**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**OF THE**

**RESA-6 REGIONAL COUNCIL**

**RESA-6 Training Room**

**Wheeling, WV 26003**

**Thursday, November 10, 2016**

**10:00 a.m.**

**MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT: Michelle Chappell, Shelby Haines, Michael Hince, Bill Jones, Kathy Kidder, Kim Miller, Beth Phillips, Toni Shute, Edward Toman, Cindy Virtue**

**OTHERS PRESENT: Nick Zervos, Greg Minnich, Marian Kajfez, Joe Paolo, Susan Fox Nolte, Warren Grace, Jonathan Pollock, Eric Schoenian**

**CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Ms. Chappell.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a motion by Ms. Kidder, with a second by Ms. Phillips, the Board approved the minutes of the October 13, 2016 meeting**.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

 **Thrive Proposal for RESA-6 – Derek Lovell, Johanna Darbin – On a motion by Mr. Hince, with a second by Ms. Phillips, the Board approved to proceed with the grant proposal.**

 **Medicaid Report (Attachment A) - On a motion by Mr. Hince, with a second by Ms. Kidder, the Board approved the November 10, 2016, Medicaid Report prepared by**

**Ms. Wojcik in the aggregate amount of $382,304.32.**

 **RESA-6 Annual Coat Drive (Enclosure) – The Board was provided information about the 2016 RESA Coat Drive. The goal set for this year is 40 coats and the staff desires to go beyond that goal. The coats will be distributed to each of the 5 counties.**

 **WVASA Report – Kathy Kidder – Ms. Kidder reported on behalf of the WVASA indicated that most of th3e discussions by the Association were centered around the A – F Grading System with grades being set to be assigned to each school in West Virginia on November 15, 2016. She also indicated that several members of the WVASA were to meet with Dr. Martirano regarding the accuracy of determining the grade with nearly 2,000 waivers appealing for a change of grade.**

 **Investigations in School Settings (Attachment B) – Ms. Finsley and Ms. Dougherty, attorneys with Steptoe and Johnson, conducted a seminar at the PRI for principals on how to conduct investigations in the school setting. Their presentation centered on the Who,**

**What, When, Where and Why concerning incidents being investigated. The seminar was presented at no cost to the RESA or to the counties.**

 **Annual Report at a Glance (Attachment C) – The 2015 – 2016 Annual Report at a Glance was issued to the Board. This report provides an executive summary of the comprehensive Annual Report which will be on the December Board Agenda.**

 **Learning Schools - Ms. Kajfez reviewed the RESA-6 30-60-90-240 Day Plan through 90 days. Topics as part of the 90 Day Plan included:**

* **Programmatic Level Leaders Of Learning Schools (LOLS) Trainers Of Trainers(TOTs)**
	+ **October 4&5: Elementary**
	+ **October 6: Middle Schools**
	+ **October 7: High Schools**
* **Intra-Agency Cross Training with Michelle Hogan and Thinking Maps on 10/12/16,**
* **Superintendent Updates emailed for each school/county visited 10/13/16**
	+ **Focus Schools**
	+ **Graduation 20/20**
	+ **Foundations of Early Literacy Schools**
	+ **LOLS TOTs Schools**
* **Principal Regional Institute (PRI) October 25 & 26, 2016**
* **Round Robin School Review (33/51) on 11/1/16**

**Policy 5500: Learning Schools is progressing nicely.**

 **Satisfaction Survey Results (Attachment D) – The Annual RESA-6 Satisfaction Survey was conducted at the Fall PRI and the results are provided in Attachment D. The feedback will be used in helping the RESA staff identify future professional development needs. RESA-6 was given a 4.6 out of 5 overall rating for services and programs.**

 **PRI Evaluation (Attachment E) – Each PRI as well as every Professional Development presentation is evaluated by those in attendance. This year’s PRI evaluation is found in Attachment E. Ninety three percent of the responses indicated that the content of the PRI will be useful in their work and ninety two present felt that the presentation was well organized and effectively presented.**

 **A – F Grading Policy Discussion – A discussion on the A – F grading System previously occurred under Ms. Kidder’s presentation.**

 **Legal Services – Leslie Tyree (304 553-1412) – Mr. Zervos again reminded the Board that Leslie Tyree attorney at RESA-2 would be interested in providing legal services to counties interested.**

 **Diploma Planning Institute – Ms. Hogan recently orchestrated a Diploma Planning Institute at the Wheeling Civic Center on November 3rd and 4th. The main goal of the Institute was to lower student dropout rate and increase rate. The leading presenter for the Institute was Dr. Sandy Addis who is the Executive Director of the National Dropout Prevention Center. Approximately 60 educators were in attendance.**

 **Mr. Zervos’ Attendance at County Board Meetings – Mr. Zervos requested that the Superintendents provide him a date to attend one of the county board meetings that he is required to do on an annual basis.**

 **Medicaid Allocation (Attachment F) – On a motion by Mr. Hince, with a second by Ms. Phillips, the Medicaid Allocation as provided by Mr. Minnich in Attachment F was approved.**

 **Budget Supplements (Attachment G) – On a motion by Ms. Phillips, with a second by Mr. Hince, the Budget Supplements as provided by Mr. Minnich and outlined in Attachment G were approved.**

 **Budget Status Report (Attachment H) - On a motion by Mr. Hince, with a second by Ms. Phillips, the Budget Status Report as provided by Mr. Minnich and outlined in Attachment H was approved.**

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

 **West Virginia Board of Education Agenda (Handout) – A copy of the November WVDE Agenda was provided to the Board.**

**Supreme Court Reverses Monongalia County Circuit Court's Interventionists Decision (Attachment J) – The West Virginia Supreme Court on November 2nd file their answer to the Monongalia Board of Education law suit regarding the use of Interventionists in the classrooms employed through RESA-7. The Court concluded that County Boards of Education are authorized to contract with RESAs to provide Interventionists services to county students reversing the June 24th order of the Monongalia Circuit Court. The Board was provided a copy of the transcripts of the case.**

**PERD Audit (Attachment K) – RESA Directors on November 7th received a draft copy of the Legislative auditors report conducted by the Performance Evaluation and Research Division. A copy of the audit report was provided to the Board for their review. Mr. Zervos informed the Board that the RESA Executive Directors felt that the audit was riddled with misinformation, flawed logic and lack of evidence to draw conclusions stated in the report. A rebuttal and compilation of inaccuracies will be completed by Executive Directors, Jason Butcher and Donna Peduto and reported back to John Silvia, author of the report.**

**Joint Committee on Government Operations and the Joint Committee on Government Organization (Attachment L) – A copy of the letter to Michael Greene, President of the State Board of Education indicated that he was sent a copy of the PERD audit on November 2, 2016. Mr. Green, Mr. White, Ms. Peduto, Mr. Butcher, RESA Directors, Mr. Sylvia and Mr. Anderson had a ½ day discussion of the PERD audit on November 7, 2016 Executive Directors’ meeting in Clarksburg. State Board Members were very supportive and agreed that the audit was not complete in regard to the whole**

**body of work that RESAs do and that the assumptions and conclusions written in the report were erroneous and misleading.**

**Denise Aiken (TIS) – Travel to Orlando, Florida for FETC Conference – On a motion by Ms. Phillips, with a second by Mr. Toman, Denise Aiken’s travel to Orlando, Florida for FETC Conference was approved. Expenses paid by Adult Education.**

 **PERSONNEL:**

 **On a motion by Ms. Phillips, with a second by Mr. Hince, the following personnel items were approved:**

 **Employment**

 **Employ Kristina Daugherty, Substitute Occupational Therapy Assistant**

 **Employ Mandi Smith – Substitute Sign Language Specialist**

**OTHER CONCERNS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

 **Ms. Chappell adjourned the meeting.**

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**Co-Chairperson Executive Director/Secretary**

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