**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**OF THE**

**RESA-6 REGIONAL COUNCIL**

**RESA-6 Training Room**

**Wheeling, WV 26003**

**Thursday, May 14, 2015**

**9:00 a.m.**

**MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT: Michele Blatt, Shelby Haines, Chad Haught, Michael Hince, Gary Kestner, Kathy Kidder Wilkerson, Linda Kirk, Beth Phillips, Suzan Smith, Dianna Vargo**

**OTHERS PRESENT: Nick Zervos, Greg Minnich, Toni Hinerman**

**CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Ms. Smith.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a motion by Mr. Kestner, with a second by**

**Ms. Phillips, the Board approved the minutes of the May 14, 2015 meeting**.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Medicaid Report (Attachment A) - On a motion by Ms. Kidder, with a second by**

**Mr. Kestner, the Board approved the May 1, 2015 Medicaid Report prepared by**

**Ms. Wojcik in the aggregate amount of $3,608,762.02.**

**New Executive Director for RESA-8 – effective 7/1/15 – Joan Willard – Joan Willard, Assistant Superintendent of Morgan County Schools, has been selected as the new Executive Director for RESA-8 commencing on July 1, 2015.**

**Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation (Attachment B) – Mr. Zervos presented the Board with a Social Studies Unit which provided a Medal of Honor Character Development Program and provides personal accounts of living medal of honor recipients. The Superintendents were invited to review the curriculum and make appropriate contacts if they choose to use it in their schools.**

**OEPA Study – Jon Pollock (Attachment C) – Mr. Pollock reported on the updated OEPA Audit Reports analysis conducted by the FAST team. The updated report included all portions of earlier reports, but also had services, resources, or technical assistance offerings attached to each of the High Quality Standards and their functions, which allows the analysis to operate on a level beyond just diagnosing the school improvement needs of each school and across the RESA 6 region. Also included in the report are updated sections 2 (OEPA identified school needs), 3 (OEPA verified best practices), and 4 (regional similarities in policy compliance issues**

**Graduation 20 / 20 – MOU – Mr. Paolo provided a Graduation 20/20 update. He attended a three-day conference, with representatives from the WVDE-OSP, in Charlotte, NC. His Team worked with a liaison from NSTTAC and WVDE-OSP and began to develop and input our Graduation 20/20 Plan into the NSTTAC (Combined NDPC-SD and CEEDAR) planning tool. The conference had representatives from 38 States. Information from the conference will be provided. Also, coach’s training for RESA 6’s newly hired Graduation 20/20 RS3 and SPED Director in July with school teams for Moundsville Middle and John Marshall attending trainings is August.**

**Leaders of Literacy Competitive Grant (Attachment D) – The Board was provided information regarding the WV Leaders of Literacy Grant opportunities which includes approximately $5.7 million dollars. Seventy five percent of this funding will be sent directly to County School systems to target third grade literacy proficiency specific to each counties’ identified needs.**

**Read Write Gold – Joe Paolo (Attachment E) - Mr. Paolo reviewed cost spreadsheet as Attachment G. Total cost of Read & Write Gold, sourced in 2014-2015, is $25,000 in which RESA 6 put in $15,000 and the Counties put in an aggregate of $10,000 or $2,000 each. RESA 6 owns the license to Read & Write Gold - a state of the art text-to-speech program. The aggregate cost going forward is $3,250 or $650 per County and covers maintenance, support and upgrades. Trainings were held in Wetzel and Brooke Counties with the remaining Counties will be scheduled during the summer. Teachers, who have been trained, were impressed with the capability Read & Write Gold. It became apparent that the features of Read & Write Gold have the capability to enhance the RLA skills of all students, not just students with disabilities.**

**RESA-6 State Allocation Budget FY2016 (Attachment F) – On a motion by Ms. Kirk, with a second by Mr. Hince, the RESA-6 Allocation Budget FY2016 as presented by Mr. Minnich in Attachment F was approved.**

**RESA-6 Projected Budget FY2016 (All) (Attachment G) – On a motion by Ms. Phillips, with a second by Ms. Kirk, the RESA-6 Projected Budget FY2016 as presented by Mr. Minnich in Attachment G was approved.**

**Checks Issued (Attachment H) - On a motion by Ms. Vargo, with a second by Mr. Hince the RESA-6 Checks Issued as presented by Mr. Minnich and outlined in Attachment H were approved.**

**PERSONNEL:**

**On a motion by Ms. Phillips, with a second by Ms. Kidder, the Board approved the following personnel items:**

**Employment**

**Employ Eric Cianelli – Public Service Training Instructor**

**Employ Michelle L. Hogan Graduation 20/20 Regional School Support Specialist –**

**July 1, 2015**

**Retirement**

**Cheryl Tuba, TAS Specialist – 6/30/15 – Place in Talent Pool – 7/1/15**

**WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION REPORT**

* **Ms. Blatt reported that a major concern that has been placed on public hearing is in SSAC policy that will allow year round coaching**
* **Ms. Blatt notified that the State Superintendent is reorganizing the West Virginia Department of Education by function and the aligning of staff charge should be available in June.**
* **The Next Generation Standards review will be on public review and comment as required by a Legislative recommendation.**

**OTHER CONCERNS**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Ms. Smith adjourned the meeting.**

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**Co-Chairperson Executive Director/Secretary**

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