

BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING

August 19, 2009
9:00 a.m.

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

BOARD MEMBERS

Frank Petruzielo, Chairman, Cherokee County Schools.....Present
James Hawkins, Superintendent, Dalton City Schools.....Present
Mark Henson, Superintendent, Fannin County Schools.....Present
Randy Parson, 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..... Absent
Lex Rainey, Chattahoochee Technical College.....Present
John Schwenn, President, Dalton State College..... Absent
Joe B. Forsee, Northwest Georgia Regional Library System.....Present
Larry G. Harmon, Secretary, North Georgia RESA.....Present

Others Present: Paul W. Baker (NorthStar Educational and
Therapeutic Services)

Chairman Petruzielo called the August board meeting to order at
9:00 a.m. and welcomed all members attending.

Mr. Harmon welcomed new board member Lex Rainey, the Associate
Provost for the Appalachian and Woodstock Campuses of
Chattahoochee Technical College.

On a motion by Mike Ballew, seconded by Mark Henson, the August
Board of Control Meeting Agenda was unanimously approved as
presented.

On a motion by Mark Henson, seconded by Randy Parson, the May
Board of Control Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved as
presented. As a quorum was not present, there were no meeting
minutes for June or July.

Larry Harmon presented the RESA May Financial Report and briefly
discussed the contents. He noted that all accounts were in order
and asked the board members to review this report at their
convenience and contact him with any questions. On a motion by
Mike Ballew, seconded by James Hawkins, the May Financial Report
was unanimously approved by the board. Mr. Harmon reported that,
due to end-of-year reports and FY10 budget deadlines, the RESA
June, July and End-of-Year Financial Reports will not be ready
for presentation and approval until the September meeting.

Larry Harmon next reported that the Finance Committee, Mike

Ballew, Mark Henson and Vickie Reed, along with Chairman Petruzielo, met prior to the regular meeting this morning to review the proposed North Georgia RESA FY10 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 Mark Henson, 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 31 until the RESA FY10 Budget receives final approval at the September Board of Control meeting. On a motion by Mike Ballew, seconded by Randy Parson, 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 Fiscal Year 2010.

With no other nominations being offered, the nominations were closed and, on a motion by Mike Ballew, seconded by Randy Parson, the board unanimously elected Dr. Petruzielo to serve as Board Chairman for FY10. The members thanked Dr. Petruzielo for the excellent job he has done as Chairman in the past and his willingness to serve again in FY10.

Chairman Petruzielo then requested nominations for Vice Chairman of the North Georgia RESA Board of Control. Mike Ballew nominated Vickie Reed to serve as Board Vice Chairman. With no other nominations being offered, the nominations were closed and, on a motion by Mike Ballew, seconded by Mark Henson, Dr. Reed was unanimously elected to serve as Board Vice Chairman for Fiscal Year 2010.

Chairman Petruzielo next made the following RESA Board of Control committee assignments for Fiscal Year 2010.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mike Ballew, Chair
Mark Henson
Vickie Reed

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Vickie Reed, Chair
Frank Petruzielo
Joe Forsee

CURRICULUM AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Randy Parson, Chair

Mark Henson
James Hawkins

CPA BOARD MEMBERS

Mike Ballew - Term Expires 6/30/10
Mark Henson - Term Expires 6/30/11
Randy Parson - Term Expires 6/30/12

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 of Education 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 and, on a motion by Randy Parson, seconded by Mike Ballew, all committee assignments were unanimously approved and accepted.

Dr. Paul Baker presented a program overview and discussed initiatives for NorthStar Educational and Therapeutic Services. He provided a fiscal update, discussed GCIMP collaboration with system special education directors and reported on a school-based behavioral health collaboration that is a proactive way to keep children in school and out of residential placement. He also noted that members of the GNET system are considered service providers, not a placement, for students. Dr. Baker discussed CRCT scores for NorthStar students, state accountability data and LEA and Fiscal Agent Assurances. In closing, Dr. Baker expressed his appreciation again for all the continued support the NorthStar Program receives from the systems and stated that he will be back to report to the board midyear and at years' end.

The board thanked Dr. Baker for all his efforts on behalf of and dedication to the students and children in the North Georgia RESA systems.

Mr. Harmon next presented several personnel recommendations on behalf of the NorthStar Program. Please see Attachment # 3 for this list. On a motion by James Hawkins, seconded by Mike Ballew, the board unanimously approved all personnel recommendations with the understanding that all recommendations are contingent upon the availability of funds and all non-certified personnel are considered at-will employees.

Dr. Petruzielo updated the board on GSSA business of interest to the members. He noted that state revenues are still dismal and that, in official session, the State Board of Education approved up to ten furlough days before the end of FY10 so that if more than the three days already scheduled are needed, the

action will not have to wait on State Board approval. Dr. Petruzielo warned that another round of furlough days will not be as graciously accepted by state employees as the first three days were.

Mr. Harmon then presented the State Board of Education Liaison Committee Meeting Report. Highlights of the meeting included details of the Charter Committee's recent meeting and changes in the Governor's Honors Program as they relate to home-schooled children. Murray County School's revised calendar was also discussed in detail. Mr. Harmon closed with a discussion on the present budget scenario.

Mr. Harmon next presented his RESA Directors Report. He informed the board that North Georgia RESA will take their three mandated furlough days on November 24 and 25 and December 28, 2009, and noted that most systems are not in session on these days. He then distributed information on a new Professional Standards Commission initiative for local districts/RESA's and the emphasis the PSC is placing on immediate implementation. A work session has been scheduled for September 28-30, 2009 at Jekyll Island.

Mr. Harmon asked for feedback from the board on interest in participation and all superintendents present stated that they would not be interested in participating right now but would be glad to accept a report from RESA on the conference/training session. Mr. Harmon asked the superintendents to read over the information he provided and let him know if the decision to not send anyone at this time was reconsidered. Mr. Harmon then questioned the board on the validity of calls being received by RESA claiming the expected purchase by the systems of the HMH Learning Village with Title IID funds. The superintendents denied any knowledge of this purchase or the intent to use Title IID funds for this purpose.

Mr. Harmon announced that Dr. Merry Doss, the new Dean of the School of Education at Dalton College will be joining us for the September 16 Board of Control meeting.

In closing, Mr. Harmon presented each superintendent with a letter regarding RESA's payment of membership fees for the 2009/10 school year. He added that we are pleased to be able to assist our systems with this small financial contribution.

The board members thanked Mr. Harmon for this action during these difficult financial times.

With all business complete and all comments heard, on a motion by Mike Ballew, seconded by Mark Henson, Dr. Petruzielo adjourned the August meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Frank Petruzielo, Chairman

Larry G. Harmon, Secretary

**NORTH GEORGIA RESA
FY2010
BUDGET TOTALS ALL FUNDS**

	REVENUE & RESERVE TRANSFERS	EXPENDITURES
GENERAL FUND	\$595,285	\$830,818
PRINTING	\$98,714	\$98,714
REPAIR	\$206,891	\$206,891
YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP	\$55,576	\$55,576
SD ONE YEAR PRACTICUM / CERTIFICATION	\$15,000	\$13,700
SD RESA	\$25,000	\$24,200
SD REGISTRATION ENDORSEMENT	\$111,375	\$104,850
MOUNTAINBROOK - STATE	\$2,440,553	\$2,440,553
MOUNTAINBROOK - VI-B	\$300,000	\$300,000
TOTALS	\$3,848,394	\$4,075,302

TOTAL RESERVE REDUCTION FOR MEMBERSHIP	\$143,175
TOTAL ADDITIONAL RESERVE REDUCTION TO BALANCE BUDGET	<u>\$226,908</u>

TOTAL RESERVES USED TO BALANCE FY2010 BUDGET	\$370,083
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**NORTH GEORGIA RESA
GENERAL FUND
FISCAL YEAR 2010**

ANTICIPATED REVENUES

LOCAL RECEIPTS

(OTHER, INTEREST, FISCAL AGENT, PLU) \$38,100.00

STATE RECEIPTS

(RESA/VOCATIONAL/OTHER) \$533,201.10

FEDERAL RECEIPTS

(INDIRECT COST) \$8,800.00

PROJECTED FUND BALANCE AS OF JULY 1, 2009

\$615,500.00

TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUES AND FUND BALANCE

\$1,195,601.10
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ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES

SUPPORT SERVICES (PUPIL)

\$0.00

SUPPORT SERVICES (STAFF)

\$271,356.17

SUPPORT SERVICES (GENERAL ADMINISTRATION)

\$359,204.20

SUPPORT SERVICES (BUSINESS/FINANCE)

\$150,778.78

SUPPORT SERVICES (MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION)

\$49,479.13

PROJECTED FUND BALANCE AS OF JUNE 30, 2010

\$364,782.82

TOTAL ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES AND FUND BALANCE

\$1,195,601.10
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**NORTH GEORGIA RESA - GENERAL FUND
FISCAL YEAR 2010**

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>FY2010</u>
RESA GRANT	\$488,596.76
VOCATIONAL GRANT	\$42,604.34
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	\$10,100.00
INTEREST EARNED	\$30,000.00
TRANSFER IN	\$0.00
INDIRECT COST INCOME	\$8,800.00

BUDGETED INCOME

\$580,101.10
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EXPENDITURES

SALARIES	\$572,170.46
BENEFITS	\$163,497.84
TRAVEL	\$5,800.00
SUPPLIES	\$20,400.00
CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$11,600.00
CLEANING/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	\$1,500.00
BUILDING & EQUIPMENT RENTAL	\$10,800.00
INSURANCE	\$3,050.00
COMMUNICATIONS	\$15,000.00
ENERGY/HEAT/AUTO FUEL	\$10,000.00
EQUIPMENT PURCHASES	\$10,000.00
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	\$7,000.00

BUDGETED EXPENDITURES

\$830,818.30
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Change in Fund Equity

(\$250,717.20)

RESERVE TRANSFERS TO BALANCE BUDGET

MEMBERSHIP RESERVE TRANSFER	\$15,184.00
RESERVE TO BALANCE BUDGET	\$226,908.00
TRANSFERS FROM STAFF DEVELOPMENT	\$8,625.20
TOTAL FUNDS FROM RESERVE & STAFF DEVELOPMENT	\$250,717.20

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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, 2009, and ending June 30, 2010; 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, 2009**, not to exceed one-twelfth (1/12) of the final amended budget for all funds for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009.

Adopted this 19th day of August, 2009.

Attest:


Larry Harmon, Secretary
North Georgia RESA Board
Of Control


Frank Petruzielo, Chairman
North Georgia RESA Board
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- Therapeutic Classes
- Psychological Services / Intervention
- Diagnostic Evaluation

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Ms. Pam Massingale,
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TO: Mr. Larry Harmon, Executive Director

FROM: Dr. Paul Baker, Regional Director

REFERENCE: Employment Recommendations/Terminations

DATE: August 5, 2009

On behalf of NorthStar, the following names are submitted for consideration by the Board of Control.

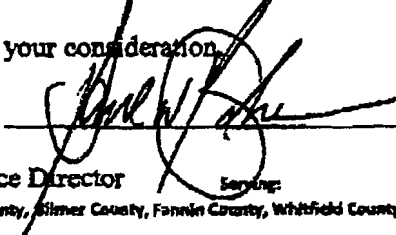
New Hire/Rehire

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Tasha Allen	Dalton	Paraprofessional	Replace Alex Lewis
Ashley Cahill	Dalton	Paraprofessional	Replace Y. Jefferson-Perry
Debbie Cook	Dalton	Parent Stud. Services	ARRA Stimulus Package
Jean Hill	Dalton	Paraprofessional	ARRA Stimulus Package
Terri Manis	Dalton	Lead Teacher	Replace Christine Coverdale
Jacqueline Gill	Canton	School Nurse (80% time)	
Darya Schmidt	Canton	Lead Teacher	Replace Julie Bell - Retired
Randy Gambrell	Blue Ridge	Coordinator	Replace Barbara Morris-Ret.
Laurie Kish	Blue Ridge	Paraprofessional	ARRA Stimulus Package
Julia McHan	Blue Ridge	Paraprofessional	ARRA Stimulus Package
Aimee Warren	Blue Ridge	Paraprofessional	ARRA Stimulus Package

Resignations

Christine Coverdale	Dalton	Lead Teacher	Pursuing other interests
Y. Jefferson-Perry	Dalton	Paraprofessional	Took a lead teacher position
Dane Corry	Canton	Paraprofessional	Moving out of state
Stephanie Foster	Canton	Paraprofessional	Going to graduate school
Phyllis King	Canton	School Nurse	Pursuing other interests
Nancy Jane Turner	Blue Ridge	Lead Teacher	Pursuing other interests

Thank you for your consideration.


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cc: Alice Ellis, Finance Director

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TO: Mr. Larry Harmon, Executive Director
FROM: Dr. Paul Baker, Regional Director
REFERENCE: Employment Recommendations
DATE: August 18, 2009

On behalf of NorthStar, the following names are submitted for consideration by the Board of Control.

New Hire/Rehire

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Phyllis King	Canton	School Nurse	Rehired
Jeri Lynn Pyles	Canton	Paraprofessional	Replace Stephanie Foster

Thank you for your consideration



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