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A regular meeting of the Regional Education Service Agency 2 Regional Council was held Wednesday, June 14, 2017 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the RESA 2 Office. Chairperson Bill Smith presided.

Those attending:

Cabell:	Bill Smith, Karen Nance
Lincoln:	Jeff Midkiff, Steve Priestley
Logan:	Patricia Lucas, Jeremy Farley
Mason:	Jack Cullen, Dale Shobe
Mingo:	David Farley
Wayne:	Trey Morrone
At Large:	Jason Browning
WV State Dept.:	No representative
State BOE:	No representative
Marshall:	Kandice Napier
RESA 2:	Jan Hanlon, Tammy Stowers, Rachel Bias, Drew Rottgen, Charlie Pitts
Guests:	Ryan Saxe, Johnny Branch, Jackie Branch, Michelle Brooks, Sarah Thompson

Approval of Minutes

Mr. David Farley moved to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2017 regular meeting of the RESA 2 Regional Council; Mr. Morrone seconded the motion; unanimously approved.

Delegations/Presentations

1. RESA 2 Exemplary Teachers – Ms. Stowers presented the Exemplary Teacher Award to Michelle Brooks, Cabell County and Sarah Thompson, Mason County. Each teacher received a certificate and check equal to the highest average two-day pay for a teacher in the region.
2. RESA 2 Principal of the Year – Ms. Hanlon presented the Principal of the Year Award to Johnny Branch, Mingo County. Mr. Branch received a certificate and a check equal to the highest average two-day pay for a principal in the region.
3. Recognition of Bill Smith – Ms. Hanlon spoke of Mr. Smith's excellent leadership, accomplishments, and contributions to Cabell County Schools as well as the impact he has made on education in the state of West Virginia. She presented Mr. Smith with a vase from the RESA 2 council and staff and thanked him for his 44 years of service.

Old Business

1. None.

New Business – Action Items

Upon the recommendation of the Executive Director, Mr. Morrone moved to approve the consent items 1, 2, and 4-6 as presented; Mr. Midkiff seconded the motion; unanimously approved.

1. Supplements - Approved the following supplements:

A. General RESA	\$51,970.55
B. Professional Development	\$4,350.00
C. Computer Repair	\$62,269.92
D. Leadership Cohort	\$2,785.50
E. AEPA Local	\$23,621.32
F. Tech Prep	\$20,000.00

2. Transfers – None submitted.

3. Staff Positions & Assignments – A discussion was held regarding financial restraints and possible loss of state/federal grants. Following the discussion Mr. Morrone moved to approve the staff positions and assignments as presented; Mr. Priestley seconded the motion; unanimously approved.

4. Council Meeting Schedule – Approved Option B meeting schedule for 2017-18.

5. RESA 2 Holiday Schedule – Approved the RESA 2 Holiday Schedule for 2017-2018.

6. Budget Authorization – Granted permission for Ms. Hanlon to authorize budget amendments for submission to the State Department with council confirmation at the next meeting.

Informational Items

Members of the RESA 2 Regional Council and/or the Executive Director may request discussion of any Informational Item.

1. RESA 2 Financial Report– Ms. Hanlon and Mr. Rottgen indicated the RESA 2 monthly financial report is in council packets. Ms. Hanlon stated she and Mr. Rottgen had participated in a phone conference with Amy Willard regarding the RESA 2 budget submitted. Ms. Willard stated amendments will need to be submitted for unemployment and staff vacation payout.

2. RESA 2 Staff Reports - Ms. Hanlon indicated the staff reports are in council packets. She mentioned that if state grants are not received, assistance to counties in regard to curriculum will not be available next year.

Reports

1. State Department Report – Mr. Smith reported the following items were discussed: Accountability section alignment, high school graduation, progress components, local CTE. Ms. Nance disseminated the Accountability System Alignment – ESSA & WV Preliminary Redesign chart shared during the state meeting.
2. W.V.A.S.A. Report – Mr. Midkiff indicated the WVASA Summer Conference will be held June 20-23, 2017 at Stonewall Resort. During the conference a meeting is to be scheduled to discuss the proposals for dividing the state into four quadrants.
3. W.V.S.B.A. Report – Ms. Nance stated the following topics were discussed during the Executive Board meeting: accountability, assessment tools, leadership for superintendents, elimination of OEPA, elimination of RESAs, observing ESCs in other states, website for WV Code, Bowles Rice presentation, July 1 date for kindergarten eligibility, hunting weapons in vehicles on school property/carry permits, K-12 drug instruction, hiring retired teachers for critical need areas, and celebrate freedom week. Mr. Morrone indicated he had electronic copies of the outline and PowerPoint used by Bowles Rice and would forward to RESA for dissemination to council members.
4. Marshall University Report – Dr. Napier shared information regarding a joint project with RESA 2 for assistance with taking the Praxis I. A workshop has been scheduled for June 26 and July 10 for students needing support to pass the test. Dr. Napier indicated this will greatly benefit MU with Policy 5100 as they are required to remediate students who do not pass.
5. WV Board of Education – No report.
6. Superintendent's Report Out-Special Initiatives – Mr. Smith shared their Summer Food Program starts today with over 100 sites in Cabell County. He also reported Cabell County has a new superintendent, Mr. Ryan Saxe, effective July 1, 2017.

Announcements

1. June 12-15, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies Teachers, Heritage Farms.
2. June 20, West Virginia Day, RESA 2 Office closed.
3. June 20-23, WVASA Summer Conference, Stonewall.
4. June 21-23, Kid Strong Conference, Charleston.
5. June 26, RESA Professional Development Directors Meeting via Skype.
6. June 28, Substitute Teacher Training, RESA 2 office.
7. July 18-20, PBIS Coaches Conference, Stonewall.

General Discussion

1. Council Member Discussion

- None.

2. Executive Director Discussion - Ms. Hanlon discussed the following:

- ESC Policies & Procedures – Various changes will need to be made to the RESA 2 Policies and Procedures handbook. We will revise and bring to council for approval.
- WVASA Summer Conference – RESA 2 has a vendor table and will have an AEPA Exhibit. We are trying to increase purchasing. We are developing a marketing campaign for legal and AEPA services. We are exploring a legal service hotline for counties.
- WVASBO Conference – several AEPA opportunities have developed as a result of the AEPA exhibit at the WVASBO Conference.
- Shared Service Contracts – We will be sending shared service contract to counties for signing. Please think about new ways we can share services at a cost savings to counties.
- Considering releasing a paper bid. Ms. Hanlon met with an ESC director in Columbus who indicated we may be able to piggyback on their bid. This would allow counties to purchase paper at a reduced price. Mr. David Farley suggested we look into bidding for tires for school buses.
- During the RESA Executive Directors meeting Ms. Watts from RESA 3 indicated they are working with Kanawha county and the Benedum Foundation on developing an on-line virtual school program. Counties would receive 25% FTE and the provider would receive 75%.

Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the RESA 2 Regional Council will be held on Wednesday, August 23, 2017 beginning at 10:00 a.m. in Mingo County.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Midkiff moved to adjourn; Mr. Morrone seconded the motion; unanimously approved.

  
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Jan Hanlon, Secretary  
RESA 2 Regional Council