

**West Virginia Association of School Administrators**  
**Minutes**  
**Meeting held May 17, 2007 at Charleston Civic Center**

**Program:**

Howard Seuffer presented a legal seminar consisting of updates of the 2007 WV Legislation and court cases and grievance decisions.

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Deborah Akers, president, at 12:05 pm on May 17, 2007.

**Approval of Minutes:**

On motion by Nick Zervos, seconded by Bill Niday, minutes of the April 26, 2007, meeting were approved as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

**Executive Committee Report/President Report:**

Dr. Akers reported on a meeting held with the Executive Committee and Dr. Paine and Dr. McClanahan, in the Greenbrier County Board of Education Office. The group discussed issues of interest to both parties. These issues included SB Policy 2510, and Dr. Paine is establishing a study group, including superintendents, to verify issues that are impacting educational decisions. Another issue was Pre-Kindergarten and Dr. Paine is meeting with Martha Walker, of DHHR, to determine if we can work together to solve issues that have arisen.

Dr. Akers also reported that SB Policy 2419 had been passed with changes that WVASA had recommended. Further, it was a concern raised at the Executive Committee Meeting that it is unclear what the role of the RESA Boards is at this time. She also informed the group of the concern expressed by the Center for Professional Development that the principals were not getting the 45 hours of training that is necessary by 2008.

Dr. Paine took the opportunity as he responded to some of WVASA's concerns to report on the state board issues. He indicated that an example of how well this organization and his office can work together is the solutions found to the recently passed SB Policy 2419. He further indicated that they are working on a solution to help those counties who have reduced their numbers of special education students through appropriate instruction and this has lowered their available funds as the state aid formula has also been reduced.

**Nick Zervos reports on GASB:**

Nick Zervos reported that RESA 6 superintendents and board members recently held a meeting with their delegates and senators to inform them of the ramifications of both GASB reporting and the PEIA billing to be received, but not paid, by county boards of education. Their advice from their lawyers is to not sue until such time as a school system actually suffers harm from the PEIA billing and accumulation of the liability. Dr. Paine indicated that he would entertain a lawsuit if PEIA requires payment of the bill.

**Treasurer's Report**

Butch Barcus, Treasurer, gave the treasurer's report. Beginning balance was \$21,182.83, income was \$2314.40 and expenses were \$3,766.52, leaving a balance of \$19,730.71. On motion by Rick Butler, seconded by Rick Hicks, the treasurer's report was unanimously approved.

**Seminars Committee Report:**

Marsha Carr-Lambert, seminars chair, was absent, but Martha Dean, Executive Director, reported that the planning for the upcoming conference was well ahead of schedule. She urged the members to get their room reservations made as soon as possible to ensure a room at the resort. Also, the registration forms are now available and should be submitted.

### **Pre-Kindergarten Committee Report:**

Rick Butler, Chair of the Pre-Kindergarten Committee, reported that SB Policy is now out on comment. There are some issues that may make it even more difficult for school systems so he urged the membership to send in their comments. He had prepared a list of those possible issues which was distributed.

### **Election of Officers:**

Acting on the nominating committee report, Lyn Guy moved, and Joe Super seconded the motion to elect the following slate of officers:

President: Carolyn Long  
Vice President: Bill Niday  
Secretary/Treasurer: Marsha Carr-Lambert

The motion passed unanimously.

### **Scholarship Committee Report:**

Lyn Guy, Chair of the Scholarship Committee, reported that the committee had selected three scholarship recipients. She has not heard that they have accepted the scholarship so would wait until they have responded to her letter of award before making that announcement.

### **Executive Director Report:**

Martha Dean, Executive Director, reported that she had been in attendance at the Leadership Conference of AASA in Tampa, Florida, the site of next year's AASA Conference. The Hotel for West Virginia has not yet been determined, but she explained the housing situation and told them they would be informed asap after she gets the information.

### **Governing Board Election:**

The e-mails have been sent to all eligible members of AASA, informing them of those eligible for election to the Governing Board. They will vote by return e-mail and the membership will be informed of the newly elected Governing Board member.

### **Adjournment:**

There being no further business to come before the Association, Rick Hicks moved and John Curry seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Dean, Executive Director