

WEST VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

Minutes

November 13, 2009

Wheeling Park Stone Room

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order to President Marsha Carr-Lambert at 10:00 AM.

Approval of Minutes:

On motion by Pat Law, seconded by Blaine Hess, the minutes of the September 11, 2009, meeting were unanimously approved.

Speaker: Dee Klinger, WV PTA

Dee Klinger, who is the Legislative Chair of the WV PTA, addressed the group. She emphasized that their organization, as ours tries to put children first in their efforts. She then discussed the tentative Legislative Agenda for this year which includes an increase in the number of school nurses and changing the school calendar to allow more local control. She indicated that many parents would like to have year-long schools. She also recognized that, although many would like a nurse at every school, they realize that this is not feasible.

Seminar/Membership Report:

Dr. Larry Parsons, vice-president, reported on the plans for the Legal Seminar and referred the group to the tentative agenda. The seminar will offer an opportunity for non-members to attend at a cost that will include a membership in WVASA for the remainder of the year. Plans are still underway for the summer conference at Oglebay and the committee would appreciate the members' input regarding speakers and programs they would like to have at the conference.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer's report was given by Blaine Hess. He reported that the balance on hand at the last meeting was \$50,464.80. Activity during the month included \$3,344.10 and \$8,102.12 in expenditures, leaving a balance on hand of \$45,706.78. On motion by Blaine Hess, seconded by Larry Parsons, the treasurer's report was approved.

President's Report/Executive Committee Report:

President Carr-Lambert asked Treasurer Hess to report on the availability of CD's for funds which could earn interest before they were needed for current expense. Treasurer Hess explained that he had checked with three banks regarding their interest rates and the current available terms for CD's. He recommended purchasing an 18-month CD at an interest rate of 1.5 % at our current bank, Chase Bank. He further indicated that there would be additional information gotten about the scholarship funds and a recommendation would be made in that regard at the next meeting.

Dr. Larry Parsons made a motion, seconded by David Roach, that we invest \$10,000 from our current funds in a CD at Chase Bank. The motion was approved unanimously.

President Carr-Lambert then asked for a report regarding the update of the web site by Executive Director Dean. She reported that she was working with RESA 7 to advise us and help us improve the web site and that this work should be completed by the next meeting.

President Carr-Lambert then reported that the WV School Personnel Organization had asked for consideration to become associated with WVASA. After much discussion, it was decided to have the Executive Committee of

WVASA meet with the Executive Committee of their organization to see what areas of commonality exist and to what extent it would be beneficial to each organization to collaborate. It was discussed that one area where we might work together was in common areas of our Legislative Agendas.

Audit Report:

Dr. Dean reported that Bill Duncan is working on the audit and should have a report at the next meeting.

Committee Reports:

The work of the Legislative Committee was reported by Rick Hicks, committee chair. The committee has met and set the following four items as priority items:

1. Resolution of the OPEB problem for County Boards of Education
2. Maintain the operation of the RESA's in the State.
3. Personnel Issues featuring flexibility for hiring the most qualified individual and change the deadline for notification of RIFs and transfers moved from February back to May.
4. Flexibility added to the law for calendar decisions.

On motion by Bill Niday, seconded by Blaine Hess, the group approved the suggested Legislative Agenda items for 2010.

Chuck Nichols reported on the activity of the RESAs as they work to increase knowledge of the public about the various activities they perform that are beneficial to county boards of education. It had been suggested at the state level that a study be conducted. However, a study was done in 2006 and those recommendations had never been followed. A history document is being prepared that contains all the legislation and state board activity that changed the role of RESAs over the years. A formal resolution is being prepared that can be adopted. A document that delineates what RESA does for every county in the state is being prepared. Every county is being asked to take the resolution and the list of RESA activities that benefit their county to their Senators and Delegates to inform them of the value of RESA.

The OPEB issue is still a focus of the Governor and the lawsuit is on hold until after the special session which is anticipated to have action taken regarding a "quick fix" for counties for this year until the Legislature has time to try to resolve the issue. The anticipated action is that counties will not be required to report the OPEB long-term debt as a current debt on their financials this year, but can be reported on the long-term liability side of the financial report. Bill Niday reported that a November 30 teleconference is scheduled for the Superintendents and Board Members of the 49 counties who have joined the lawsuit concerning OPEB.

Other Business:

Larry Parsons asked that future Treasurer's reports include the information regarding CD's held by WVASA and the Scholarship fund financial information.

Pat Law reported that he currently represents our organization on the Professional Teaching Standards Committee. They are working on a change in Policy #5202 that would reduce the number of years experience from 2 to 1 to make an individual eligible for a vocational education certificate. Other changes are in proposed policy #5202 which is currently on comment.

David Roach requested that copies of the Constitution/By-Laws be distributed electronically and that the Executive Committee consider doing an annual review of same.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:45 am on motion by Rick Hicks, seconded by Joe Super.

Respectfully Submitted,

Martha Dean, Executive Director