

BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING

January 16, 2008
9:00 a.m.

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

BOARD MEMBERS

Frank Petruzielo, Chairman, Cherokee County Schools.....	Present
Orval Porter, Superintendent, Dalton City Schools.....	Present
Mark Henson, Superintendent, Fannin County Schools.....	Present
Raiford Cantrell, Superintendent, Gilmer County Schools.....	Absent
Vickie Reed, Superintendent, Murray County Schools.....	Absent
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.....	Absent
Larry G. Harmon, Secretary, North Georgia RESA.....	Present

Dr. Frank Petruzielo called the January board meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and welcomed all members attending.

On a motion by Mike Ballew, seconded by Mark Henson, the January Agenda was unanimously approved as presented.

On a motion by Orval Porter, seconded by Mike Ballew, the November Board of Control Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved as presented. As a quorum was not present, there were no meeting minutes for December.

Larry Harmon presented the RESA November and December Financial Reports and briefly discussed the contents of each. He noted that all accounts were in order and asked the board members to review these reports at their convenience and contact him with any questions. On a motion by Mark Henson, seconded by Orval Porter, all financial reports were unanimously approved by the board.

Dr. Frank Petruzielo next presented his GSSA Business and Legislative Report noting that the Governor's State of the State address is to be broadcast this afternoon. He also discussed the governor's and lieutenant governor's presentations at the *Eggs and Issues* breakfast yesterday. Major issues of concern to be watched in the upcoming legislative session will be taxes and Charter Schools. He again recommended the superintendents get involved in the legislative process and prepare and provide timely data in each proposed situation. In closing, Dr. Petruzielo distributed a copy of a media release dated January 10 from the Georgia Education Coalition (GEC) and noted that

Herb Garrett and the GSSA continue to do an excellent job in keeping everyone up to date on legislative issues of concern to educators.

Larry Harmon next introduced Enjolia Farrington, Professional Standards Commission Teacher Recruiter, who spoke on TeachGeorgia, the state's official teacher recruitment and educator career website. She discussed the increasing need for teachers in specific areas and the advantages to offering alternative routes to certification for career changers and non-education majors in colleges. Ms. Farrington reported that she is one of three district specialists with the PSC and has been visiting system's human resources personnel to determine specific needs. In closing, she distributed TeachGeorgia brochures and responded to several questions and comments from board members.

Mr. Harmon thanked Ms. Farrington for attending the meeting.

Mr. Harmon presented a report on the State Board of Education Liaison Committee teleconference he participated in on January 9. He reported that the board addressed waiver request issues, the Elementary Foreign Language Grant, the recommendation of the IE2 Committee related to the governor's charge for funding revision, the governor's upcoming budget proposal, the reduction in federal funding for *Reading First* and approval of several High School Agricultural Education amendments.

Larry Harmon then presented his RESA Director's Report. He discussed RESA's continuing work with GAPSS studies and the valuable information/data these studies provide, noting that this data/information is massive and vital to building the frameworks for school improvement at the building level. He also reported on RESA's continuing math training, adding that, with the contracted consultants RESA is working with, a seamless GPS training for improved math understanding and delivery based on the standards as set by the State of Georgia is now available to the systems.

Mr. Harmon reported that Paul Baker will attend the March 19 BOC meeting to deliver information on the program and activities at the three Mountainbrook Academy campuses.

On a motion by Orval Porter, seconded by Mike Ballew, the board voted unanimously to go into an executive session for personnel/budget discussions.

On a motion by Mike Ballew, seconded by Mark Henson, the board voted to return to regular session with no official action being taken during the executive session.

Mr. Harmon thanked the board for their consideration and

continued support and reminded them of the importance of attending the March 19 board meeting since several major financial decisions will be discussed.

With all business complete and all comments heard, on a motion by Mike Ballew, seconded by Mark Henson, Dr. Petruzielo adjourned the January meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Frank Petruzielo, Chairman

Larry G. Harmon, Secretary