**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**OF THE**

**RESA-6 REGIONAL COUNCIL**

**Wheeling Jesuit University**

**Wheeling, WV 26003**

**Tuesday, June 9, 2015**

**9:00 a.m.**

**MINUTES**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT: Nick Zervos, Michelle Chappell, Dr. James Wilson,**

**Kim McConnaughy**

**CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Ms. Smith. Ms. Smith recognized State Board Member Dr. James Wilson for attending the meeting and also recognized Michelle Chappell, Board Member representing Hancock County Schools.**

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

**Mr. Hince, 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 June 1, 2015 Medicaid Report prepared by**

**Ms. Wojcik in the aggregate amount of $3,953,434.75.**

**Energy Management – Lloyd Earnest – Marshall County (Attachment B) – On a motion by Ms. Kirk, with a second by Mr. Kestner, the Energy Management Contract as outlined in Attachment B for Lloyd Earnest, Marshall County was approved.**

**Draft – 2015 – 2016 Regional Council Board Meetings (Attachment C) – On a motion by Ms. Kidder, with a second by Mr. Hince, the 2015 – 2016 draft copy of the Regional Council Board Meetings was approved.**

**5- County Calendar (Handout) – Mr. Zervos acknowledged Candace O’Shea for drafting the 5-county calendar with the assistance of local school districts. It’s a valuable tool that schools and school districts can utilize in collaborating programs, services and staff development.**

**Lease – Benwood Housing Authority Approval (SPOKES) for 2015 – 2016 (Attachment D) – On a motion by Ms. Phillips, with a second by Mr. Kestner, the Lease for the Benwood Housing Authority (SPOKES), for 2015 – 2016, as described in attachment D, was approved.**

**Toni Shute – New Brooke County Superintendent – 2015-2016 School Year**

**Leatha Williams – New Wetzel County Superintendent – 2015-2016 School Year**

**Toni Shute and Leatha Williams were acknowledged as the new Superintendents for Brooke and Wetzel County Schools.**

**West Virginia Department of Education Agenda – The Board was provided with a copy of the June 10, 2015 agenda for the West Virginia Department of Education. Dr. Wilson indicated that it was a routine agenda.**

**Honor Co-Chairs – Linda Kirk and Sue Smith – Mr. Zervos honored both Ms. Kirk and Ms. Smith with a certificate for their efforts as co-chairing the RESA-6 Regional Council Meetings. Several Board Members praised Ms. Smith for her 43 years in education and thanked her for all she did for the students she served.**

**Supplements/Transfers (Attachment E) – On a motion by Ms. Phillips, with a second by Ms. Kirk, the Supplements/Transfers as provided by Mr. Minnich and outlined in Attachment E were approved.**

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

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

**PERSONNEL:**

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

**Employment**

**Employ Kelly Kiziminski, Speech Language Pathologist, 2015-2016 School Year**

**Renew Contracts with:**

**Elizabeth Strong, Handle on Science Consulting and Training Services**

**Dr. James Ball, Autism Consulting Services**

**Jason Frohnapfel, Social and Behavioral Consulting Services**

**Cecilia Irvin, Behavior Therapy Consulting Services**

**Lloyd Earnest, Energy Manager Services**

**William Gibson, Expert Interpreting Services**

**Amy Lynch, Speech Pathology Services**

**WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION REPORT**

**OTHER CONCERNS**

* **Dr. Wilson requested that each county submit their 2015-2016 County Board Meeting dates to Mr. Zervos who will then forward them to him.**
* **Ms. Smith expressed her concern for the length of time it takes to give a Smarter Balanced Assessment. She also felt that the ACT should be the test used to evaluate secondary students since it is the gage that higher education uses to measure student’s success.**
* **After the test results are received by the counties superintendents felt that the WVDE should provide strategies on improving student weakness identified by the test**
* **Dr. Wilson felt that there is a need for straight talk with the public eliminating education jargon and acronyms that confuse John Q citizen**
* **Mr. Zervos thanked the Board for the cooperative and collaborative spirit and for working together to provide high quality, cost effective education programs and services in RESA-6. He also acknowledged the Board for their financial support and general support of the RESA Staff.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Ms. Smith adjourned the meeting.**

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**Co-Chairperson Executive Director/Secretary**

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