

BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING

August 20, 2008
9:00 a.m.

Holcomb Conference Room
North Georgia RESA
Ellijay, Georgia

BOARD MEMBERS

Frank Petruzielo, Chairman, Cherokee County Schools.....Present
Orval Porter, Superintendent, Dalton City Schools..... Present
Mark Henson, Superintendent, Fannin County Schools.....Present
Randy Parson, 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.....Absent
Joe B. Forsee, Northwest Georgia Regional Library System.....Present
Larry G. Harmon, Secretary, North Georgia RESA.....Present

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

Larry Harmon introduced and welcomed new board member, Randy Parson. Mr. Parson is the new superintendent of Gilmer County Schools.

On a motion by Mike Ballew, seconded by Mark Henson, the August Board of Control Meeting Agenda was unanimously approved by the board.

On a motion by Vickie Reed, seconded by Orval Porter, the May Board of Control Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved as presented. As a quorum was not present, there were no meeting minutes for June or July.

Larry Harmon presented the RESA May Financial Report and briefly discussed the contents. He noted that all accounts were in order and asked the board members to review this report at their convenience and contact him with any questions. On a motion by Mike Ballew, seconded by Vickie Reed, the May Financial Report was unanimously approved by the board.

Larry Harmon reported that, due to end-of-year reports and FY09 budget deadlines, the RESA June, July and End-of-Year Financial Reports will not be ready for presentation and approval until the September meeting.

Larry Harmon next reported that the Finance Committee, Mike Ballew, Mark Henson and Vickie Reed, along with Chairman Petruzielo, met prior to the regular meeting this morning to review

the proposed North Georgia RESA FY09 Budget. A copy was presented to the board members (Attachment # 1) for consideration. After a brief discussion, on a motion by Mike Ballew, seconded by Vickie Reed, the proposed budget was unanimously approved. Mr. Harmon stated that the proposed budget would be advertised in the local newspaper for two consecutive weeks and brought back before the board for final approval at the September meeting.

Larry Harmon requested approval of a Spending Resolution (Attachment # 2) covering the period from August 31st until the RESA FY08 Budget receives final approval at the September Board of Control meeting. On a motion by Orval Porter, seconded by Mark Henson, the Spending Resolution was unanimously approved by the board.

The floor was then opened for nominations for Chairman of the North Georgia RESA Board of Control. Mark Henson nominated Frank Petruzielo to serve as Chairman of the Board for Fiscal Year 2009. With no other nominations being offered, the nominations were closed and, on a motion by Orval Porter, seconded by Mike Ballew, the board unanimously elected Dr. Petruzielo to serve as Board Chairman for FY09. The members thanked Dr. Petruzielo for the excellent job he has done as Chairman in the past and his willingness to serve again in FY09.

Chairman Petruzielo then requested nominations for Vice Chairman of the North Georgia RESA Board of Control. Mike Ballew nominated Vickie Reed to serve as Board Vice Chairman. With no other nominations being offered, the nominations were closed and, on a motion by Mike Ballew, seconded by Orval Porter, Dr. Reed was unanimously elected to serve as Board Vice Chairman for Fiscal Year 2009.

Chairman Petruzielo next made the following RESA Board of Control committee assignments for Fiscal Year 2009.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mike Ballew, Chair
Mark Henson
Vickie Reed

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Vickie Reed, Chair
Frank Petruzielo
Joe Forsee

CURRICULUM AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Randy Parson, Chair

Mark Henson
Orval Porter

CPA BOARD MEMBERS

Randy Parson - Term Expires 6/30/09
Mike Ballew - Term Expires 6/30/10
Mark Henson - Term Expires 6/30/11

Dr. Petruzielo graciously agreed to continue to serve on the GSSA Board of Directors and as the representative from the North Georgia RESA area systems on the GSSA Legislative Committee.

At the request of Dr. Petruzielo, Larry Harmon agreed to continue serving on the State Board of Education Liaison Committee representing the North Georgia RESA systems.

Dr. Petruzielo thanked the board members for their willingness to accept these assignments and to serve on these committees.

Mr. Harmon announced a name change for the Mountainbrook Comprehensive Academy. The program is now known as NorthStar Educational and Therapeutic Services. He noted that the new name more accurately reflects the services the centers provide to the children in the North Georgia RESA systems. On a motion by Vickie Reed, seconded by Mark Henson, the name change was unanimously approved by the board.

Mr. Harmon next presented several personnel recommendations on behalf of the NorthStar Program. Please see Attachment # 3 for this list. On a motion by Mike Ballew, seconded by Randy Parson, 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.

Dr. Petruzielo updated the board on GSSA business of interest to the members. He distributed copies of a memo sent to the GSSA Legislative Committee members outlining recommendations for changes to the GSSA Positions document. Dr. Petruzielo briefly discussed these changes. He also discussed the GSSA's top three priorities chosen for 2008-09 which will be communicated to legislators.

Dr. Petruzielo reported that Cherokee County has generated specific figures on what the minimum recommended budget cuts would mean to the system. He suggested that each superintendent compile similar figures for their system and communicate this information to their local legislators.

Dr. Petruzielo also discussed the Homeowner Tax Relief Grant and commented that, in his opinion, the governor and his office have seriously underestimated the loss of state revenue for the upcoming year. He reported that the Consortium for Adequate

School Funding lawsuit is about to go to court and the results bear watching. In closing, Dr. Petruzielo noted that the 2008/09 legislative session will bring about more difficult times for education in Georgia.

A discussion was then held on possible areas where funding cuts might be made by the different local boards and how systems are coping with serious funding losses. The members also discussed class size and waiver issues. Several noted that they would begin looking at cuts in services in support areas, depending on prioritization, in order to maximize funding on every level.

A suggestion was made to add an agenda item to each upcoming board meeting to allow time to share innovative and effective ideas for coping with funding issues and budget cuts. Mr. Harmon said it would be done.

Dr. Chandler updated the board on rumors of consolidations of the technical colleges in Georgia reducing the number of institutions in order to operate with half of the current administrative staff.

Mr. Harmon then presented the State Board of Education Liaison Committee Meeting Report. He reported that most of the teleconference was devoted to the budget committee and reports submitted by Ms. Cox and the Department of Education. The governor asked all departments to present three proposed reduction budgets of 6%, 8% and 10% for FY09. He also discussed areas where significant cuts were suggested. Mr. Harmon reported on several grants that will have an impact on the local systems including Title IIIA, Title IVA and Title I Part C awards with specific figures broken down by system.

Mr. Harmon then presented his RESA Directors Report. He updated the board on plans for the North Georgia RESA Site Evaluation and discussed the RESA 2008/09 Needs Assessment Report. Mr. Harmon reported that the GDOE has cut back on their support of the Math Initiatives I and II but RESA will continue to offer excellent Math support through our contracted services. He then discussed G-NETS issues with the GDOE regarding the Memorandum of Agreement as designed. The RESA's have retained an attorney to represent those affected in the discussion with the GDOE over the language in these MoA's. Mr. Harmon did say that he believes that all issues have been resolved and we should receive a copy of the agreed MoA soon.

Mr. Harmon requested input from the board regarding presenting Dr. Raiford Cantrell with a Certificate of Appreciation for his service on the board. After receiving an affirmative response he stated that we would prepare the certificate and invite Dr. Cantrell to the September board meeting and present the certificate to him at that time.

With all business complete and all comments heard, on a motion by Mike Ballew, seconded by Mark Henson, Dr. Petrizelo adjourned the August meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Frank Petruzielo, Chairman

Larry G. Harmon, Secretary

**NORTH GEORGIA RESA
FY2009
BUDGET TOTALS ALL FUNDS**

	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES
GENERAL FUND	\$631,424	\$631,424
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	\$16,150	\$16,150
GLRS - VIB FEDERAL	\$286,931	\$286,931
GLRS - CAPACITY	\$66,764	\$66,764
GLRS - SPECIAL PROJECTS	\$20,000	\$20,000
MOUNTAINBROOK - STATE	\$2,946,440	\$2,946,440
MOUNTAINBROOK - VI-B	\$300,000	\$300,000
TOTALS	\$5,169,252	\$5,138,506

**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)	\$565,103.00
<i>FEDERAL RECEIPTS</i>	
(INDIRECT COST)	\$26,221.00
<i>PROJECTED FUND BALANCE AS OF JULY 1, 2008</i>	\$650,000.00
<i>TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUES AND FUND BALANCE</i>	\$1,281,424.00 =====

ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES

<i>SUPPORT SERVICES (PUPIL)</i>	\$0.00
<i>SUPPORT SERVICES (STAFF)</i>	\$72,764.43
<i>SUPPORT SERVICES (GENERAL ADMINISTRATION)</i>	\$352,420.24
<i>SUPPORT SERVICES (BUSINESS/FINANCE)</i>	\$154,356.84
<i>SUPPORT SERVICES (MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION)</i>	\$51,882.49
<i>PROJECTED FUND BALANCE AS OF JUNE 30, 2009</i>	\$650,000.00
<i>TOTAL ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES AND FUND BALANCE</i>	\$1,281,424.00 =====

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

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>FY2009</u>
RESA GRANT	\$521,181.00
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>	\$631,424.00
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<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
SALARIES	\$418,021.38
BENEFITS	\$109,699.38
TRAVEL	\$6,800.00
SUPPLIES	\$28,853.24
CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$11,100.00
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>	\$631,424.00
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Change in Fund Equity	(\$0.00)

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Larry G. Harmon
Executive Director

SPENDING RESOLUTION

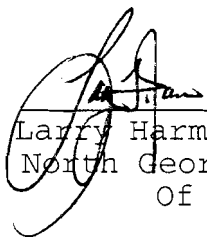
WHEREAS, The North Georgia RESA Board Of Control for good and sufficient reason is unable to adopt a budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008, and ending June 30, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the public exigency is best served by authorizing the Executive Director to continue to expend funds to continue operations.

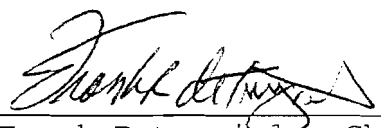
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the North Georgia RESA Board of Control that the Executive Director may expend funds from all funds for the month of September, 2008, not to exceed one-twelfth (1/12) of the final amended budget for all funds for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008.

Adopted this 20th Day of August, 2008.

Attest:



Larry Harmon, Secretary
North Georgia RESA Board
Of Control



Frank Petruzielo, Chairman
North Georgia RESA Board
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Larry G. Harmor
Executive Director

ACTIONS NEEDED ON NORTHSTAR PERSONNEL AT THE AUGUST 20 BOARD
OF CONTROL MEETING

Acceptance of resignation from:

Jim McFarland, lead teacher, Canton

Crystal Tkacsik, paraprofessional, Canton
Bart Ponders, paraprofessional, Dalton
Ann Studley, paraprofessional, Fannin

Approval of employment for:

Amber Taylor, school psychologist based at the Canton Center
Ben Harris, lead teacher, Canton
Ashlee Smallwood, lead teacher, Canton
Kathy Murphy, teacher, Canton
Phyllis King, nurse, Canton

Debbie Hewett, paraprofessional, Canton
William Peck, paraprofessional, Canton
Marie Ngo-Mbelek, paraprofessional, Canton
Brittany Alexander Lewis, paraprofessional, Dalton
Yolanda Jefferson-Perry, paraprofessional, Dalton
Julia McHan, paraprofessional, Fannin
Aimee Lynne Warren, paraprofessional, Fannin
Laurie Kish, paraprofessional, Fannin

Doctoral Interns: Heather Christine Smith
Brandi Jaene Wells