

BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING

January 17, 2007
9:00 a.m.

Nell C. Hallford Memorial Board Room
North Georgia RESA
Ellijay, Georgia

BOARD MEMBERS

Frank Petruzielo, Chairman, Cherokee County Schools.....	Present
Sandra Mercier, Vice Chairman, Fannin County Schools.....	Present
Orval Porter, Superintendent, Dalton City Schools.....	Present
Raiford Cantrell, Superintendent, Gilmer County Schools.....	Present
Vickie Reed, Superintendent, Murray County Schools.....	Present
Mike Ballew, Superintendent, Pickens County Schools.....	Present
Katie Brochu, Superintendent, Whitfield County Schools.....	Absent
Sanford Chandler, President, Appalachian Technical College.....	Present
James Burran, President, Dalton State College.....	Absent
Joe B. Forsee, Northwest Georgia Regional Library System.....	Present
Larry G. Harmon, Secretary, North Georgia RESA.....	Present

Frank Petruzielo called the January meeting to order and thanked all members for attending.

On a motion by Vickie Reed, seconded by Orval Porter, the January Agenda was unanimously approved as presented.

On a motion by Mike Ballew, seconded by Sandra Mercier, the November Board of Control Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved as presented. There were no minutes for December as a quorum was not present for that meeting.

Larry Harmon presented the RESA August, September, October, November and December 2006 monthly Financial Reports. He briefly discussed the contents and noted that all accounts appear to be in order and balances where they would be expected to be at this point in the fiscal year. He asked the board members to review these reports at their convenience and contact him with any questions. On a motion by Raiford Cantrell, seconded by Sandra Mercier, the board unanimously approved all presented financial reports.

Larry Harmon presented one personnel recommendation for the Mountainbrook Comprehensive Academy. On a motion by Orval Porter, seconded by Vickie Reed, the board unanimously approved moving Donna Senn from the role of part-time parent student facilitator to a full-time elementary teacher position at the East Fannin Mountainbrook location. Mr. Harmon thanked the board for their consideration and approval of this personnel request.

Dr. Petruzielo updated the board on GSSA business, the state of the economy in Georgia and reported on upcoming legislative issues of interest to the board members. Some of these issues deal with the Grade Integrity Act, the Georgia Special Needs Scholarship Act, the barring of verbal expressions that are in relation to celebration of any public or legal holiday and limits placed on state taxation and expenditures. Dr. Petruzielo provided highlights of the Governor's State of the State address and areas of concern not mentioned in the address. Other legislative issues of concern that were discussed were vouchers, the return of a traditional academic calendar, changes in tax structure, development, health care, environment, transportation and public safety.

Dr. Petruzielo shared his responses to a request for input from Superintendent Kathy Cox regarding the draft *Best Practices Schools Models - Elementary School*, to Division of Exceptional Students Director, Marlene Bryar, on *Proposed Draft of State Special Education Rules* and to Ms. Cox and Dr. Martha Reichrath, Director of the Governor's Office of Student Achievement, on *Updating the Consolidated State Accountability Workbook*. He also distributed copies of a letter from the Cherokee County School Board to Johnny Isakson on the *Re-authorization of No Child Left Behind Act*.

In closing, Dr. Petruzielo updated the members on discussions held at a recent meeting between the GSSA Board of Directors and the state superintendent of schools.

The board members thanked Dr. Petruzielo for all of the valuable information he shared with them today.

Larry Harmon reported on the State Board Liaison Committee meeting which was held by teleconference on January 10, 2007. He discussed requests coming before the board and named recipients of various grants that were awarded. Mr. Harmon noted that the governor's budget was also discussed.

The final item on the agenda was Mr. Harmon's RESA Director's Report. He updated the board on GAPSS Analysis Reports being conducted by the RESA school improvement personnel and the benefits these in-depth studies offer the participating schools.

Mr. Harmon next distributed a blank survey data disk offering again to compile salary information for comparative purposes in all area of personnel and finance for any system interested in providing their information.

Mr. Harmon reported to the board on the level of interest being shown in the *Performance Matters* student data management program.

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Mr. Harmon reported that RESA has one surplus vehicle which cannot be repaired. He requested permission from the board to accept an offer on this car without going through the expense of advertizing and accepting bids on it. The board left this decision up to the discretion of the director.

Mr. Harmon discussed DOE training sessions being offered by RESA and reported on several on-going staff development opportunities available to system personnel. He also reminded members of the presentation being made after the meeting today, by Dr. JoAnn Brown, on GLISI's *Rising Stars* and *Legacy* leadership training programs.

Mr. Harmon reminded the board members that the minutes from this meeting will be available on the RESA website next week and that the next Board of Control meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2007.

Dr. Petruzielo thanked all members present for attending the meeting, thereby establishing a quorum and allowing important business to be conducted. He adjourned the January Board of Control meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Frank Petruzielo, Chairman

Larry G. Harmon, Secretary