**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**OF THE**

**RESA-6 REGIONAL COUNCIL**

**RESA-6 Training Room**

**Wheeling, WV 26003**

**Thursday, March 29 2017**

**3:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT: Michelle Chappell, Pamela Dudley, Michael Hince, Heidi Hohman, Bill Jones, Sarah Koegler, Christie Robison, Edward Toman, Cindy Yeater**

**OTHERS PRESENT: Nick Zervos, Greg Minnich, Marian Kajfez, Joe Paolo**

**CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Ms. Shute.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a motion by Mr. Hince, with a second by Ms. Chappell, the Board approved the minutes of the February 9, 2017 meeting**.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Medicaid Report (Attachment A) - On a motion by Ms. Kidder, with a second by Mr. Hince, the Board approved the February 1, 2017, Medicaid Report prepared by**

**Ms. Wojcik in the aggregate amount of $443,770.54.**

**Services Provided to Counties (Enclosure) – On a motion by Ms. Dudley, with a second by Ms. Chappell, the Board recognized the extensive services that RESAs provide to the 5 Northern Panhandle Counties. This has been shared with the State Board and Legislative leadership.**

**Cost Avoidance (Attachment B) – Mr. Minnich discussed Attachment B and the Cost Avoidance that RESA-6 provides. Medicaid billing for the past two years has netted RESA-6 counties $5.2 million dollars. Cooperative Purchasing saved 527,000 and Shared Services not only provided 700,000 of saved cost but provided high quality itinerants supporting needs of exceptional children.**

**Adding Value (Attachment C) – Mr. Minnich pointed out what adding value means to RESA-6. State Legislative funds provide 8% of RESA-6 revenue, State grants 17%, Federal grants 18% and county reimbursements 57%. (See Attachment C)**

**West Virginia Board of Education Agenda (Attachment D) – A copy of the March 8, 2017 WVDE Agenda was provided to the Board.**

**PRI Agenda (Attachment E) -** **Ms. Kajfez reviewed the Spring 2017 Principal Regional Institute (PRI). She shared the Evaluation Tabulations with comments. She mentioned Joe King as the opening speaker and several board members made positive comments about his presentation. Attorney Bill Ihlenfeld was the afternoon opening speaker and Mt. Zervos spoke about some of the details shared by Attorney Ihlenfeld. Mrs. Kajfez added that Attorney Ihlenfeld’s presentation was well received as well.**

**Mrs. Kajfez shared a few comments about the “PL You Presenters” and the positive responses recorded on the Evaluation Tabulation. Leaders of Learning Schools (LOLS) Trainers of Trainers (TOTs) Schools were honored with an acknowledgement of Participation and awarded a Plaque.**

**RESA Support Letters (Attachment F) – Mr. Zervos provided Council with RESA support letters from the Benedum Foundation, Marian Kafjez, Jonathan Pollock, Heidi Hohman, Mayor of Beech Bottom, Tony Richards and Zane Gherke. These are just a sample of hundreds of letters in support of the RESAs.**

**Message From Me - Joe Paolo (Attachment G) - $35,000 Benedum Grant-Message**

**Provided a progress update on Message From Me – an iPad based family engagement tool for the 71 Pre-Ks in our RESA. Training was completed for RESA 6 Pre-Ks in February. iPads were purchased through the Grant for those Pre-Ks lacking iPads or had old versions that would not support the software. Feedback was quite positive.**

**Freshman Academy – Joe Paolo - 8 of 10 high schools, some middle schools, and central office personnel in our RESA attended the session. The establishment of a Freshman Academy has been proven to improve learning, attendance rates, and graduation rates. Dr. Mark Wilson from the National Dropout Prevention Center facilitated the session. In reviewing the evaluations, we received all five rating except for one four rating. RESA 6 worked with the WVDE Office of Special Education (OSE) to fund the Freshman Academy since it related directly to our initiative with the WVDE-OSE National Team, of which RESA 6 is a team member, for improving Graduation Rates.**

**WVDE Power Point (Attachment H) The Council was provided with an overview presented by Deputy Superintendent Cindy Daniels to the State Board of Education regarding State and Federal funding of RESAs.**

**Message – Howard O’Cull (Attachment I) – Attachment I is a white paper regarding West Virginia School Board Association endorsement of the statewide RESAs. The paper was written by Howard O’Cull with information generated from the WVSBA Winter Conference.**

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

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

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

**PERSONNEL:**

**On a motion by Mr. Hince, with a second by Ms. Chappell, the following was approved:**

**Employment**

**Permission to Employ Rob McMahon, Part-time PST Instructor**

**Permission to Employ Chuck Vermillion, SPOKES Substitute**

**Permission to Employ Cindy Greathouse, SPOKES Substitute**

**Resignation**

**Christie Robison – Serving RESA in any capacity (Attachment M)**

**OTHER CONCERNS:**

**Mr. Zervos congratulated Ms. Shute and Mr. Toman for their contract extensions in Brooke and Wetzel Counties respectively.**

**Ms. Chappell requested a regional bid for fire service inspections such as sprinkler system, alarm systems and fire extinguishers.**

**Mr. Jones described his and Mr. Zervos’ trip to the legislature to meet with Senator Kenny Mann regarding HB2711. He felt it was extremely positive as 6 Executive Directors, and 4 Superintendents and the WVASA representative spoke to Senator Mann regarding RESAS and the need to fund and preserve. Mr. Jones brought the conversation to focus when he spoke about the kids losing the most with the loss of RESA services.**

**WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION REPORT:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**On a motion by Mr. Hince, with a second by Ms. Chappell, the meeting was adjourned.**

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**Co-Chairperson Executive Director/Secretary**

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