

BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING

May 21, 2008  
9:00 a.m.

Nell C. Hallford Memorial Board Room  
North Georgia RESA  
Ellijay, Georgia

**BOARD MEMBERS**

Frank Petruzielo, Chairman, Cherokee County Schools..... Absent  
Orval Porter, Superintendent, Dalton City Schools..... Absent  
Mark Henson, Superintendent, Fannin County Schools.....Present  
Raiford Cantrell, Superintendent, Gilmer County Schools.....Present  
Vickie Reed, Superintendent, Murray County Schools.....Present  
Mike Ballew, Superintendent, Pickens County Schools.....Present  
Katie Brochu, Superintendent, Whitfield County Schools..... Absent  
Sanford Chandler, President, Appalachian Technical College.....Present  
John Schwenn, President, Dalton State College.....Present  
Joe B. Forsee, Northwest Georgia Regional Library System.....Present  
Larry G. Harmon, Secretary, North Georgia RESA.....Present

Vice Chairman Dr. Raiford Cantrell called the May board meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and welcomed all members attending.

Larry Harmon introduced and welcomed the guests in attendance: Larry Winter, 9<sup>th</sup> District representative on the State Board of Education, and Dr. Cheryl Thomasson from Murray County Central Office. He also introduced and welcomed board member Dr. John Schwenn, the new President of Dalton State College.

On a motion by Joe Forsee, seconded by Mark Henson, the May Board of Control meeting agenda was unanimously approved by the board.

On a motion by Vickie Reed, seconded by Joe Forsee, the March Board of Control Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved as presented. As a quorum was not present, there were no meeting minutes for April.

Larry Harmon presented the RESA March and April Financial Reports and briefly discussed the contents of each. He noted that all accounts were in order and asked the board members to review these reports at their convenience and contact him with any questions. Mr. Harmon responded to a question concerning anticipated reductions/changes in the RESA FY09 budget and a brief discussion followed. On a motion by Joe Forsee, seconded by Mike Ballew, the March and April Financial Reports were unanimously approved by the board.

Larry Harmon requested approval of two spending resolutions (Attachments # 1 and # 2) covering the period beginning July 1, 2008 through August 31, 2008. He explained that the information

needed to complete the RESA FY09 budget for presentation and tentative approval in August is not yet available. He further noted that these resolutions will allow RESA to carry on business as usual until the budget's final approval in September.

On a motion by Mark Henson, seconded by Joe Forsee, the two spending resolutions were unanimously approved by the board.

Mr. Harmon next welcomed Larry Winter who represents Georgia's 9<sup>th</sup> District on the State Board of Education.

Mr. Larry Winter thanked the board for the opportunity to meet with them. He discussed his response to parents who are contacting him with concerns about recent test scores and reported that the State Board of Education will request additional monies in the FY08 supplemental budget to help defray the cost of this summer's remedial classes. Mr. Winter also stated that the State Board will continue to push for specialists in each school to work with math teachers in order to improve test scores. He further discussed the CRCT results stating that the scores in the area of math were expected but those in social studies a surprise. He updated the members on the future of the federal No Child Left Behind legislation which is expected to be reauthorized with a few changes for children with disabilities. Mr. Winter then responded to several questions from the board, participated in a lively dialog and discussed the State Board's priorities for funding.

The board members thanked Mr. Winter for his dedicated public service and for being present at the meeting today. On behalf of the children in Georgia, Mr. Winter thanked the board members for all their efforts on behalf of the state's children.

Paul Baker then presented an update on the Mountainbrook Academy Program and noted that the new title of Georgia's psycho-educational network is GNET. He distributed copies of an executive summary of the program for FY2008. Dr. Baker discussed the difficulty of overcoming austerity cuts and commended the systems for their cooperation and support of the program. He provided a brief update on services offered and supplied data on attendance and suspension rates and parental involvement. Dr. Baker also noted that mid-year data has indicated that academic progress is being made by Mountainbrook students. He discussed the evaluation process and progress monitoring for the teachers in the three centers and reported that the Council for Exceptional Children is looking at the Mountainbrook Academy program as a national model. In closing, Dr. Baker thanked the superintendents again for their continued support.

The superintendents expressed their appreciation for the excellent job Dr. Baker has done with developing and directing

the Mountainbrook Academy program.

A tentative calendar of RESA Board of Control meeting dates for FY09 was presented and discussed. On a motion by Joe Forsee, seconded by Vickie Reed, the board voted unanimously to approve the list of meeting dates for advertisement in the local newspaper as required by law (Attachment # 3).

The proposed RESA Holiday Calendar for FY09 was presented and discussed. On a motion by Mark Henson, seconded by Mike Ballew, the board unanimously approved the calendar as presented (Attachment # 4).

A list of RESA certified personnel recommendations for FY09 was presented for board approval (Attachment # 5). Mr. Harmon also requested the board accept the resignations of Tina Shull and Sherri Jones, both teachers at the Mountainbrook Canton Center, effective the end of the contract year. On a motion by Mark Henson, seconded by Mike Ballew, the board unanimously approved all personnel recommendations with the understanding that all recommendations are contingent upon the availability of funds and all non-certified personnel are considered at-will employees.

As Dr. Petruzielo was unable to attend the meeting due to an emergency weather situation in Cherokee County, no GSSA Business Report was available. Mr. Harmon did briefly discuss the Bootstrap meeting he attended in April.

Mr. Harmon reported that no State Board of Education Liaison Committee meeting was held in April and he was unable to participate in the May teleconference due to a prior commitment.

Larry Harmon then presented his RESA Director's Report. He reported that we have received the 2009 Allotment Sheets from the DOE and will begin preparation deliberations and have the FY09 budget ready for presentation at the August meeting.

Mr. Harmon updated the board on the RESA Site Visitation scheduled for March 25-27, 2009. He noted that we will budget appropriately for the visit and should have the name of the Team Leader by the August board meeting. One component of the site visit is composed of a meeting with the system superintendents and the visiting team to determine the satisfaction with the services being offered and the needs being met. We anticipate this meeting will be scheduled for Thursday, March 26, lasting approximately one hour. Mr. Harmon asked the superintendents to tentatively hold this date on their calendars and we will confirm the date and time in August. He added that a similar meeting will be scheduled with system curriculum staff.

Mr. Harmon shared some specific data on services provided to the systems during the 2007-08 school year. These services were offered based on the systems' annual needs assessment and action

plan development by the RESA staff.

A question was then asked regarding the retention rate of teachers who have achieved alternative certification through the One-year Practicum program. Mr. Harmon offered to look into this interesting question.

Mr. Harmon next discussed the 2008 CRCT results in Math and Social Studies and Ms. Cox's response. He noted that the RESA's will undoubtedly be assigned additional responsibilities in at least these two areas as a result of the posted scores.

Mr. Harmon distributed a copy of a letter to the Georgia Department of Education which we will ask each superintendent to sign granting RESA access for 2008/09 to the systems' testing data for analysis purposes and school improvement development. The superintendents present signed the document.

In closing, Mr. Harmon informed the board that Karen Walker, DOE school improvement specialist who has worked extensively in the North Georgia RESA systems, lost her home of over 30 years to a fire last Saturday. He reported that RESA is accepting donations for the Walker family through the North Georgia Staff Development Fund.

Dr. Cantrell again thanked Mr. Harmon for the excellent manner in which he has kept the board informed on RESA business and expressed the superintendents' appreciation for all the support RESA provides the systems.

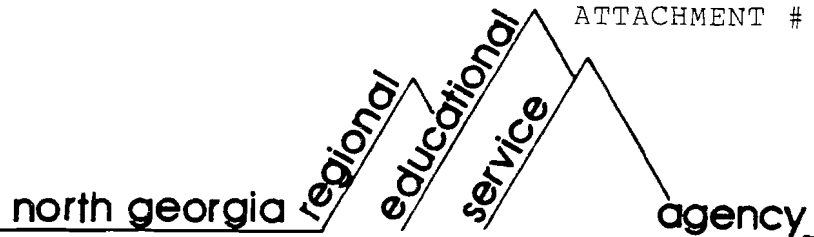
With all business complete and all comments heard, on a motion by Mike Ballew, seconded by Mark Henson, Dr. Cantrell adjourned the May meeting at 10:45 a.m.

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Raiford Cantrell, Vice Chairman

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Larry G. Harmon, Secretary



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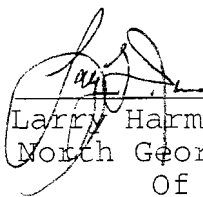
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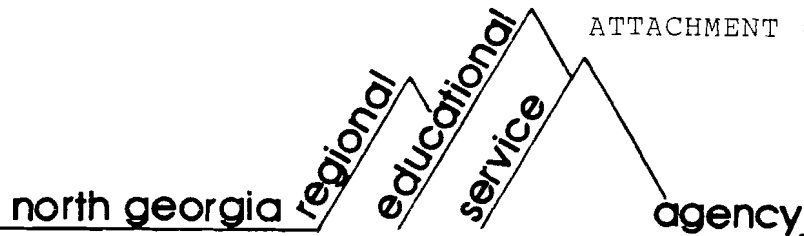
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Adopted this 21<sup>st</sup> Day of May, 2008.

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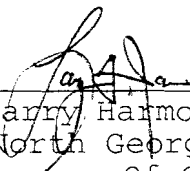
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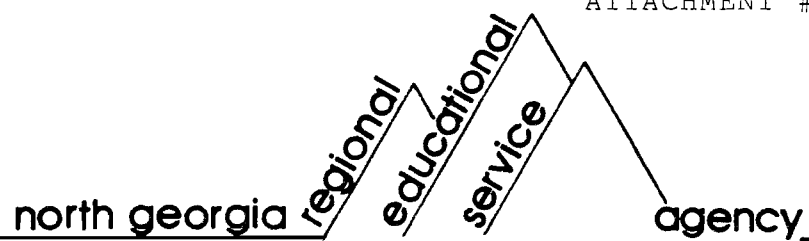
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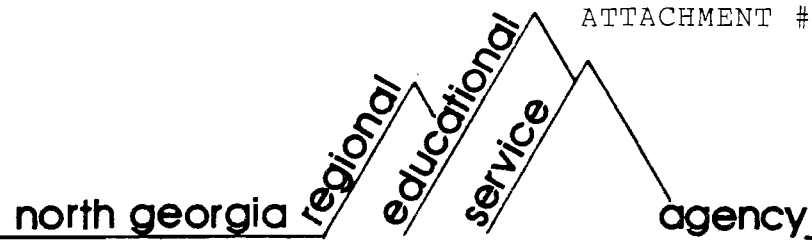
**NORTH GEORGIA RESA BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING DATES**

**FY09**

July 16, 2008	9:00 a.m.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday
August 20, 2008	9:00 a.m.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday
September 17, 2008	9:00 a.m.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday
October 15, 2008	9:00 a.m.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday
November 19, 2008	9:00 a.m.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday
December 17, 2008	9:00 a.m.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday
January 21, 2009	9:00 a.m.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday
February 18, 2009	9:00 a.m.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday
March 18, 2009	9:00 a.m.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday
April 15, 2009	9:00 a.m.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday
May 20, 2009	9:00 a.m.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday
June 17, 2009	9:00 a.m.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday

All meetings will be conducted in the Nell C. Hallford Memorial Board Room at North Georgia RESA in Ellijay, Georgia.

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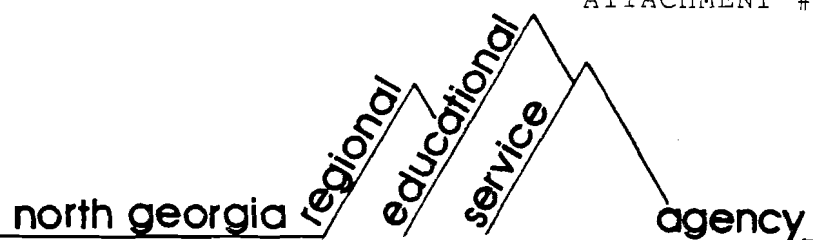
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## RESA HOLIDAY CALENDAR

### FISCAL YEAR 2009

Independence Day	July 4 (Friday)
Labor Day	September 1 (Monday)
Thanksgiving	November 26 (Wednesday) through November 28 (Friday)
Christmas	December 22 (Monday) through December 26 (Friday)
New Year's	January 1 and 2 (Thursday and Friday)
Spring Holidays	April 6 (Monday) through April 8 (Wednesday)

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**FISCAL YEAR 2009**

**CERTIFIED PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS**

All recommendations are contingent upon the availability of funds.

General Fund Employees

Dr. Jim Hagopian, Contracted Services Consultant  
Dr. Letty Reeves, Professional Learning Consultant  
Lisa smith, School Improvement Consultant  
Lynn Weaver, Contracted Services Consultant

Georgia Learning Resource Service (GLRS)

Pam Glasgow, GLRS Director  
Marcia Talkovich, Contracted Services Consultant

Special Program Employees

Ben Arp, Youth Apprenticeship Program Coordinator