

**West Virginia Association of School Administrators
Minutes
Meeting held September 20, 2007, at WVU-Parkersburg**

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Carolyn Long, president, at 10:00 am on September 20, 2007.

Welcome:

The group was welcomed by Bill Niday, Superintendent of Wood County Schools, followed by Dr. Marie Foster-Gnagy, President of WVU-Parkersburg. Dr. Gnagy was followed by a teacher at the center who showed the group examples of student success in the area of technology design and production of actual devices using a piece of equipment that was purchased recently.

Approval of Minutes:

On motion by Lyn Guy, seconded by A. J. Rogers, minutes of the April 26, 2007, meeting were approved as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer's report was given by Marsha-Carr Lambert. Beginning balance was \$17,092.64, income was \$27,794.64 and expenses were \$7,678.99, leaving a balance of \$37,208.05. On motion by Larry Parsons, seconded by Larry Miller, the treasurer's report was unanimously approved.

Seminars Committee Report:

Bill Niday, seminars chair, reported that he had acquired a keynote speaker for the summer conference and that the theme would be some kind of West Virginia Folk theme. He asked the group to send him suggested legal issues for the January Seminar, scheduled for January 31-February 1, 2008 at the Flatwoods Days Hotel. He suggested that he could use some help and asked members to contact him if they wanted to serve on the seminars committee.

Executive Committee Report/President Report:

President Long reported on the issues discussed at the executive committee meeting the night before. She indicated that the group had discussed goals for the year and that she was adopting a general goal to invigorate the organization through additional membership and greater activity on issues of importance to the membership. Included in this goal is to cooperate and work in conjunction with the Legislature and the State Department of Education. She suggested that every member has a great deal of skill but probably has one or more areas in which they feel they have a greater level of expertise. She asked that the members communicate this to her so they could be used to represent the Association.

President Long indicated that the State Superintendent has agreed to involve superintendents in statewide committees called to review and initiate policy. Further, he is looking into involving superintendent in cabinet meetings at the Department.

President Long further indicated that it was her goal and the goal of the executive committee to take a more proactive role rather than being relegated to reactive roles in education in West Virginia. To this end, she indicated that WVASA had been invited to participate in an initiative called the Learning First Alliance, comprised of most of the education organizations such as teachers and principals' associations as well as others and the State Board of Education. She asked the group to authorize the membership of WVASA in the Alliance.

Motion:

Steve Goffreda moved, seconded by Marsha-Carr Lambert, that the West Virginia Association of School Administrators participate in the Learning First Alliance. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Chairs Announced:

President Long announced that there would be four standing committees: The Seminars Committee, chaired by Bill Niday, The Policy Committee, chaired by John Curry, The Legislative Committee, chair to be named later, and the Finance and School Aid Formula, chaired by Lyn Guy. The membership will be asked to choose a committee on which they wish to serve.

Approval of Budget for 2007-2008 and Calendar of Meetings:

A motion was made by Toni DeVore, seconded by Deborah Akers, to approve the budget and calendar of meetings as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Budget

INCOME	AMOUNT	DISBURSEMENTS	AMOUNT
Dues	\$10,000	Conference Expense	\$23,000
Exhibitors	\$15,000	Ex. Dir. Salary	\$22,000
Conference Receipts	\$42,000	Travel	\$10,000
Rebates	\$ 1,000	Supplies	\$ 1,000
Misc. Receipts	\$ 2,000	Office Expense	\$ 3,000
Scholarship Receipts	\$ 1,500	AASA Dues	\$ 4,000
		Scholarships	\$ 1,500
Total Income	\$71,500	Web Expense	\$ 3,000
Beginning Balance	\$19,542.64	Misc. Expense	\$ 4,000
		Total Disbursements	\$71,500

Calendar of Meetings

Oct. 31 Executive Committee Oliverio's, Morgantown 6:00 pm
Nov. 1 Membership, Allen Hall, WVU 10 am
Dec. 3 Executive Committee MUGC 6:00 pm
Dec. 4 Membership Charleston time and place to be determined
Jan. 31-Feb. 1 January Seminar, Flatwoods, Days Hotel 12 noon to 12 noon
Ex. Comm. 10 am Jan. 31 Membership meeting Jan. 31 around 8 pm
Feb. 23 Legislative Luncheon at the capitol with the meeting either before or after the luncheon.
March 7 Exec. Comm. MUGC 6:00 pm
March 8 Membership MUGC 10 am
April 23 Exec. Comm. Mason County to be arranged
April 24 Membership 10 am Mason County TBA
May 22 Exec. Comm. MUGC 6 pm
May 23 Membership, Charleston Civic Center 9:00 AM Howard Seufer to give legal updates (with ASBO)
July 23-25 Summer Conference, Stonewall Resort.

WVASA Representative to WVSSAC

President Long reported that we had several excellent candidates for the SSAC representative. She indicated that the Executive Committee had reviewed them and discussed the process used by the School Board's Association for the election. Since our Constitution is silent on this matter, she suggested that we follow the same procedure as the WVSBA and allow each candidate to give a 2 minute presentation at the next meeting to be followed by a paper and pencil election. She further suggested that the Constitution be amended to include this process.

Motion:

Ron Nichols made a motion to follow the procedure as outlined by President Long and to further draft a constitutional amendment to that effect. The motion was seconded by Lyn Guy and passed unanimously.

School Climate Survey Report:

Deborah Akers reported on the recent meeting of the committee working on the school climate survey. This was the second meeting of the committee and the concerns of the superintendents regarding the anonymity of the

respondents but the identification of the results by school and by county. Previously it was an expressed concern, but the plans discussed in the committee revealed that it still plans to reveal the results by school providing a sufficient number of respondents respond to the survey. This remains a concern and Dr. Akers suggested we might try to meet with Dr. Johnson or someone from the State Board of Education to see if we can reach a better option regarding those concerns.

Motion:

Lyn Guy made the motion to request a meeting through Dr. Paine with a member of the Board of Education to discuss our concerns. Marsha Carr-Lambert seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Issues Regarding Change in 403B Plan Rules:

Martha Dean reported that she had been contacted both by AASA and by ING regarding the issues for school boards regarding a federal regulation change regarding 403 B Plans. She suggested that a representative identified by AASA would be available to present this information to WVASA and further suggested that it was a legal issue that could be presented at the January Seminar. There was general agreement from the group to have a presentation at the January Seminar.

Mentors for New Superintendents

President Long told the group that she was working on pairing up an experienced superintendent with each new superintendent. She asked for those who were willing to serve in this capacity to contact her and this project could be finalized by the Glade Springs Meeting with Dr. Paine in October. There was general agreement.

Legislative Concerns:

The group was asked to email concerns they would like to have on the Legislative Priorities list for 2008.

Court Cases and Grievances:

Deborah Akers reported on a case she had received a decision about. It involved an aide who had been assigned "as needed" instead of to a particular school. She grieved saying that she had to be on the transfer list to go to a different school. She lost the grievance.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 am on motion by Larry Parsons, seconded by Deborah Akers. Motion was unanimously approved.

Dr. Paine reported on Statewide Issues Immediately Following Adjournment.

Respectively Submitted,

Martha Dean, Executive Director