**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**OF THE**

**RESA-6 REGIONAL COUNCIL**

**RESA-6 Training Room**

**Wheeling, WV 26003**

**Thursday, August 10, 2017**

**4:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT: Michelle Chappell, Jeffrey Cook, Pamela Dudley, Heidi Hohman, William Jones, Sarah Koegler, Christie Robison, Timothy Woodward, Cindy Yeater**

**OTHERS PRESENT: Nick Zervos, Greg Minnich, Dr. Jim Wilson, Mary Kay Reisenger**

**CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Ms. Chappell.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a motion by Mr. Jones, with a second by Ms. Robison**

**the Board approved the minutes of the July 13, 2017 meeting**.

 **NEW BUSINESS**

 **Medicaid Report (Handout) - On a motion by Ms. Dudley, with a second by Ms. Koegler, the Board approved the July Medicaid Report prepared by Ms. Wojcik in the aggregate amount of $88,061.18.**

 **West Virginia Department of Education Agenda (Handout) – The August 9, 2017 West Virginia Department of Education Agenda was provided to the Board. Dr. Wilson reviewed several of the following items with the Board:**

* **West Virginia lost 3,900 students last year**
* **The Budget for public education in 1995 consumed 56% of the state budget**
* **In 2017 public education consumes 42 1/2% of the state budget**
* **There are 7 policies out on comment**
* **The standards for child nutrition were out for review**
* **Test results from last year have been released and the math scores have increased statewide**
* **Goals of the state board include providing greater local control to county school systems, reducing the number of State Board policies and to implement a new accountability system.**

 **WVSBA Stonewall Report (Handout) – Mr. Zervos, Ms. Dudley, Mr. Jones and Ms. Chappell attended the WVSBA Training session which dealt with RESAs transitioning to**

**Cooperatives. Copies of the agenda, copies of Mr. Seufer’s legal interpretations of HB 2711 and a copy of the Charleston Gazette article were provided to the Board and discussions surrounding the transition were relayed to the Council. Dr. Joan Wade, Executive Director of the Association of Education Service Agencies gave a National perspective of RESAs, ESAs, CESAs and Cooperatives currently operating in 45 states.**

 **Superintendents Report from August 3rd Meeting – The State Superintendent’s priority was to have better communications with the county superintendents. One method of doing this was utilizing the quadrant system outlined in House Bill 2711. He also emphasized the importance of the new accountability system in regard to the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). In addition a fix for the WVEIS data accuracy will take place under his administration.**

 **RESA Program Overview and Status – Please Review Closely (Attachment B) – Mr. Minnich provided the Board (Attachment B) a comprehensive Excel spreadsheet defining all RESA-6 programs breaking the information down into the following areas: Local, Federal or State Funded Program, Participating Counties, Current Main Reasons for Regional Delivery, Effect on County if not Regional, Historical Reason for Implementation of the Program, Current Plan/Understanding of RESA Council Intent for Program in FY18.**

 **A healthy two way discussion occurred with the Board which resulted in a better understanding of the total scope in operations of RESA-6 programs and services for the five counties. On a motion by Ms. Robison, with a second by Ms. Hohman the Board affirmed the backing and support of the Regional Council in proceeding with the programs and services defined in this document for the 2017 – 2018 school year. In addition to the discussion Mr. Zervos showed the videos “The Dash” and “The Airplane” which emphasized optimism, creativity and hope which are elements necessary in transitioning from a RESA to a Cooperative.**

 **Bread Bid (Attachment C) – On a motion by Mr. Woodward, with a second by Ms. Koegler, the Bread Bid was awarded to Nickle’s Bakery. Additional information was provided by Mr. Minnich outlined in Attachment C.**

 **Milk Bid (Attachment D) – On a motion by Ms. Robison, with a second by Mr. Jones, the Milk Bid was awarded to United Dairy. Additional information was provided by Mr. Minnich as outlined in Attachment D.**

 **Food Bid Discussion - Mr. Minnich will be conducting a review of the 3 county food bid with the 5 food service directors to decide the best way to proceed in the future that would result in the best prices for all 5 counties in RESA-6**

 **Permission to pursue Independent Contractor Renewals - On a motion by Ms. Hohman, with a second by Ms. Koegler, permission to pursue Independent Contractor Renewals for the following was approved:**

**Dr. James Ball, Autism Consulting**

**Elizabeth Strong, Handle on Science**

**Cecilia Irvin, Certified Behavioral Therapist**

**Amy Lynch, Speech Pathologist**

**Rick Redd, SPL Consultant**

 **Permission to pursue Independent Contractor status with Dan Mason, Audiologist – On a motion by Ms. Robison, with a second by Ms. Koegler, permission to pursue Independent Contract with Dan Mason, Audiologist was approved.**

 **Supplements and Transfers (Attachment E) - On a motion by Ms. Dudley, with a second by Ms. Koegler, the Supplements and Transfers as provided by Mr. Minnich and outlined in Attachment E were approved.**

 **Checks Issued (Attachment F) - On a motion by Ms. Keogler, with a second by Ms. Homan, the RESA-6 Checks Issued as provided by Mr. Minnich and outlined in Attachment F were approved.**

 **Change October Board Meeting Date from Thursday, October 12th at 6:00 p.m. to Thursday, October 5, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. – On a motion by Mr. Woodward, with a second by Ms. Koegler, approval was given to change the October Board Meeting date from Thursday, October 12th at 6:00 p.m. to Thursday, October 5th at 6:00 p.m.**

 **Action Research Projects (ARP’s) - Ms. Reisinger provided a historical perspective of Action Research Projects for the five counties and assured the Board the FAST Team members would work with their counties to provide similar projects for 2017 – 2018. Ms. Kajfez or Ms. Reisinger should be contacted to set up the requirements for this school year.**

**PERSONNEL:**

 **On a motion by Ms. Hohman, with a second by Ms. Koegler, the following personnel item was approved:**

**Employment**

**Permission to post and employee Speech Pathologist**

**Permission to employ the following PST/CPR Instructors: John Williams III,**

 **Beth Heck, Martin Parrish and Bernadette Varlas**

**Permission to employ Nicole Manuel as SPOKES Substitute**

 **On a motion by Mr. Koegler, with a second by Ms. Mr. Woodward, the following personnel item was approved:**

 **Permission to employ Emily Skrabak, Speech/Language Pathologist, 8/14/17**

 **On a motion by Mr. Jones, with a second by Ms. Hohman, the following personnel item was approved:**

 **Resignation**

**Amend resigning date for Sarah Benson-Hortert, Teacher of the Hearing**

 **Impaired, from August 14, 2017 to August 11, 2017**

 **On a motion by Mr. Crook, with a second by Ms. Koegler, the following personnel item was approved:**

 **Kelly Kiziminski, Speech/Language Pathologist, 8/11/17**

 **On a motion by Ms. Koegler, with a second by Ms. Hohman, the following personnel item was approved:**

 **Medical Leave**

 **Barbara Haspel, Education Sign Language Interpreter II**

**WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION REPORT:**

**OTHER CONCERNS:**

* **Mr. Wilson indicated there would be a State School Board Meeting next week focusing on the State Opioid crisis. He also indicated there would be a discussion**

**concerning employment on construction managers for SBA projects.**

* **Ms. Koegler, Mr. Crook and Mr. Woodward provided their opinions of the use of the ACT or SAT as a new accountability evaluation for students.**
* **Ms. Chappell indicated there would be a WVSBA training session at Oglebay Park, Wilson Lodge on Thursday, August 17, 2017 at which Board members could receive required school board credit. She advised them to contact Howard O’Cull for further information.**
* **Mr. Woodward stated that a new accountability system would be more equitable**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

 **On a motion by Mr. Woodward, with a second by Ms. Dudley, the meeting was adjourned.**

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**Co-Chairperson Executive Director/Secretary**

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