

BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING

March 15, 2006
9:00 a.m.

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

BOARD MEMBERS

Charlotte H. Pipkin, Chairman, Murray County Schools..... Absent
Frank Petruzielo, Superintendent, Cherokee County Schools.... Present
Orval Porter, Superintendent, Dalton City Schools..... Absent
Sandra Mercier, Superintendent, Fannin County Schools..... Present
Raiford Cantrell, Superintendent, Gilmer County Schools..... Present
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

In Dr. Pipkin=s absence, Mr. Larry Harmon called the March meeting to order and thanked all members for attending.

Mr. Harmon requested the March Agenda be amended to add Item IIIA. Personnel. On a motion by Frank Petruzielo, seconded by Sandra Mercier, the board unanimously approved the agenda as amended.

On a motion by Frank Petruzielo, seconded by Mike Ballew, the February Board of Control Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

Larry Harmon presented the RESA January and February 2006 Financial Reports and briefly discussed the contents of each. He noted that all accounts appear to be in order and fund balances where they would be expected to be at this point in the fiscal year. Mr. Harmon commended the RESA accounting staff for their diligent work in preparing these reports and in the organizing and managing of the state-wide Tech Prep Conference held in February. He asked the board members to review the reports at their convenience and contact him with any questions. After Mr. Harmon responded to a question concerning the possibility of a 2% funding cut for RESA=s statewide, on a motion by Frank Petruzielo, seconded by Raiford Cantrell, the board unanimously approved the RESA January and February 2006 Financial Reports.

Mr. Harmon presented the following personnel recommendations on behalf of the Mountainbrook Comprehensive Academy: the employment of C=Dell Foster-Nelson as a paraprofessional at the Blue Ridge Center, effective March 2, 2006, and the acceptance of the resignation (for medical reasons) of Ashley Cahill, a paraprofessional at the Dalton Center, effective March 17, 2006. On a motion by Frank Petruzielo, seconded by Raiford Cantrell, the board unanimously approved the director=s recommendations.

As chairman of the Personnel Committee, Dr. Petruzielo recommended the board

award Larry Harmon an overall evaluation rating of satisfactory with several individual components of the evaluation being rated above satisfactory. On a motion by Sandra Mercier, seconded by Mike Ballew, the board voted unanimously to award the director the ratings recommended and thanked the director for his excellent managerial methods and his continued diligent efforts on behalf of the board.

Mr. Harmon thanked the board for the continued confidence placed in him to oversee the operations of North Georgia RESA.

Dr. Petruzielo combined the GSSA Report and the GSSA Legislative Report. He reviewed several pieces of pending legislation including SB149, HB661 and SB413 which all concern parental notification/permission for club memberships. He discussed the 65% Rule, SB515 which deals with the class size issue and SR162 concerning the ad valorem tax issue. In closing, he noted that HR1335 has failed to pass out of the house. A brief discussion followed on the importance of the class size legislation and the limits allowed for increased evaluation of property.

Joe Forsee updated the board members on several issues of legislation which would affect the library systems of Georgia. A discussion was also held on the idea of building new library facilities in conjunction with public school facilities.

Mr. Harmon next presented his State Board of Education Liaison Committee Meeting Report. Areas discussed were the Aenrollment rule, the disparity between the NAEP scores and the state=s CRCT, the PE bill, HR162 on the tax cap issue, HB661 concerning parental notification/permission regarding club memberships, statewide Reading First grants, new AP qualifications, a new checklist for EIP and new transportation surveys. In closing, he reported that each system will receive one new bus for this coming year based on equalization and additional buses based on every 2800 FTE=s.

The board thanked Mr. Harmon for his conscientiousness in keeping the members updated on these important matters.

Mr. Harmon then presented his monthly RESA Director=s report. He reported to the board on the status of the RESA endorsement courses and the upcoming RESA needs assessment process. He distributed updated copies of the RESA Salary Schedules and the North Georgia Summer Honors Program plans. In closing, Mr. Harmon discussed the possibility of holding the April RESA Board Meeting on April 20 at the Spring Bootstrap meeting, in Macon, as was done in the fall. He noted that he would be in touch with each board member within the next week either by email or telephone and would make plans according to the members= wishes.

After all business was completed, on a motion by Raiford Cantrell, seconded by Sandra Mercier the March Board of Control meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Charlotte H. Pipkin, Chairman

Larry G. Harmon, Secretary