

WEST VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

Minutes

September 12, 2008

Charleston Marriott

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order to President William Niday at 10:00 AM.

Approval of Minutes:

On motion by Lyn Guy, seconded by John Curry, the minutes of the May 22, 2008, meeting were unanimously approved.

Seminar/Membership Report:

Marsha Carr-Lambert, vice-president, reported on the plans for the annual Summer Conference. The dates have been changed to July 8-10, 2009, in order to accommodate the schedule of William Bennett, former US Secretary of Education, who has obligated himself to be a presenter at our conference. Marsha emphasized that Mr. Bennett will be talking about social studies curriculums in our schools and that it would be very appropriate for directors of curriculum and instruction, as well as social studies teachers to attend. We anticipate good attendance and it will be important to make reservations at Stonewall Resorts as early as possible. The reservation number there is 304-269-7400 and everyone should make sure to mention that they are part of the group rate for WVASA.

Treasurer's Report:

Larry Parsons first asked approval of the 2008-09 budget, as presented. Marsha Carr-Lambert moved and Pat Law seconded a motion to approve the annual budget for anticipated revenue of \$64,500 and anticipated expenditures of \$64,500. Motion was approved unanimously.

Larry Parsons, treasurer, gave the following treasurer's report. Opening balance as of 7/1/08 was \$18,352.45. Receipts were \$54,290.95 and expenditures were \$10,848.70, leaving a current balance of \$43,442.25. On motion by Larry Parsons, seconded by Deborah Akers, the treasurer's report was approved.

President's Report/Executive Committee Report:

President Niday first asked for approval of the draft meeting schedule, which was unanimously approved for the following meetings:

September 12 Charleston Marriott
October 14 Charleston Civic Center
December 4 RESA VII (Clarksburg)
January 22-23 Legal Seminar, Flatwoods Days Inn
February 13, Marshall University, South Charleston
March 20, Marshall University, South Charleston
April 28 Charleston Civic Center with ASBO
June State Superintendents' Meeting
July 8-10 Summer Conference, Stonewall Resorts

President Niday went on to inform the group about the current status of reporting for OPEB. At this time, the County Boards of Education with over 100 million dollars are expected to report the unpaid liability. Those counties are Cabell, Kanawha, and Wood. These counties have agreed to not report OPEB as a county board obligation but to file with their audit report a statement that the benefit was given to their employees by the Legislature without providing the boards of education with any revenue with which to pay the obligation for those

employees funded through the state funding formula, therefore this is not the liability of the local board of education.

Bill asked for a motion of support from WVASA. On motion by Lyn Guy, seconded by Marsha Carr-Lambert, the position of WVASA was stated to be: Other Post-Employment Benefits estimated Liability for all employees funded through the state school-aid formula does not belong to county boards of education. The motion was approved unanimously. Further, it was agreed that WVASA would inform through letter our position to: 1) both education chairs; 2) both finance chairs; 3) Larry Pitrolo in the Governor's Office; and 4) entire WVASA membership. It is the intent to ask members to communicate with their Senators and Delegates our position and to solicit support for a Legislative solution for this financial and auditing problem.

Appointment of Committee Chairs:

President Niday appointed the following committee chairs:

Legislative: Chuck Hatfield
Policy Review: John Curry
Audit: To Be Named

Approval of RESA Representatives to Executive Committee:

On motion by Jim Phares, seconded by Ron Nichols, the following RESA representatives were unanimously approved:

RESA II: David Roach
RESA V: Blaine Hess
RESA VI: Larry Miller
RESA VII: Rick Hicks
RESA VIII: Doug Lambert

Other Business:

Deede Lundeen reported that she had represented the Association at a meeting concerning Pre-K issues. There is a group pushing for Legislative Action that would ensure that private providers of day care receive a fair share of revenue. This issue is critical because when school systems provide early childhood education there is a required, certified educator providing the education component. On motion by Joe Super, seconded by Rick Hicks, Deede was appointed to represent the interests of county school systems at future meetings of this nature.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:15 am.

State Department Report

Jack McClanahan gave the report for the SDE. Issues of concern included better handling of the teacher of the year selection; search software for applicant tracking; concern about all teachers teaching to the adopted Standards; and the Pre-K issue being directly related to quality and money.

Respectfully Submitted,

Martha Dean, Executive Director