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A regular meeting of the Regional Education Service Agency 2 Regional Council was held Thursday, February 16, 2017 beginning at 3:00 p.m. via Skype for Business. Chairperson Bill Smith presided.

Those attending:

Cabell:	Bill Smith, Karen Nance
Lincoln:	Jeff Midkiff, Steve Priestley
Logan:	Darlene Adkins, Jeremy Farley
Mason:	Jack Cullen, Dale Shobe
Mingo:	Don Spence, David Farley
Wayne:	Trey Morrone
At Large:	Jason Browning, Mary Lou Perry, Sabrina Runyon
WV State Dept.:	No representative
State BOE:	No representative
Marshall:	Sissy Isaacs
RESA 2:	Jan Hanlon, Rachel Bias, Laura Cullen, Tinessa Williamson, Charlie Pitts
Guests:	None

Approval of Minutes

Mr. David Farley moved to approve the minutes of the December 22, 2016 regular meeting and the January 19, 2017 special meeting of the RESA 2 Regional Council; Ms. Nance seconded the motion; unanimously approved.

Delegations/Presentations

1. PALS – Ms. Cullen discussed the Phonological Awareness Literacy Screening (PALS) program and gave a brief overview of the three levels: PALS PreK, PALS K, and PALS Plus. She provided handouts for council members outlining the program and training available. She indicated several counties are currently utilizing the program and feedback has been positive.
2. Medicaid Update – Ms. Williamson discussed the following Medicaid Best Practices: maximizing your roster, personal care services, ancillary services, federal funds, contracted therapists, Random Moment of Time Study (RMTS), specialized transportation, and specialized transportation ratio. Mr. Smith requested a bulleted handout of items presented. Ms. Williamson indicated she will develop the handout and disseminate to counties.

Old Business

1. None.

New Business - Action Items

Upon the recommendation of the Executive Director, Ms. Nance moved to approve the consent items as presented; Mr. David Farley seconded the motion; unanimously approved.

1. Supplements - Approved the following supplements:

A. Project AWARE	\$10,000.00
B. General RESA	\$18,309.48
C. Professional Development	\$3,610.00
D. Computer Repair	\$145,871.25
E. Leadership Cohort	\$23,359.78
F. AEPA – Local	\$71,839.50

2. Transfers – None submitted.

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– RESA 2 financial report is in council packets.
2. RESA 2 Staff Reports - Ms. Hanlon stated monthly reports are included in council packets. She also indicated this information has proven beneficial when discussing RESA services provided to counties with legislators.

Reports

1. State Department Report – Mr. Burch was not present due to the WVBOE meeting; Mr. Smith mentioned the following: A-F school grading has been rescinded; State Superintendent job vacancy will be posted on Monday; ELA/Math/Science will not be tested in grade 8-9.
2. W.V.A.S.A. Report – Mr. Midkiff shared items discussed during the Winter Conference held on January 26-27 in Bridgeport. Topics included: ESEA presentation regarding policy updates and Ms. DeVoss, the new Secretary of Education; WWSAAC discussed home schooled students participating in school sports; Governor Justice shared his education plan. The next meeting will be held March 10, 2017 at the MU Graduate College in South Charleston.
3. W.V.S.B.A. Report – Ms. Nance indicated the next meeting of WWSBA will be held February 24-25, 2017 in Charleston. She discussed the following: appointments with legislators on Friday; membership meeting on Saturday; the Executive Board will meet on Thursday evening; and redoing the WWSBA website to be more interactive.

Reports - continued

4. Marshall University Report – Dr. Isaacs stated the College of Education has changed their special education endorsements from MI to multi-categorical. She indicated this change will soon be made in other majors as well.
5. WV Board of Education – No report.
6. Superintendent's Report Out-Special Initiatives – None.

Announcements

1. February 16, Substitute Teacher Training, RESA 2.
2. February 16, Math Support, Chapmanville Regional HS.
3. February 16, MU/RESA 2 Reading Cohort, RESA 2.
4. February 17, Becoming a Learning School, Milton MS.
5. February 20, President's Day, RESA 2 office closed.
6. February 21, Math Support, Huntington HS.
7. February 22, Math Support, Pt. Pleasant Intermediate.
8. February 22, Math Support, Pt. Pleasant Jr./Sr. HS.
9. February 22, PBIS, Buffalo Elementary (Wayne).
10. February 22, PBIS, Beale Elementary.
11. February 23, Math Support, Chapmanville Regional HS.
12. February 23, Math Support, Pt. Pleasant Primary.
13. February 23, MU/RESA 2 Reading Cohort, RESA 2.
14. February 24, Graduation Team meeting, Cabell Midland HS.
15. February 25, Regional Math Field Day, Cabell Midland HS.
16. February 27, Professional Learning Consortium meeting, RESA 2.
17. February 28, Math Support, Pt. Pleasant Jr./Sr. HS.
18. February 28, Math Support, Genoa Elementary.
19. February 28, PBIS, Pt. Pleasant Intermediate.
20. March 1, Math Support, Huntington East MS.
21. March 1, Math Support, Dunlow Elementary.
22. March 2-3, CASE Conference, Fairmont.
23. March 4, Regional Math Field Day (Alternate Date), Cabell Midland HS.
24. March 6, RESA Executive Director's meeting, RESA 2.
25. March 8, PBIS, Beale Elementary.
26. March 9, MU/RESA 2 Reading Cohort, RESA 2.
27. March 10, MDC school visit, Logan MS.
28. March 10, Words Their Way, Ashton Elementary.
29. March 10, LDC school visit, Lincoln County HS.
30. March 13, MDC school visit, Man MS.
31. March 13, LDC school visit, Chapmanville MS.
32. March 14, Regional Social Studies Fair, Big Sandy Superstore Arena.

Announcements - continued

33. March 14, PBIS, Pt. Pleasant Intermediate.
34. March 15, MDC school visit, Chapmanville MS.
35. March 16, LDC/MDC Cohort 3 Training, Embassy Suites, Charleston.
36. March 16, Regional Council Meeting, Skype for Business.
37. March 17-18, State Math Conference, Stonewall.
38. March 20, Substitute Teacher Training, RESA 2.
39. March 20, RESA PD Director's meeting, Fairmont.
40. March 21, RESA State Collaborative, Fairmont.
41. March 21, Functional Listening Evaluation Training, RESA 2.
42. March 22, RS3 state meeting, Fairmont.
43. March 23, PLC/Data Support, Chapmanville Regional HS.
44. March 27, Professional Learning Consortium, RESA 2.
45. March 28, PBIS, Pt. Pleasant Intermediate.
46. March 30, MU/RESA 2 Reading Cohort, RESA 2.
47. March 31, MDC school visit, Lincoln County HS.

General Discussion

1. Council Member Discussion

- None.

2. Executive Director Discussion

Ms. Hanlon discussed the following:

- WV History – RESA 2 coordinated a meeting for WV history teachers at Heritage Farms; they discussed the limited resources available; RESA 2 submitted a \$200,000 Benedum Grant to work with WV history teachers, provide resources, and assist in preparing students to take the Golden Horseshoe. We have received verbal communication that the grant will be funded; however, written approval has not been received.
- MyOn – Met with Joseph Goins to discuss a Summer Reading program to raise the reading level of students. The program gives every student in our region summer access to over 6,000 books digitally. Teachers would provide an inventory of reading level before and after the summer program. A Benedum grant for \$140,000 will be submitted to cover the cost of the program.
- EIR Grant – A meeting was held with Kathy D'Antoni to facilitate an EIR grant. The letter of intent to apply has been submitted. The grant is \$4 million and would focus on Literacy with Career Tech students. The grant would allow relationships to be built with local businesses and create apprenticeships for students with a possible 13<sup>th</sup> year associate degree. This grant would support students being College & Career Ready by graduation.
- School Recognition - Ms. Hanlon congratulated counties/schools that have been recognized for their graduation rate and the Graduation 20/20 program.

General Discussion: Executive Director Discussion - continued

- OEPA – The RESA 2 audit was completed on January 31<sup>st</sup>; eight members made up the review team; as of today an exit conference has not been scheduled, however, Ms. O’Brien indicated it could occur the first week of March. Ms. Hanlon invited interested council members to attend the exit conference.
- A-F Schools – Ms. Hanlon stated that RESA staff members have touched base with principals - and have reviewed the OEPA data of audited schools - so that there is not a duplication of services. She disseminated a chart of our major areas of focus with schools and building relationships.
- Support – The RESA support from our counties is appreciated. Upon request, counties agreed to allow Ms. Hanlon to submit county support letters to local area newspapers. Ms. Hanlon indicated we have strengthened our Twitter and Facebook pages. She also stated there has been speculation that restructuring of RESAs is a possibility, reducing the number of agencies from eight to four.
- Legislative Visits – Each RESA has scheduled a week to spend at the Capitol visiting legislators. RESA 2 has the week of March 6-10 and is scheduling appointments on March 8 & 9, 2017. Ms. Hanlon invited council members to join her on these visits.
- Significant Loss – Ms. Hanlon shared with council members the tremendous loss Cabell County, RESA 2 and the state has suffered with the passing of Jody Lucas. She indicated RESA would like to establish a scholarship fund in his honor. The scholarship would be available to students across the six counties of Region 2.
- Talking Points – Ms. Hanlon disseminated copies of the talking points flyer being shared with legislators to council members.
- Council Support Letter – A draft letter of support from the council was shared with members. Ms. Hanlon asked council members if they would be willing to sign the letter indicating their support for RESA 2. A motion to adopt and submit the support letter was made by Ms. Nance; seconded by Mr. Cullen; unanimously approved.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the RESA 2 Regional Council will be held on Thursday, March 16, 2017 beginning at 3:00 p.m. in via Skype for Business.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Ms. Nance moved to adjourn; Mr. Shobe seconded the motion; unanimously approved.



Jan Hanlon, Secretary  
RESA 2 Regional Council