

## **Central Carolina RESA Board of Directors Meeting**

**NCSBA Assembly Hall**

**May 13, 2021**

**9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

### **Minutes**

#### **Board of Directors in Attendance**

Ron Anthony (Person designee), Eric Bracy (Johnston), Cathy Moore (Wake), Rhonda Schuhler (Franklin), Valerie Bridges (Edgecombe), Alisa McLean (Granville), Ethan Lenker (Pitt), Juliana Thompson (RRGSD), Pascal Mubenga (Durham), and Cindy Bennett (Vance).

#### **Guests**

Anna Brady (Inspiring Stars), Melany Paden (DPI), and District Principals of the Year

#### **Staff**

Ed Croom and Dana Stutzman

#### **Welcome**

CCRESA Executive Director, Ed Croom welcomed Superintendents and their Principals of the Year at 9:00am. Superintendents introduced their honorees and Dr. Croom encouraged all to enjoy the catered breakfast.

#### **Call to Order**

Dr. Croom invited Principals to join Anna Brady in the conference room for a professional learning opportunity and called the Board Meeting to order at 10:15am.

#### **Melany Paden – LETRS Update**

LETRS training possibility for CCRESA

- Cohort of 40 = \$12,725
- Districts would pay an amount and split with RESA. The total cost is \$318 per participant
  - This training would be virtual

#### Q&A Call

- Potential allocation of 1 person per district and 8-10 regional directors. These individuals would be DPI employees, not district employees
- Concern/feedback given that PSUs might have more employment. DPI wants to create alignment, but if focus is on district success, then hiring should be through PSU
- Turnover and sustainability are also big concerns for training after implementation. Regional directors are supposed to train; however, LEA's can hire "Lexicon" (trainers) with district dollars. As an example, Mississippi's model has trainers at each district level.
- Superintendents can reach out to Jack Hoke to potentially have a stronger voice when giving feedback to DPI.
- Superintendents should also call SBE representative
- Superintendents asked Ms. Paden to let DPI know that the consensus among the CCRESA is to let each district make the hiring decision
  - RESA will draft a letter to DPI as well
- Ms. Paden will send Portrait of a graduate info to districts.
  - LEAs should keep an eye out for grant opportunities coming from DPI.
- Money available for match before and after school program opportunity
- Districts request that when DPI creates "The Portrait", that they share the information with districts prior to sharing it with the public. They would also like the DPI guidelines on how the information is to be used.

#### **Open Discussion**

- LEA's focus on mental health EAPs
  - Supports are accessible but what can we do to bring the help to people?
- DPI - come together to look at EVAAS data

- Find shining examples to show success to help districts bring positives to the public
- Gas/food shortages are already impacting schools and is projecting to only out more of a strain

### **CCRESA Business**

Dr. Croom gave Superintendents a moment to review the Minutes from the March 18<sup>th</sup> Board meeting and asked for a motion to approve. Alisa McLean motioned to approve, Juliana Thompson seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Alisa McLean, CCRESA Treasurer/Secretary presented the financial report. Items to note that would be approved within the report:

- CCTI operations will be moving to Wake and Durham as of July 1<sup>st</sup>. The CCRESA will honor current open contracts and withhold at least \$15,000 in funds to cover CCTI expenses in the next fiscal year.
- CCRESA in partnership with NCCU will submit a response to the Principal Fellow RFP to initiate an odd-year cohort. Proposed budget is included in report.
- The budget for the fiscal year 2022-2023, which includes COLA increases for staff and projected revenue for 16 member districts.

Motion to approve the Finance Report was given by Pascal Mubenga, Ethan Lenker seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Dana Stutzman informed districts that invoices for next year's dues will be sent out at the end of the month for districts that would like to pay dues with funds from the current fiscal year.

### **CCRESA Update**

Dr. Croom let Superintendents know that the registration link to submit 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year Principals names for the 2022-23 Lead & Learn program is now open. A testimony to the

effectiveness of this program is the fact that five of the current Principals of the Year are Lead & Learn alumni. Next year's cohort will also include the CCP3 Cohort 1 participants – who are set to graduate from NCCU with their MSA degree this Spring. The CCP3 Cohort 2 participants have been selected and will enroll at NCCU to start courses this Fall.

Included in the Board Materials are the nomination letters for eight of our Superintendents to be named the CCRESA Regional Superintendent of the Year, who will then be a candidate for the North Carolina Superintendent of the Year. Dana Stutzman will be sending a link via email for Superintendents to vote anonymously for their top 3 choices.

Dr. Croom adjourned the meeting at 11:30AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alisa McLean

CCRESA Secretary/Treasurer