

**WVASA  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
MARCH 10, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by President Deb Akers.

We were welcome by Dr. Teresa Eagle, Marshall University.

The motion was made by Shawn Dilly, seconded by Scott Cochran to approve the minutes of the February Executive committee. Motion passed.

Treasurer Robin Daquilante reported a balance of \$111, 619.92 in checking and investment balances totaling \$26,533.36. Motion to approve report was made by Mary Jane Pope Albin, seconded by David Dilly. Motion approved.

President Akers did a quick review of our goals and priorities for the year:

A-F: eliminated

Smarter Balance – progress being made

Concern with Brightbytes – no longer will be used for accountability

Hiring Laws – some legislation introduced

School Aid Formula – HB 2561 every point we made is included in the bill

Goals:

Support: working toward goal

ESSA: group worked on this and will continue to work with WVDOE for more input

Voice for members on issues is Goal 2 – Leadership Team met with State Board Leadership and State Superintendent

Develop collaborative working relationship with legislature

Committee Reports:

Facilities – report given by AJ Rogers in the absence of Terry George. AJ announced that the Board will review the process for CEFP.

Curriculum & Instruction – Shawn Dilly indicated that we are waiting to see what the Legislature is going to do.

Legislative – Rick Hicks reported that the Tim Tebow bill and the bill on Charter Schools haven't moved since they were introduced. The School Aid bill is out to committee. Rick encouraged us to contact our legislators regarding these bills as well as the RESA bill.

Robin and Kelly have asked that calls and letters need to be trumped up – ask school staffs and administrators to contact legislators; Dave talked on behalf of superintendents and RESAs as did Jan Hanlon. Rick also encouraged us to remember our non-educational beneficiaries of RESA services.

Policy Review – Blaine Hess announced that Policy 5000 being revised so that dates match with legislation. Policy on attendance up for comment to remove the words “awaiting foster care”.

Scholarships – David Dilly announced that we have received no applications thus far.

SSAC: Eddie mentioned that WVSSAC pass is good for basketball tourneys. He also reported that many high ranking legislators are fighting against Tim Tebow bill.

Conference/Annual Meeting – Gary announced that we have some speakers already lined up for the summer conference. President Akers thanked Gary for the excellent job he did planning our winter conference.

Executive Director’s Report – contract has been sent in for April meeting at Lakeview. AJ will be sending out information for the summer conference. AJ also stated that going to state board meetings now is a “breath of fresh air”.

Report from State Board – Chuck Hatfield stated that there is misinformation out there about RESAs and suggested that the most accurate information that is available needs to get into the hands of the right people.

Report from WVDE – Deputy State Superintendent Cindy Daniel state that the Hiring Bill is not moving anywhere in the Legislature. Cindy spoke on several other bills. She then discussed that it has been discovered that approximately 85% of our nutrition standards are self imposed by West Virginia and above Federal standards. There will be a rewrite of this policy.

Michelle Blatt spoke on the repeal of ESSA and how the flexibility will be passed down to the state level. The one decision we will need to make is how we want the graduation cohort to be determined.

New and Aspiring Superintendent Training: April 27 at Lakeview (Susan Collins)

Upcoming: Nominating Committee  
Superintendent of the Year  
Executive Director Evaluation

The agenda for Friday was amended to include Robin Lewis. Also a thank you was shouted out to Clacy Williams.

Motion to adjourn by Scott Cochran, second by Mike Wells, meeting adjourned.

