

BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING

May 20, 2009
9:00 a.m.

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

BOARD MEMBERS

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

Others Present: Allison Doerr (NorthStar Educational and
Therapeutic Services), Larry Winter (Georgia
School Board)

Chairman Petruzielo called the May board meeting to order at 9:00
a.m. and welcomed all members and guests attending.

Larry Harmon introduced and welcomed guests Allison Doerr and
Larry Winter.

Dr. Petruzielo presented the May Agenda for approval. On a motion
by Randy Parson, seconded by Vickie Reed, the May Board of Control
Meeting Agenda was unanimously approved by the board.

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

Larry Harmon presented the RESA March and April Financial Reports.
He briefly discussed the contents and noted that all accounts
appear to be order for this time in the fiscal year. Mr. Harmon
asked the board members to review these reports at their
convenience and contact him with any questions. On a motion by
Randy Parson, seconded by Katie Brochu, the March and April
Financial Reports were unanimously approved by the board.

Mr. Harmon reported to the board that the North Georgia RESA FY09
budget has been amended to reflect cuts that have been implemented
since the budget was originally adopted. On a motion by Vickie

Reed, seconded by Randy Parson, the RESA amended FY09 budget was unanimously approved by the board (Attachment # 1). A board member asked about the status of RESA's for the upcoming year. Mr. Harmon replied that RESA's have been put back into the FY10 budget in the same category previously held and a joint house and senate study committee has been seated to investigate the services provided to the systems by the RESA's state-wide and to make recommendations by December 31. Mr. Harmon added that an item on the board's August agenda will be a discussion on a presentation to be made to this committee.

Mr. Harmon next reported that North Georgia RESA has done a good job of setting aside "rainy day" funds over the years. He requested the board allow him, in order to help the systems with continually rising costs elsewhere, to pay the RESA membership for the systems at the same level as they participated in FY09 out of these reserve funds. On a motion by Vickie Reed, seconded by Randy Parson, the board unanimously approved the request. Dr. Reed, on behalf of all the board members, thanked Mr. Harmon for this help at such a difficult time.

Larry Harmon requested approval of two spending resolutions (Attachments # 2 and # 3) covering the period beginning July 1, 2009 through August 31, 2009. He explained that the information needed to complete the RESA FY10 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 Katie Brochu, seconded by Randy Parson, the two spending resolutions were unanimously approved by the board.

Mr. Harmon next discussed the GNET (NorthStar) FY10 budget noting that there has been much confusion concerning the funding formula to be used to calculate their funds. He added that he will keep the board informed as soon as more information is available.

Larry Harmon then shared with the board the results of the RESA Standards On-site Review conducted in March. He thanked the members and their representatives who participated in the interview process and stated that RESA was pleased with the results of the evaluation.

Dr. Allison Doerr then discussed a proposal for a joint effort with Georgia HOPE, a School Based Behavioral Health Program (a MH/AD provider) and NorthStar Educational and Therapeutic Services in an attempt to provide more comprehensive mental health and addictive disease services to seriously troubled youth. Georgia HOPE is an approved provider for the Georgia Department of Human Resources to provide Wrap Around, Family Preservation, as well as MH/AD core services to Medicaid-qualified children based on acuity of need. Dr. Doerr noted that this partnership will be a first in the state and will act as a model for future

joint ventures. On a motion by James Hawkins, seconded by Katie Brochu, the board unanimously approved the partnership. Mr. Winter noted that assistance with enrolling children in medicaid can be obtained by contacting local community-based advocacy groups.

Mr. Harmon then distributed information he gathered in response to a request at the March board meeting on the systems' different approaches to RTI.

The board members thanked Mr. Harmon for this helpful information.

Next, Dr. Orval Porter was honored for his dedicated service on the North Georgia RESA Board of Control. Dr. Hawkins reported that Dr. Porter was absent due to his attendance at a system scholastic recognition ceremony and accepted the certificate in Dr. Porter's stead.

A tentative calendar of RESA Board of Control meeting dates for FY10 was presented and discussed. On a motion by Vickie Reed, seconded by Katie Brochu, the board voted unanimously to approve the list of meeting dates for advertisement in the local newspaper as required by law (Attachment # 4).

The proposed RESA Holiday Calendar for FY10 was presented and discussed. On a motion by Randy Parson, seconded by Katie Brochu, the board unanimously approved the calendar as presented (Attachment # 5).

Mr. Winter noted that the Georgia Department of Education has released furlough dates for FY10. On July 2, September 4, November 24, December 24 and December 31 the department will be closed. Also, in an attempt to cut spending, a reduction in work force has eliminated ten additional positions.

A list of RESA certified personnel recommendations for FY10 was presented for board approval (Attachment # 6). A list of additional personnel recommendations for NorthStar was also presented (Attachment # 7). On a motion by Vickie Reed, seconded by James Hawkins, 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.

At Dr. Petruzielo's request, Mr. Harmon attended the GSSA Legislative Committee meeting on May 19 and reported on discussions held at the meeting. Included was an Outline of Recommendations prepared in response to *Georgia's Tough Choices or Tough Times* report. Also discussed was the 2010 governor's race. Mr. Harmon informed the members that GSSA is in the process of updating their priorities list but will continue to make funding their primary initiative. They also intend to request tools and flexibility to deal with the current financial crisis. The

organization stresses that it continues to be a strong supporter of public education in Georgia.

Mr. Petruzielo distributed the Cherokee County Executive Summary of 2009 legislation affecting education and reviewed the report.

Dr. Petruzielo also stated that next year will prove to be a very difficult legislative year. Discussions were then held on virtual learning, the charter system and legal supplanting.

Mr. Harmon then presented the State Board of Education Liaison Committee Meeting Report. He reported that the committee took up the issue of National Board Certification funding and set the figure at 9.6% for FY09. He discussed waivers approved, the 138 petitions the Charter Committee is currently holding, IDEA and stimulus funds.

Mr. Harmon then presented his RESA Directors Report and announced the winners of the Georgia Young Authors contest.

Mr. Harmon discussed a Memorandum of Agreement between RESA and the Georgia Department of Education for receipt of school improvement funds. North Georgia RESA received two school improvement grants in FY09 but will receive only one for FY10.

The MOA states this must be one full-time position and this consultant will only be able to work with NI, NI1 and NI2 schools.

Mr. Harmon requested permission to not enter into this agreement but rather use other funds to continue to pay the 64% individual currently holding the position to fill this role. The board assured Mr. Harmon this was within his rights and responsibilities as the budget manager for RESA.

Mr. Harmon discussed the 2009/10 RESA Needs Assessment, responses to which will be compiled and released to the board members soon.

He also reported that end-of-the-year *Satisfaction Surveys* would be distributed in the near future to system curriculum personnel.

In closing, Mr. Harmon discussed the outlook for the FY10 budget and specific problems with uncertainty on the G-NETS funding formula. He reported he will keep the board informed as information is received.

Informal discussion followed with State Board of Education Member Larry Winter. Topics included the governor's race, a legislative bill allowing parents/students a choice of schools outside of their zoned district, the nepotism bill unexpectedly signed by the governor, the RESA Study Committee and the manner in which to provide them with information about the services RESA's provide.

Mr. Winter reported state revenues down 20.6% for April. 2010 and 2011 revenues are expected to be equally dismal with the earliest upturn expected in the last quarter of 2011. He discussed the number of charter applications being examined and

noted that an increasing number of these are being denied by the state.

Dr. Petruzielo discussed a need for a fast path to be established for requesting waivers which will be numerous due to change in class size restrictions and budget constraints.

Mr. Winter asked for comments from the members on other issues they would like brought up at the state level. He also noted that the systems had a valuable resource available in Tom Dickson who chairs or is seated on several important legislative committees. Mr. Harmon suggested Mr. Dickson be invited to a future RESA Board of Control meeting particularly since he will be serving on the RESA Study Committee.

Dr. Reed discussed Murray County's interest in adding one hour to each school day and reducing the number of school days by 20 per year. She outlined the various ways this change could reflect reduced operating costs all year long.

On behalf of the board, Dr. Petruzielo thanked Mr. Larry Winter again for his attendance today and his continued support of the superintendents, systems and the children of Georgia.

After all discussion was concluded and all business complete, Dr. Petruzielo thanked the members and guests for attending the meeting and, on a motion by Vickie Reed, seconded by Randy Parson, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Frank Petruzielo, Chairman

Larry G. Harmon, Secretary

NORTH GEORGIA RESA FY2009 BUDGET TOTALS ALL FUNDS		
	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES
GENERAL FUND	\$551,606	\$635,097
PRINTING	\$94,000	\$93,395
REPAIR	\$235,096	\$228,490
YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP	\$54,447	\$54,447
SD ONE YEAR PRACTICUM / CERTIFICATION	\$42,000	\$27,500
SD REGISTRATION COURTESY	\$19,000	\$17,800
SD RESA	\$42,000	\$41,315
SD REGISTRATION ENDORSEMENT	\$155,000	\$147,850
SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT	\$260,000	\$260,000
DRUG EDUCATION	\$0	\$0
HIV CONTRACT	\$2,000	\$2,000
GLRS - VIB FEDERAL	\$306,244	\$306,244
GLRS - CAPACITY	\$66,764	\$66,764
GLRS - SPECIAL PROJECTS	\$20,000	\$20,000
SPECIAL ED SIG PROJECT	\$47,164	\$47,164
NORTHSTAR - STATE	\$2,837,455	\$2,837,455
NORTHSTAR - VI-B	\$332,558	\$332,558
NORTHSTAR - LOCAL	\$693,524	\$693,524
TOTALS	\$5,758,858	\$5,811,603

AMENDED MAY 2009

**NORTH GEORGIA RESA
GENERAL FUND
FISCAL YEAR 2009**

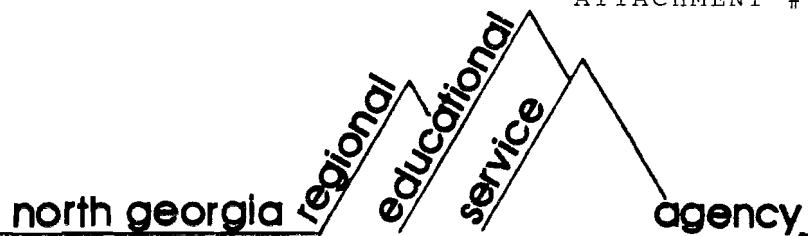
***** ANTICIPATED REVENUES *****	
<i>LOCAL RECEIPTS</i>	
(OTHER, INTEREST, FISCAL AGENT, PLU)	\$40,100.00
<i>STATE RECEIPTS</i>	
(RESA/VOCATIONAL/OTHER)	\$485,285.00
<i>FEDERAL RECEIPTS</i>	\$26,221.00
(INDIRECT COST)	
<i>PROJECTED FUND BALANCE AS OF JULY 1, 2008</i>	\$795,840.00
<i>TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUES AND FUND BALANCE</i>	\$1,347,446.00 =====
***** ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES *****	
<i>SUPPORT SERVICES (PUPIL)</i>	\$0.00
<i>SUPPORT SERVICES (STAFF)</i>	\$79,773.30
<i>SUPPORT SERVICES (GENERAL ADMINISTRATION)</i>	\$348,644.56
<i>SUPPORT SERVICES (BUSINESS/FINANCE)</i>	\$154,356.84
<i>SUPPORT SERVICES (MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION)</i>	\$51,882.49
<i>SET ASIDE RESERVE TO PAY SYSTEM MEMBERSHIP 2010</i>	\$143,175.00
<i>PROJECTED FUND BALANCE AS OF JUNE 30, 2009</i>	\$569,613.81
<i>TOTAL ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES AND FUND BALANCE</i>	\$1,347,446.00 =====

**NORTH GEORGIA RESA - GENERAL FUND
FISCAL YEAR 2009**

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>FY2009</u>
RESA GRANT	\$441,363.00
VOCATIONAL GRANT	\$43,922.00
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	\$10,100.00
TECH PREP CONFERENCE	\$0.00
INTEREST EARNED	\$30,000.00
TRANSFER IN	\$0.00
INDIRECT COST INCOME	\$26,221.00

<u>BUDGETED INCOME</u>	\$551,606.00
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<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
SALARIES	\$422,711.57
BENEFITS	\$104,742.39
TRAVEL	\$6,800.00
SUPPLIES	\$28,853.24
CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$14,600.00
CLEANING/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	\$1,800.00
BUILDING & EQUIPMENT RENTAL	\$13,100.00
INSURANCE	\$3,050.00
COMMUNICATIONS	\$12,000.00
ENERGY/HEAT/AUTO FUEL	\$10,000.00
EQUIPMENT PURCHASES	\$10,000.00
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	\$7,000.00

<u>BUDGETED EXPENDITURES</u>	\$634,657.20
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Change in Fund Equity	(\$83,051.20)



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SPENDING RESOLUTION

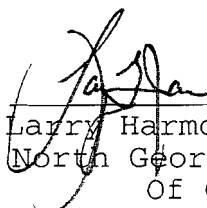
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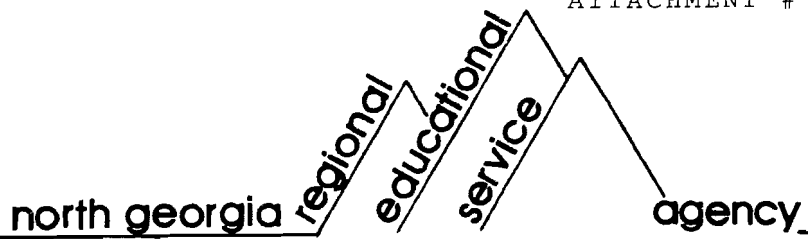
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Adopted this 20th Day of May, 2009.

Attest:


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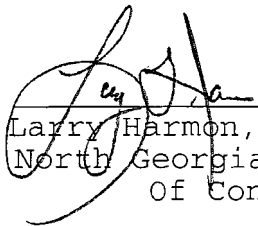
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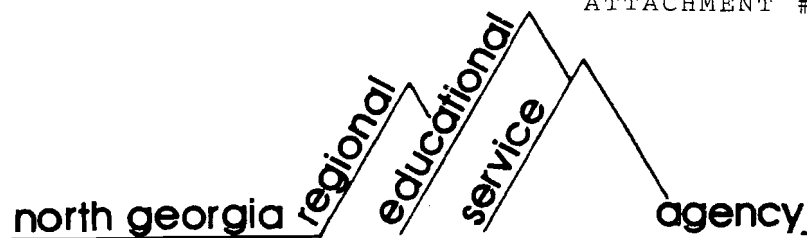
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NORTH GEORGIA RESA BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING DATES

FY10

July 15, 2009	9:00 a.m.	3 rd Wednesday
August 19, 2009	9:00 a.m.	3 rd Wednesday
September 16, 2009	9:00 a.m.	3 rd Wednesday
October 21, 2009	9:00 a.m.	3 rd Wednesday
November 18, 2009	9:00 a.m.	3 rd Wednesday
December 16, 2009	9:00 a.m.	3 rd Wednesday
January 20, 2010	9:00 a.m.	3 rd Wednesday
February 17, 2010	9:00 a.m.	3 rd Wednesday
March 17, 2010	9:00 a.m.	3 rd Wednesday
April 21, 2010	9:00 a.m.	3 rd Wednesday
May 19, 2010	9:00 a.m.	3 rd Wednesday
June 16, 2010	9:00 a.m.	3 rd Wednesday

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

Approved by the North Georgia RESA Board of Control in official session May 20, 2009

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RESA HOLIDAY CALENDAR

FISCAL YEAR 2010

Labor Day	September 1 (Monday)
Thanksgiving	November 25 (Wednesday) through November 27 (Friday)
Christmas	December 21 (Monday) through December 25 (Friday)
New Year's	December 30 (Wednesday) through January 1 (Friday)
Spring Holidays	April 5 (Monday) through April 7 (Wednesday)

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FISCAL YEAR 2010

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 (49%)
Lynn Weaver, School Improvement Consultant (49%)

Special Program Employees

Ben Arp, Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator

- Therapeutic Classes
- Psychological Services / Intervention
- Diagnostic Evaluation

NorthStar

Educational and Therapeutic Services

104 Fort Hill Terrace

Dalton, GA 30721

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- Neurocognitive Intervention
- Psychiatric Services
- Family / Caregiver Support
- Consultation

Dr. Paul W. Baker,
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Ms. Pam Massingale,
Coordinator
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TO: Mr. Larry Harmon, Executive Director

FROM: Dr. Paul Baker, Regional Director

REFERENCE: Employment Recommendations/Terminations

DATE: May 18, 2009

On behalf of NorthStar, the following names are submitted for consideration by the Board of Control.

New Hire/Rehire

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Dane Corry	Canton	Parapro	Rehired 4/13/09 after completing student teaching

Resignations

Debbie Cook	Dalton	Parent Student Services -	Position not funded
Jean Hill	Dalton	Parapro	Position not funded
Alex Lewis	Dalton	Parapro	Pursuing other interests
Robbie Sane	Dalton	Parapro	Retiring May 29, 2009
Julie Bell	Canton	Lead Teacher	Retiring May 29, 2009
Laurie Kish	Blue Ridge	Parapro	Position not funded
Julia McHan	Blue Ridge	Parapro	Position not funded
Aimee Warren	Blue Ridge	Parapro	Position not funded

Thank you for your consideration.

 PWB

cc: Alice Ellis, Finance Director

Serving:

Cherokee County, Pickens County, Gilmer County, Fannin County, Whitfield County, Murray County, and Dalton Public Schools

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