

BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING

August 16, 2006
9:00 a.m.

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

BOARD MEMBERS

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
Vickie Reed, Interim 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..... 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

Larry Harmon called the August meeting to order and thanked all members for attending. The board welcomed Dr. Vickie Reed who is presently serving as interim superintendent in Murray County.

On a motion by Joe Forsee, seconded by Raiford Cantrell, the August Agenda was unanimously approved by the board.

On a motion by Frank Petruzielo, seconded by Joe Forsee, the May Board of Control Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved as presented. As a quorum was not present for either the June or July board meetings and no official business was conducted, there were no minutes to be approved for those months.

Larry Harmon presented the RESA May 2006 Financial Report and briefly discussed the contents. 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. He asked the board members to review the report at their convenience and contact him with any questions. On a motion by Raiford Cantrell, seconded by Sandra Mercier, the board unanimously approved the RESA May 2006 Financial Report.

Larry Harmon reported that the ad hoc Finance Committee, Mike Ballew, Raiford Cantrell and Vickie Reed met prior to the regular meeting this morning to review the proposed North Georgia RESA FY07 budget. A copy was presented to the board members (Attachment # 1) for consideration. After a brief discussion, on a motion by Mike Ballew, seconded by Raiford Cantrell, the proposed budget was unanimously approved. Mr.

Harmon stated that the proposed budget would be advertised in the local newspaper for two consecutive weeks and brought back before the board for final approval at the September meeting.

Larry Harmon requested approval of three spending resolutions (Attachments # 2, # 3 and # 4) covering the period from July 1, 2006, until the FY07 RESA Budget receives final approval at the September Board of Control meeting. On a motion by Raiford Cantrell, seconded by Frank Petruzielo, the three spending resolutions were unanimously approved by the board.

The floor was then opened for nominations for Chairman of the North Georgia RESA Board of Control. Sandra Mercier nominated Frank Petruzielo to serve as Chairman of the board for FY07. With no other nominations being offered, the nominations were closed and, on a motion by Raiford Cantrell, seconded by Mike Ballew, Dr. Petruzielo was unanimously elected to serve as Board Chairman.

Chairman Petruzielo then requested nominations for Vice Chairman of the North Georgia RESA Board of Control. Mike Ballew nominated Sandra Mercier to serve as Board Vice Chairman. With no other nominations being offered, the nominations were closed and, on a motion by Raiford Cantrell, seconded by Joe Forsee, Sandra Mercier was unanimously elected to serve as Board Vice Chairman for fiscal year 2007.

Chairman Petruzielo next made the following RESA Board of Control committee assignments for fiscal year 2007.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mike Ballew, Chair
Raiford Cantrell
Vickie Reed

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Sandra Mercier, Chair
Frank Petruzielo
Joe Forsee

CURRICULUM AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Raiford Cantrell, Chair
James Burran
Sandra Mercier

CPA BOARD MEMBERS

Mike Ballew - Term Expires 6/30/07
Vickie Reed - Term Expires 6/30/08
Raiford Cantrell - Term Expires 6/30/09

In an earlier meeting, Dr. Petruzielo graciously agreed to continue to serve on the GSSA Board of Directors and as the representative from the North Georgia RESA area systems on the GSSA Legislative Committee. Mr. Harmon also expressed his willingness to continue to act as the State Board Liaison for the North Georgia RESA systems.

The following personnel recommendation was then made by Larry Harmon on behalf of the Mountainbrook Academy. He recommended the employment Andrew Scott Baugh for a teaching position at the Mountainbrook Center in Blue Ridge. On a motion by Sandra Mercier, seconded by Vickie Reed, the recommendation was unanimously approved.

The dates for the FY07 North Georgia RESA Board of Control meetings, which were discussed at the May meeting, were presented for final approval (Attachment # 5). On a motion by Mike Ballew, seconded by Raiford Cantrell, the board unanimously approved the calendar be accepted and advertized as required by law.

Dr. Petruzielo then presented the GSSA legislative report, informing the board that, regrettably, Jeffery Williams has resigned from his position of executive director of the organization. He noted that he anticipates a difficult legislative time ahead with tax issues being revisited and encouraged the members of the organization to band together and to continue to be proactive. A discussion was held regarding the drop-out problem and possible methods to address it locally.

In closing, Dr. Petruzielo stated that a draft of Cherokee County's legislative program should be ready prior to the next board meeting and he offered to bring a copy for examination by other board members.

Larry Harmon next reported that the monthly State Board of Education Liaison Committee Meeting was held via a teleconference this month. He reported on discussions held and distributed information provided. Mr. Harmon noted that this method of meeting was more convenient but lacked the give and take that is available in a face to face meeting.

The final item of business on the agenda was Mr. Harmon's RESA Director's Report. He introduced and welcomed Dr. Letty Reeves to the RESA staff in her new position as Professional Learning Consultant. Mr. Harmon also stated that he plans to invite

several RESA staff members to the September board meeting in order to report on activities being conducted in the systems.

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Also at that meeting, Dr. Paul Baker will present his quarterly report on the Mountainbrook Comprehensive Academy.

Mr. Harmon discussed the updated RESA website and difficulties some systems/schools are having gaining access to it due to firewall protection used by the systems. He asked the superintendents to have their technical staff check and make sure our webpage is listed as a "trusted website." This will allow system personnel to access all components of the site and will alleviate some of the difficulties being encountered by users.

Mr. Harmon reminded the superintendents of the Annual Superintendents Seminar to be held on September 27, 28 and 29, 2006, at the Emerald Point Resort at Lake Lanier Island, Georgia. He noted that this conference always produces thoughtful discussion and timely information.

Mr. Harmon distributed draft copies of data analysis for 6th - 8th grades which he compiled using the most recent test results. He also distributed information on the DOE's procedure for using the GPS On-line Training Modules.

In closing, Mr. Harmon reported that he has spoken with Dr. Pipkin on several occasions and she is enjoying her new position as Director at the Heart of Georgia RESA and sends her best to all of the board members.

The board thanked Mr. Harmon for all the useful information provided.

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

Frank Petruzielo, Chairman

Larry G. Harmon, Secretary

SPENDING RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The **North Georgia RESA Board Of Control** for good and sufficient reason is unable to adopt a budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the public exigency is best served by authorizing the Executive Director to continue to expend funds to continue operations.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the **North Georgia RESA Board of Control** that the Executive Director may expend funds from all funds for the month of **July, 2006**, not to exceed one-twelfth (1/12) of the final amended budget for all funds for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005.

Adopted this 16th day of August, 2006.

Attest:

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NORTH GEORGIA RESA BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING DATES

FY07

July 19, 2006	9:00 a.m.	3rd Wednesday
August 16, 2006	9:00 a.m.	3rd Wednesday
September 20, 2006	9:00 a.m.	3rd Wednesday
October 18, 2006 <i>(Meet at Bootstrap)</i>	7:00 a.m.	3rd Wednesday
November 15, 2006	9:00 a.m.	3rd Wednesday
December 20, 2006	9:00 a.m.	3rd Wednesday
January 17, 2007	9:00 a.m.	3rd Wednesday
February 21, 2007	9:00 a.m.	4th Wednesday
March 21, 2007	9:00 a.m.	3rd Wednesday
April 16, 2007	9:00 a.m.	3rd Monday
May 16, 2007	9:00 a.m.	3rd Wednesday
June 20, 2007	9:00 a.m.	3rd Wednesday

All meetings (*unless otherwise noted*) will be conducted in the Nell C. Hallford Memorial Board Room at North Georgia RESA in Ellijay, Georgia.