

BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING

August 15, 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.....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 August meeting to order and thanked all members for attending.

Larry Harmon introduced and welcomed to the board the new superintendent for Fannin County Schools, Mr. Mark Henson.

On a motion by Mike Ballew, seconded by Vickie Reed, the August Agenda was unanimously approved as presented.

On a motion by Mike Ballew, seconded by Vickie Reed, the May Board of Control Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved as presented. There were no minutes for June or July as a quorum was not present for those meetings.

Larry Harmon reported that, due to end-of-year reports and FY08 budget deadlines, the RESA May, June and End-of-Year Financial Reports will not be ready for presentation and approval until the September meeting.

Larry Harmon reported that the Finance Committee, Mike Ballew, Raiford Cantrell and Vickie Reed, met prior to the regular meeting this morning to review the proposed North Georgia RESA FY08 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 a Spending Resolution (Attachment # 2) covering the period from August 31st until the RESA FY08 Budget receives final approval at the September Board of Control meeting. On a motion by Raiford Cantrell, seconded by Vickie Reed, the Spending Resolution was unanimously approved by the board.

The floor was then opened for nominations for Chairman of the North Georgia RESA Board of Control. Mike Ballew nominated Frank Petruzielo to serve as Chairman of the Board for FY08. With no other nominations being offered, the nominations were closed and, on a motion by Raiford Cantrell, seconded by Sanford Chandler, the board unanimously elected Dr. Petruzielo to serve as Board Chairman for fiscal year 2008.

Chairman Petruzielo then requested nominations for Vice Chairman of the North Georgia RESA Board of Control. Vickie Reed nominated Raiford Cantrell to serve as Board Vice Chairman. With no other nominations being offered, the nominations were closed and, on a motion by Vickie Reed, seconded by Mike Ballew, Raiford Cantrell was unanimously elected to serve as Board Vice Chairman for fiscal year 2008.

Chairman Petruzielo next made the following RESA Board of Control committee assignments for fiscal year 2008.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mike Ballew, Chair
Raiford Cantrell
Vickie Reed

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Vickie Reed, Chair
Frank Petruzielo
Joe Forsee

CURRICULUM AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Raiford Cantrell, Chair
Mark Henson
Orval Porter

CPA BOARD MEMBERS

Vickie Reed - Term Expires 6/30/08
Raiford Cantrell - Term Expires 6/30/09
Mike Ballew - Term Expires 6/30/10

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.

At the request of Dr. Petruzielo, Larry Harmon agreed to continue serving on the State Board Liaison Committee representing the North Georgia RESA systems.

Dr. Petruzielo thanked the board members for their willingness to accept these assignments and to serve on these committees.

Mr. Harmon presented the following personnel issues.

Mr. Harmon reminded the board that he had been in contact with them regarding the termination for cause, effective July 13, 2007, of John Q, Sutton, who had been employed as the printer at North Georgia RESA. He then requested the board accept his recommendation to hire Richard Warren in that position, effective August 6, 2007. On a motion by Vickie Reed, seconded by Raiford Cantrell, the board unanimously approved these actions.

Mr. Harmon next presented three personnel recommendations on behalf of the Mountainbrook Academy. He recommended Christine Coverdell for a lead teacher position at the Dalton location and Frank Bachteler and Linda Romero for lead teacher positions at the Blue Ridge Center. On a motion by Mike Ballew, seconded by Raiford Cantrell, the board unanimously approved all three recommendations.

Dr. Petruzielo updated the board on GSSA business of interest to the members. He distributed copies of letters authorized by the GSSA Board of Directors and being sent under the current president's name to Governor Perdue, Lieutenant Governor Cagle and Speaker Richardson asking for support and an end to the austerity cuts that have been part of the budgeting process for the past several years. Also distributed was a copy of a letter to the DOE from the GSSA expressing the views of the group on the newest version of the graduation rule.

Dr. Petruzielo reminded members that there is a "Little Bootstrap" meeting with Kathy Cox and staff set for Friday, August 24, and asked for input on topics that should be addressed at the meeting.

Dr. Petruzielo presented a draft of a document that has been developed for review by the Cherokee County School Board regarding HR 900, dealing with property tax elimination and the extraordinary financial impact the legislation could have on public education.

Presentation of this document produced a discussion by members concerning the importance of addressing this issue immediately since its effect could potentially be financially disastrous to the local systems.

Dr. Petruzielo encouraged the superintendents to involve their board members in this matter and noted that he will bring a copy of Cherokee County BOE's legislative priorities brochure to the September meeting.

In closing, Dr. Petruzielo noted that funds for the Career Academy have been allocated but there are no plans at this time to present a bill for authorization of the funding.

The members thanked Dr. Petruzielo for the excellent manner in which he represents North Georgia RESA's systems on the GSSA Board and Legislative Committee and again thanked him for his willingness to continue serving in this capacity for another year.

Larry Harmon reported on the State Board of Education Liaison Committee meeting he participated in on August 8 and distributed draft copies of the latest revision of the High School Graduation Rule.

Mr. Harmon then presented his RESA Director's Report. He updated the board on endorsement courses for 2007-08 noting that the DOE and PSC are encouraging all 16 RESA's to begin a move toward "state-wide approved" endorsement offerings. This will mean that in the future all courses across the state will be taught from the same course design and all instructors will receive the same training for classroom instruction. North Georgia RESA's professional learning staff looks forward to this change and will be working toward its successful implementation.

Mr. Harmon reported that he expects to have the analysis of all schools within the North Georgia RESA area ranked by percentage of "did not meet" and the analysis ready for distribution at the September meeting. He noted that the delay has been due to the state having been slow in getting the individual school reports to RESA.

Mr. Harmon announced the Day 4 and 5 Math GPS training for high schools which has been tentatively scheduled for October 25, 2007, and March 6, 2008, respectively. The trainings will be held at North Georgia RESA.

Mr. Harmon distributed a copy of the notes from a recent conference call on Standards, Instruction and Assessment, calling attention to specific trainings on the various GPS areas of implementation.

Mr. Harmon discussed the DOE's commitment to improving Math performance in Georgia and the steps being taken toward this end, one of which being the creation of a Math Support class. He distributed a guidance document that outlines this effort.

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Mr. Harmon discussed possible FY09 budget concerns for North Georgia RESA.

Mr. Harmon distributed brochures for a Math/Science Partnership Pathway that is being offered by Pioneer RESA in conjunction with North Georgia College and State University and Piedmont College.

In closing, Mr. Harmon reported that he has invited staff members from North Georgia RESA to the September 16 board meeting to provide a brief update on activities conducted by RESA in the areas of school improvement/professional learning and GLRS/Child Serve. Also at that meeting, Jane Huntley has requested time on the agenda to discuss the continuing evolution of the Georgia "Master Teacher" Program.

Dr. Petruzielo thanked all 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 Raiford Cantrell, Dr. Petruzielo adjourned the August Board of Control meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Frank Petruzielo, Chairman

Larry G. Harmon, Secretary

**NORTH GEORGIA RESA
FY2008
BUDGET TOTALS ALL FUNDS**

	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES
GENERAL FUND	\$635,333	\$634,637
PRINTING	\$77,008	\$77,008
REPAIR	\$308,963	\$301,439
YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP	\$54,447	\$54,447
SD ONE YEAR PRACTICUM / CERTIFICATION	\$70,000	\$64,900
SD REGISTRATION COURTESY	\$15,000	\$13,825
SD REGISTRATION ENDORSEMENT	\$179,000	\$176,200
SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT	\$260,000	\$260,000
DRUG EDUCATION	\$19,000	\$19,000
GLRS - VIB FEDERAL	\$276,188	\$276,188
GLRS - CAPACITY	\$66,764	\$66,764
MOUNTAINBROOK - STATE	\$2,796,807	\$2,796,807
MOUNTAINBROOK - VI-B	\$204,727	\$204,727
TOTALS	\$4,963,237	\$4,945,942

**NORTH GEORGIA RESA
GENERAL FUND
FISCAL YEAR 2008**

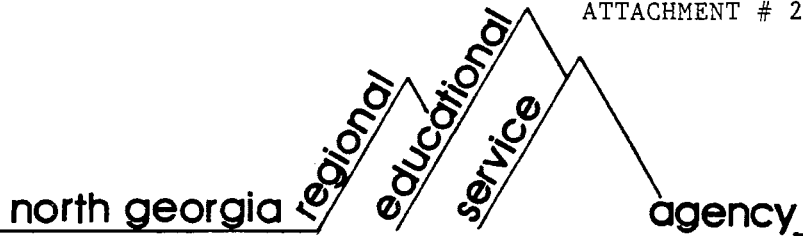
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ANTICIPATED REVENUES	
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LOCAL RECEIPTS	
(OTHER, INTEREST, FISCAL AGENT, PLU)	\$42,600.00
STATE RECEIPTS	
(RESA/VOCATIONAL/OTHER)	\$567,425.00
FEDERAL RECEIPTS	
(INDIRECT COST)	\$24,308.00
TRANSFER IN	\$1,000.00
PROJECTED FUND BALANCE AS OF JULY 1, 2007	\$650,000.00
TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUES AND FUND BALANCE	\$1,285,333.00 =====
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ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES	
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SUPPORT SERVICES (PUPIL)	\$0.00
SUPPORT SERVICES (STAFF)	\$126,368.24
SUPPORT SERVICES (GENERAL ADMINISTRATION)	\$311,997.19
SUPPORT SERVICES (BUSINESS/FINANCE)	\$148,637.00
SUPPORT SERVICES (MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION)	\$47,634.90
PROJECTED FUND BALANCE AS OF JUNE 30, 2008	\$650,695.67
TOTAL ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES AND FUND BALANCE	\$1,285,333.00 =====

**NORTH GEORGIA RESA - GENERAL FUND
FISCAL YEAR 2008**

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>FY2008</u>
RESA GRANT	\$523,503.00
VOCATIONAL GRANT	\$43,922.00
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	\$12,600.00
TECH PREP CONFERENCE	\$0.00
INTEREST EARNED	\$30,000.00
TRANSFER IN	\$1,000.00
INDIRECT COST INCOME	\$24,308.00

<u>BUDGETED INCOME</u>	\$635,333.00
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<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
SALARIES	\$421,790.25
BENEFITS	\$107,472.07
TRAVEL	\$14,300.00
SUPPLIES	\$25,825.00
CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$10,100.00
CLEANING/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	\$1,800.00
BUILDING & EQUIPMENT RENTAL	\$12,600.00
INSURANCE	\$2,350.00
COMMUNICATIONS	\$12,000.00
ENERGY/HEAT/AUTO FUEL	\$10,000.00
EQUIPMENT PURCHASES	\$10,000.00
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	\$6,400.00

<u>BUDGETED EXPENDITURES</u>	\$634,637.33
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Change in Fund Equity	\$695.67



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Larry G. Harmon
Executive Director

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, 2007, and ending June 30, 2008; and

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

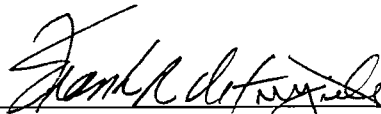
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the *North Georgia RESA Board of Control* that the Executive Director may expend funds from all funds for the month of September, 2007, not to exceed one-twelfth (1/12) of the final amended budget for all funds for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007.

Adopted this 15th day of August, 2007

Attest:



 Larry G. Harmon, Secretary
*North Georgia RESA Board
 of Control*



 Frank Petruzielo, Chairman
*North Georgia RESA Board
 of Control*