

XV. Council Member Discussion

XVI. Next Meeting – June 18, 2015 in Marion County at Muriale’s Restaurant, 10:00 am

XVII. Adjournment

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

