



WVASA
Membership Meeting
Bridgeport, WV
Friday, September 29, 2017
10:00 a.m.

Minutes

1. President Price called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
3. Minutes from the June 29, 2017 Membership Meeting were presented. David Dilly made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Shawn Dilly. Motion was approved.

4. **Financial Report:** Report was provided by Blaine Hess. Financial reports were provided to Executive Committee members by A.J. Rogers, Executive Director via email prior to the meeting.

- As of August 31, 2017 checking account balance was \$90,429.93 which includes \$40,501 dedicated to the Leadership Program.
- WVASA Investments Accounts Balances as follows:

Investment 6012:	\$14,994.93
Investment 3468:	<u>\$11,754.00</u> (Memorial Scholarship)
Total:	\$26,748.93

- Mary Jane Pope Albin made a motion to accept the Financial Report and David Price, seconded the motion. Motioned passed.
- Blaine Hess reported that the Executive Committee had reviewed and approved a proposed budget for the coming year reflecting anticipated income and expenditures of approximately \$194,000. This amount will increase when the WVDE Leadership Grant is received and expended for the AASA New and Aspiring Leaders Training.

5. **President's Report:**

A. **Facilities:** Terry George reported that the committee formed to address the use of Construction Managers would be meeting again and will make some recommendations as to changes to the process. Terry believes that the approach will be more competitive in nature for large SBA projects. Committee work is still underway on State Board Policy 6200 and expects some significant changes to the policy.

B. **Curriculum & Instruction:** Shawn Dilly reported that he would be involved in training related to Diagnostic Teams in November which likely be related to accountability under ESSA. He also reported that the SAT, which has been adopted for 11th graders, would be given in the Spring. The dates for the assessment will be announced and will likely be on the same day throughout the state. He indicated that the use of calculators for the exam needed to be clarified, and that if required, counties would need to be planning for that need.

C. **Legislation:** Doug Lambert shared that Education Savings Accounts were a topic of keen interest during recent interim meetings of the Legislature. At this time they are focusing on such accounts for special needs students. Doug thinks this is an effort to establish the initial opening into expanding this issue. There is a continuing interest in the RIF Bill which would utilize teacher qualifications, rather than seniority, when identifying employees impacted by a RIF. Doug indicated there may be some interest in: 1) re-opening the School Aid Formula, 2) teacher pay raises, and 3) planning periods.

D. **Instructional Leadership:** No report.

E. **WVSSAC:** Eddie Campbell provided a report, via email, to the Executive Committee. Eddie recommended staying in contact with principals regarding matters/concerns related to the WVSSAC since principals control that organization. He

mention that the issue of transfers prior to school consolidations was an upcoming issue.

F. **Policy/Legal Review:** Frank Devono brought attention to and engaged in discussion of the following policies: Policy 5202: *Minimum Qualifications for Licensure* and Policy 3243: *School Calendar*. An extended discussion of calendar options was discussed and how those options might be interpreted. Dr. Devono also reminded superintendent's that that School Nutrition policies needed to be in place by January 1 in order to comply with recent revisions to state policy. He also brought up some concerns about expansion of responsibilities for the Superintendent's Quadrants which go well beyond the scope of state law. That concern will be relayed to Dr. Paine.

It was discussed that there may be legislative interest in revisiting the issue of determining employees impacted by reduction-in-force (RIF) action by qualifications rather than seniority. This issue will be opposed by the teacher organizations. The teacher organizations will likely mobilize against recent changes to the planning period law which allows planning periods to be within the work day rather than limited to the instructional day.

Dr. Devono also brought up the issue of public/private partnerships as it relates to housing development by universities and the negative tax implications that issue has for counties with colleges/universities.

The Nicholas County CEFP cases is pending before the WV Supreme Court, with oral arguments scheduled for next week.

G. **Professional Practice Commission:** Mary Jane Pope Albin made a brief report and explanation of the commission. She discussed/explained Alternative Certification, Licensure Appeals, and the Professional Practices Panel.

H. **Scholarships:** All scholarship recipients have received their scholarships.

I. **RESA:** No report

6. **Executive Director's Report:** A.J. Rogers reported that he attended the PTA Meeting in Fairmont to represent WVASA. He also reported that he is serving on a committee related to Erin's Law. He also recommended that we begin formalizing our legislative priorities at the next meeting. The next Legislative Interim Meetings will be held on October 15-17. A schedule of meetings will be emailed.

7. **New and Aspiring Superintendent's Training:** Susan Collins reported that the evaluation for today's session were very good and well received by participants. There was a strong turn-out for the training and approximately 20 people had signed-up so far to complete the AASA certification process. The AASA certification is about a \$6,000 value for those completing the Capstone project. The next session will be in Beckley at WV Tech's Carter Hall and will include a panel of superintendents to discuss a topic of interest for new and aspiring superintendents. It was determined that a Leadership session would be added on March 8 prior to WVASA's March meeting. A WVDE Grant of approximately \$44,000 is being provided to pay for the AASA training and associated organizational work provided by Susan Collins as well as other speaker's fees. (Chip Colbert \$5,500)

8. **Superintendent's Advisory Council:** Dr. Paine is planning for another Superintendent's Meeting in November. Information will be forthcoming.

9. **Discussion and/or Action Items:**

A. **Constitution Revision Committee:** President Price appointed Mike Wells, Adam Cheeseman and Blaine Hess to prepare revisions to the WVASA Constitution address the membership of the Executive Committee after the dissolution of RESAs.

B. **Schedule of Meetings for 2017-2018:** A.J. Rogers will prepare and distribute the revised schedule to the membership via email.

D. **Ethics Ruling:** A.J. Rogers provided communication from the WV Ethics Commission indicated that there was no conflict in him serving as the Executive Director of WVASA while a member of the Nicholas County Board of Education.

E. **Tebow Bill:** It is expected that the Tim Tebow bill will again be proposed in the legislature. It was suggested that WVASA develop an alternative position as to how such a bill would be implemented and/or funded.

H. **Virtual School Bill:** The cost of virtual school classes was discussed as well as the possible impact this option may have on county funding and staffing. There was some concern expressed that the funding associated with potentially increased

enrollment may not be available through legislative appropriations.
President Price entertained a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Mike Wells and seconded by David Price. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 11:33 a.m.