

BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING

September 19, 2007
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.....Present
Mark Henson, Superintendent, Fannin County Schools.....Present
Raiford Cantrell, Superintendent, Gilmer County Schools.....Present
Vickie Reed, Superintendent, Murray County Schools..... Absent
Mike Ballew, Superintendent, Pickens County Schools.....Present
Katie Brochu, Superintendent, Whitfield County Schools.....Present
Sanford Chandler, President, Appalachian Technical College..... Absent
James Burran, President, Dalton State College..... Absent
Joe B. Forsee, Northwest Georgia Regional Library System.....Present
Larry G. Harmon, Secretary, North Georgia RESA.....Present

In Chairman Petruzielo's absence, Vice Chairman Raiford Cantrell called the board meeting to order and thanked all members for attending.

On a motion by Orval Porter, seconded by Mike Ballew, the September Agenda was unanimously approved as presented.

On a motion by Mike Ballew, seconded by Mark Henson, the August Board of Control Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

Larry Harmon presented the RESA May and June monthly Financial Reports and the Financial Report for Year Ended June 30, 2007. He briefly discussed the contents of each and noted that all accounts were in order at year end. He asked the board to review these reports at their convenience and contact him with any questions. On a motion by Orval Porter, seconded by Mike Ballew, all financial reports were unanimously approved by the board.

Mr. Harmon introduced Jane Huntley who was at the meeting representing the Georgia Professional Standards Commission. Ms. Huntley discussed the Master Teacher Program which was established as a result of 2005 legislation and intended to be a statewide and local initiative to recognize teachers who provide an extraordinary learning environment for students. She briefly discussed the criteria for qualification as a Master Teacher and noted that the management and supervision of the program are the responsibility of local system personnel and that the credibility of the program depends on these personnel. Ms.

Huntley discussed how the Master Teacher program and National Board Certification correlate with one another, the focus for the Master Teacher program being on student achievement. She added that a clarified application form and support instruments can be found on the PSC's website. She also stated that this program could possibly lead to a Teacher Leader Endorsement in the future. Ms. Huntley then requested input how the skills of those reaching master teacher level can be utilized as resources for others in their systems and answered questions concerning the program. In closing, she thanked the board members for the time allowed her.

Mr. Harmon thanked Ms. Huntley for her attendance at the meeting and informed the board members that Dr. Letty Reeves is the North Georgia RESA contact for the Master Teacher Program.

Pam Glasgow, Program Director, then provided an update on recent and upcoming GLRS activities. She discussed professional learning supporting the 2007/08 North Central GLRS/North Georgia RESA Needs Assessment, most of which are funded by the GLRS grant and offered at no cost to the participants. Areas of offerings include Autism, Co-teaching, Effective Behavior Management, Effective Reading Practices, Parent Mentors/Parent Involvement, Response to Intervention, Teacher Certification and Writing/Implementing IEP's. Ms. Glasgow then distributed information on and discussed Georgia's Performance Goals and Indicators for Students with Disabilities. She also updated the board on the North Central GLRS 2007-08 Continuous Improvement Grant and how grant monies are being spent. Her final topic was the GDOE Special Education Services and Support Division's State Personnel Development Grant (SPDG), its initiatives and GLRS's responsibilities in implementing the grant through the Georgia Graduation Completion Project, Special Education Teacher Scholarship and the Pyramid of Intervention/Response to Intervention Consortia. After responding to questions from the board, Ms. Glasgow thanked the members for the opportunity to speak to them today.

The board thanked Ms. Glasgow for the very informative update.

Mr. Harmon next presented the following personnel recommendation on behalf of the Mountainbrook Program. At an earlier meeting, Mr. Frank H. Bachtelor was approved for employment in a position of teacher for the Mountainbrook Program. However, Paul Baker has been forced to revoke the offer of a position due to Mr. Bachtelor's inability to relocate and begin work until sometime in November. Mr. Harmon requested the offer of employment to Mr. Bachtelor be withdrawn. On a motion by Katie Brochu, seconded by Joe Forsee, the board unanimously approved this recommendation.

A copy of the North Georgia RESA FY2008 Budget (Attachment # 1) was presented to the board for final approval after having received preliminary approval at the August meeting and being advertized for two weeks in the local newspaper. After a brief discussion, on a motion by Joe Forsee, seconded by Orval Porter, the board unanimously approved the RESA FY2008 Budget.

Mr. Harmon then discussed an amendment to the RESA FY2008 Budget (Attachment # 2) which is required in order to move funds from the area of FUND EQUITY to REPAIR. This change is necessary because two member systems chose to withdraw from the Repair Program after the FY2008 budget was already developed. This change will also result in an audit exception next April because this loss of funds will result in the systems' failure to contribute the required 20% local "fair share" of the RESA budget as required by law. This exception and shortfall will be addressed when developing the FY2009 budget possibly resulting in a change in each system's contribution for FY2009. On a motion by Joe Forsee, seconded by Mark Henson, the board unanimously granted tentative approval of the budget amendment which will be brought before that board at the next meeting for final approval.

As Dr. Petruzielo was unable to attend the meeting, a GSSA Board of Directors Report and a GSSA Legislative Committee Report were unavailable. However, he did arrange for the distribution of a letter addressed to the Cherokee County legislative delegation concerning HR 900, a public education revenue restructuring proposal. A copy of the Cherokee County School District 2008 Legislative Program was also distributed and discussed. Several superintendents expressed their appreciation for the excellent manner in which Dr. Petruzielo has represented them on the GSSA Board and Legislative Committee over the past years.

Larry Harmon reported that he participated in the State Board of Education Liaison Committee teleconference on September 12. However, the meeting consisted only of comments and a discussion on the new Graduation Rule, therefore, no paper report was prepared for distribution to the board. Mr. Harmon noted that the SBOE Liaison Committee does not meet in October and that he will report on the November teleconference at the November 29 meeting.

Mr. Harmon then presented his RESA Director's Report.

Mr. Harmon distributed and discussed a Memorandum of Agreement from the State Department which mandated what RESA's two DOE-funded school improvement positions are to do for the systems and the systems they are approved to work with. He noted that this is an amended copy of the original agreement and asked that, as the superintendents read through it, they should note

that the RESA's, as a group, were able to reposition some of the activities that the state had cut from the work. The RESA's statewide agree that this newest version of the MoA does give each of us some flexibility in what we do, where we do it and with whom we work.

Mr. Harmon reported that the necessary data was (finally) received this week from the state for RESA to begin working on the Grade Analysis for 2007 CRCT Results Report. As soon as this report is ready, we will get it to the systems.

Mr. Harmon reminded the systems that Days 4 and 5 of the High School Math training have been scheduled. Day 4 is scheduled for October 25, 2007, and Day 5 for March 6, 2008. Both will be held at North Georgia RESA with DOE selecting and providing the instructors.

Mr. Harmon also spoke on a Differentiated Instruction workshop presented by Lee Ann Nickelsen scheduled for September 20 and 21 in Murray County. Superintendents from both Dalton City and Whitfield County showed interest in this presentation and stated that if the speaker is scheduled again at a later date that they would be glad to try to locate a suitable venue in their area for the workshop to be held.

For information purposes, Mr. Harmon distributed a copy of the results of the 2007/08 North Georgia RESA Annual Needs Assessment.

In closing, Mr. Harmon reminded the members that our next board meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 28, 2007, at 9:00 a.m. Wendell Christian, Georgia Department of Education, has asked to be included on the agenda for that meeting to discuss school improvement initiatives. Because of the time spent away from your system during Bootstrap, we do not expect a quorum and have made no plans for a meeting in October.

Dr. Porter posed a question regarding the State Department of Education's opinion regarding the effectiveness of the state's RESA's. Mr. Harmon replied that none of this rhetoric is new and that, as of now, it looks as though the RESA's might take another financial hit in FY09 with all budget enhancements being found in the area of Charter Schools. Regardless, he stated, we at North Georgia RESA plan to continue serving our member systems effectively and efficiently.

With all business finalized and all discussions complete, Dr. Cantrell thanked the members present for attending the meeting, thereby establishing a quorum and allowing important business to be conducted. On a motion by Mike Ballew, seconded by Joe Forsee, Dr. Cantrell adjourned the September Board of Control meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Frank Petruzielo, Chairman

Larry G. Harmon, Secretary

**NORTH GEORGIA RESA
FY2008
BUDGET TOTALS ALL FUNDS**

	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES
<i>GENERAL FUND</i>	\$635,333	\$634,637
<i>PRINTING</i>	\$77,008	\$77,008
<i>REPAIR</i>	\$308,963	\$301,439
<i>YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP</i>	\$54,447	\$54,447
<i>SD ONE YEAR PRACTICUM / CERTIFICATION</i>	\$70,000	\$64,900
<i>SD REGISTRATION COURTESY</i>	\$15,000	\$13,825
<i>SD REGISTRATION ENDORSEMENT</i>	\$179,000	\$176,200
<i>SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT</i>	\$260,000	\$260,000
<i>DRUG EDUCATION</i>	\$19,000	\$19,000
<i>GLRS - VIB FEDERAL</i>	\$276,188	\$276,188
<i>GLRS - CAPACITY</i>	\$66,764	\$66,764
<i>MOUNTAINBROOK - STATE</i>	\$2,796,807	\$2,796,807
<i>MOUNTAINBROOK - VI-B</i>	\$204,727	\$204,727
TOTALS	\$4,963,237	\$4,945,942

**NORTH GEORGIA RESA
GENERAL FUND
FISCAL YEAR 2008**

ANTICIPATED REVENUES	

LOCAL RECEIPTS	
(OTHER, INTEREST, FISCAL AGENT, PLU)	\$42,600.00
STATE RECEIPTS	
(RESA/VOCATIONAL/OTHER)	\$567,425.00
FEDERAL RECEIPTS	\$24,308.00
(INDIRECT COST)	
TRANSFER IN	\$1,000.00
PROJECTED FUND BALANCE AS OF JULY 1, 2007	\$650,000.00
TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUES AND FUND BALANCE	\$1,285,333.00
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ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES	

SUPPORT SERVICES (PUPIL)	\$0.00
SUPPORT SERVICES (STAFF)	\$126,368.24
SUPPORT SERVICES (GENERAL ADMINISTRATION)	\$311,997.19
SUPPORT SERVICES (BUSINESS/FINANCE)	\$148,637.00
SUPPORT SERVICES (MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION)	\$47,634.90
PROJECTED FUND BALANCE AS OF JUNE 30, 2008	\$650,695.67
TOTAL ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES AND FUND BALANCE	\$1,285,333.00
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**NORTH GEORGIA RESA - GENERAL FUND
FISCAL YEAR 2008**

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>FY2008</u>
RESA GRANT	\$523,503.00
VOCATIONAL GRANT	\$43,922.00
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	\$12,600.00
TECH PREP CONFERENCE	\$0.00
INTEREST EARNED	\$30,000.00
TRANSFER IN	\$1,000.00
INDIRECT COST INCOME	\$24,308.00

<u>BUDGETED INCOME</u>	\$635,333.00
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<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	
SALARIES	\$421,790.25
BENEFITS	\$107,472.07
TRAVEL	\$14,300.00
SUPPLIES	\$25,825.00
CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$10,100.00
CLEANING/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	\$1,800.00
BUILDING & EQUIPMENT RENTAL	\$12,600.00
INSURANCE	\$2,350.00
COMMUNICATIONS	\$12,000.00
ENERGY/HEAT/AUTO FUEL	\$10,000.00
EQUIPMENT PURCHASES	\$10,000.00
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	\$6,400.00

<u>BUDGETED EXPENDITURES</u>	\$634,637.33
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Change in Fund Equity	\$695.67

Amended Budget		
NORTH GEORGIA RESA FY2008 BUDGET TOTALS ALL FUNDS		
	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES
GENERAL FUND	\$635,333	\$634,637
FUND Equity General Fund to cover Repairs	\$62,942	\$0
PRINTING	\$77,008	\$77,008
REPAIR	\$238,497	\$301,439
YOUTH APPRENTICESHIP	\$54,447	\$54,447
SD ONE YEAR PRACTICUM / CERTIFICATION	\$70,000	\$64,900
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