

BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING

November 28, 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
Orval Porter, Superintendent, Dalton City Schools.....	Absent
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.....	Absent
James Burran, President, Dalton State College.....	Absent
Joe B. Forsee, Northwest Georgia Regional Library System.....	Present
Larry G. Harmon, Secretary, North Georgia RESA.....	Present

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

Larry Harmon requested the November Agenda be amended to add Item IIIA, Personnel and Item IVA. Presentation on GLISI. On a motion by Mike Ballew, seconded by Joe Forsee, the November Agenda was unanimously approved as amended.

On a motion by Mike Ballew, seconded by Joe Forsee, the September Board of Control Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved as presented. As a quorum was not present, there were no meeting minutes for October.

Larry Harmon presented the RESA July, August, September and October 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 Joe Forsee, seconded by Mike Ballew, all financial reports were unanimously approved by the board.

On behalf of the Mountainbrook Comprehensive Academy, Larry Harmon made a recommendation to employ Nancy Jane Turner in a certified teaching position at the Blue Ridge Center. On a motion by Mark Henson, seconded by Joe Forsee, the recommendation for employment was unanimously approved by the board.

Mr. Harmon introduced Wendell Christian who was at the meeting representing the Georgia DOE Division of School and Leader Quality. Mr. Christian discussed services offered to the

systems and schools in various areas of school improvement including School Standards, School Keys and the GAPSS process. He noted that his division also will provide affirmation and confirmation of problem issues. He added that he is present today to make certain the superintendents are aware of all his division has to offer their systems and schools.

Mr. Harmon thanked Mr. Christian for his presence and added that Lisa Smith is the RESA contact for this division and she would be happy to facilitate arrangements should any school system be interested in obtaining services from the GDOE School and Leader Quality Division.

Mr. Harmon next introduced Dr. Michael Moody, a Senior Performance Consultant for the Georgia Leadership Institute for School Improvement (GLISI). Dr. Moody distributed information and discussed opportunities available through GLISI at no cost to the systems. He noted that 170 of the 181 school districts in the state have participated in this leadership program in some form. Dr. Moody discussed the mission of GLISI and how the program supports district-led leadership implementation. In closing, he provided the program's website address (www.galeaders.org) and noted that GLISI will provide whatever type of support a system requires and requests.

Mr. Harmon thanked Dr. Moody for being at the meeting and for the useful information distributed.

Dr. Frank Petruzielo next presented his GSSA Business and Legislative Report and discussed the recently held GSSA Board meeting. He distributed and discussed copies of the Cherokee County School District's 2008 Legislative Program. He reported that Cherokee County is attempting to adhere to changes in the state graduation policies, discussed the implementation of the new Math GPS and shared copies of communications with parents and board members regarding the Math GPS. Dr. Petruzielo and the board members discussed the shortcomings of the Capitol Outlay law. A discussion followed on the reauthorization of IDEA and Response to Intervention which will require more documentation before placing students in special programs. He noted that Cherokee County is working on developing forms and setting up protocols to be followed. In closing, Dr. Petruzielo noted that Charter School bills will be a highly discussed issue again this legislative session.

The board members thanked Dr. Petruzielo for continuing to provide them with very helpful information and being willing to share the legislative brochure developed by Cherokee County Schools each year.

Mr. Harmon then presented his RESA Director's Report.

Mr. Harmon reported to the board on the success of the recently held GPS Math training sessions. He updated the members on state-wide RESA news and reported on an informational brochure and DVD being developed for use by a lobbyist retained by the RESA's for the upcoming 2008 legislative session. He added that he will share these materials with the board when they are released. Mr. Harmon next discussed the possibility of employing an additional clerk/secretary to assist with paperwork associated with programs which have been added to RESA services in recent years (GAPSS studies, additional PLU offerings, etc.).

Mr. Harmon spoke of various DOE projects that are ongoing including a "Credit Recovery Rule," a second "High School Summit" and the appointment of Dr. Holly Robinson as the director of the "Bright from the Start" initiative announced by Governor Perdue recently.

Mr. Harmon distributed copies of the 2006-2007 CRCT Analysis compiled from the CRCT and EOCT results from last spring, noting that the "Did Not Meet" category was used for comparisons and rankings.

Mr. Harmon ended his report by reminding the superintendents of SBOE member Larry Winter's public hearing at Ellijay Elementary School Auditorium on Monday, December, 3 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Harmon then distributed prepared remarks for Governor Sonny Purdue to the Atlanta Press Club on November 5, 2007, a draft copy of the State Board of Education budget amounts for various programs and subprograms, information on dealing with an influenza pandemic and emergency planning.

In closing, Mr. Harmon reminded the members that our next board meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 16, at which some very important budgeting issues will be addressed.

With all business finalized and all discussions complete, Dr. Petruzielo thanked the members present for attending the meeting, thereby establishing a quorum and allowing important business to be conducted. On a motion by Mike Ballew, seconded by Joe Forsee, the November Board of Control meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Frank Petruzielo, Chairman

Larry G. Harmon, Secretary

