

BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING

September 21, 2005
9:00 a.m.

NELL C. HALLFORD MEMORIAL BOARD ROOM
NORTH GEORGIA RESA
ELLIJAY, GEORGIA

BOARD MEMBERS

Charlotte H. Pipkin, Chairman, Murray County Schools..... Present
Frank Petruzielo, Superintendent, Cherokee County Schools.... Absent
Orval Porter, Superintendent, Dalton City Schools..... Absent
Sandra Mercier, Superintendent, Fannin County Schools..... Present
Raiford Cantrell, Superintendent, Gilmer County Schools..... Absent
Vacant, Superintendent, Pickens County Schools..... Absent
Katie Brochu, Superintendent, Whitfield County Schools..... Present
Sanford Chandler, President, Appalachian Technical College... Absent
James Burran, President, Dalton State College..... Present
Joe B. Forsee, Northwest Georgia Regional Library System.... Absent
Larry G. Harmon, Secretary, North Georgia RESA..... Present

Dr. Pipkin called the September RESA Board of Control meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. She welcomed new board member, Dr. Katie Brochu, Whitfield County superintendent, and introduced the other members of the board.

On a motion by James Burran, seconded by Sandra Mercier, the September Agenda was unanimously approved as presented.

On a motion by Sandra Mercier, seconded by James Burran, the August Board of Control Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

Larry Harmon presented the RESA July 2005 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 James Burran, seconded by Sandra Mercier, the board unanimously approved the RESA July 2005 Financial Report.

A copy of the North Georgia RESA FY2006 Budget (Attachment # 1) was presented to the board for final approval after having received preliminary approval at the August meeting and being

advertized for two weeks in the local newspaper. After a few questions from board members and a brief discussion, on a motion by Sandra Mercier, seconded by James Burran, the board unanimously approved the RESA FY2006 Budget.

Dr. Pipkin then introduced Pam Smith from the Governor=s Office of Student Achievement. Ms. Smith distributed information and updated the board members on AYP and the Single Statewide Accountability System (SSAS). She stated that the State Report Cards and Accountability Profiles should be available in October and the data distributed in a timely manner. Ms. Smith responded to several questions from board members and encouraged the superintendents to contact her

at any time for further assistance.

Dr. Pipkin and Mr. Harmon thanked Ms. Smith for her attendance at the meeting and for the useful information she provided.

Larry Harmon next discussed the change of date, time and location for the October RESA Board of Control meeting. He reported that he had arranged a room where the board members could meet during the Fall Bootstrap Conference. The meeting will take place at the Macon Holiday Inn on October 19, 2005, at 7:30 a.m. On a motion by James Burran, seconded by Sandra Mercier, the board unanimously approved the change of date, time and venue for the meeting. Mr. Harmon noted that the changes would be advertised in the local newspaper and thanked the board members for their cooperation.

Dr. Shiver was not present at the meeting and no GSSA report was available.

Dr. Petruzielo was not present at the meeting and no GSSA Legislative Committee report was available.

Larry Harmon next presented the State Board of Education Liaison Committee Meeting Report and distributed information gathered at the meeting.

The final item of business on the agenda was Mr. Harmon=s RESA Director=s Report. He asked the superintendents if the salary comparison disc created by RESA last year was useful to them. When a positive response was received, he stated that RESA would be glad to gather and compile the information again this year.

Mr. Harmon distributed copies of and discussed the FY06 RESA Annual Plan. He discussed several areas of the plan in more detail and requested the board approve this plan for submission to the state. On a motion by Sandra Mercier, seconded by James Burran, the board unanimously approved the report.

Mr. Harmon discussed a high school redesign meeting he recently attended and updated the board on the Annual Superintendent=s Retreat, this year hosted by Pioneer RESA and scheduled for October 12 through 14 at Emerald Pointe, Lake Lanier Islands.

In closing, Mr. Harmon discussed the new travel adjustments made by the State of Georgia and the financial strain these increases will have on the systems and North Georgia RESA.

The board thanked Mr. Harmon for sharing this information with them and keeping them abreast of changes at the state level.

After all business was completed and all comments heard, on a motion by Sandra Mercier, seconded by James Burran, Dr. Pipkin adjourned the September RESA Board of control meeting at 11:10 a.m.

Charlotte H. Pipkin, Chairman

Larry G. Harmon, Secretary