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WVPEC’s fiscal year coincides with school years (July 1 through June 30). Unless indicated otherwise, the information contained herein pertains to fiscal year July 2016 – June 2017.

**Executive Summary**

*Mission and Purpose of WVPEC as of July 1, 2016:*

WVPEC is composed of twenty-three school divisions in western Virginia that include Alleghany, Bath, Bland, Botetourt, Carroll, Covington, Craig, Culpeper, Floyd, Franklin, Giles, Grayson, Henry, Lexington, Martinsville, Montgomery, Patrick, Pulaski, Radford City, Roanoke City, Roanoke County, Salem City, and Wythe County Public Schools. WVPEC’s goal is to support educational programming and student success in each of these school divisions and throughout the region, by sponsoring professional development programs as well as holding a job fair to recruit teachers to fill vacancies in The Consortium school districts. School divisions are required to pay student fees and job fair fees for the Consortium to be operational.

The twenty-three school superintendents and representatives from Virginia Tech and Radford University form the Governing Board of this legislatively approved organization. An Executive Committee of six elected superintendents (listed below) oversees and supports the organization through monthly meetings in Radford. Day-to-day operations of WVPEC are overseen and supported by an Executive Director and an Executive Assistant, both of whom are part-time employees. WVPEC offices are located in Radford University’s Corporate Park, 6226 University Park Drive, Suite 2200, Radford, Virginia 24141 (phone number 540-831-6414).

WVPEC's website can be accessed at [www.wvpec.org](http://www.wvpec.org), and WVPEC officials may be reached by email at [tarbogas@swva.net](mailto:tarbogas@swva.net) and [wvpec.executive.asst@gmail.com](mailto:wvpec.executive.asst@gmail.com).

Members of the WVPEC Executive Committee on July 1, 2016:

**Voting Members:**

Dr. Strader Blankenship, Chair (Carroll County)  
Dr. Greg Killough, Vice Chair (Roanoke County)  
Dr. Kevin Harris (Floyd County)  
Dr. Mark Church (Franklin County)  
Dr. Robert Graham, (Radford City)  
Dr. Jeff Perry (Wythe County)

**Non-Voting Members:**

The Honorable Greg Habeeb (R-8<sup>th</sup>)  
The Honorable Joseph Yost (R-12<sup>th</sup>)  
Dr. Brad E. Bizzell (Radford University)  
Dr. M. David Alexander (Virginia Tech)

July 1, 2016 — Amount of money in WVPEC accounts: \$42,555.97

June 30, 2017 — Amount of money in WVPEC accounts: \$28,872.77

WVPEC accounts are reviewed and results are shared with the WVPEC Governing Board during their semi-annual meeting.

Major WVPEC projects/initiatives completed this year:

- **The Virginia School Leaders Institute (VSLI).** A year-long institute, with participants meeting at the Hotel Roanoke for four 3-day workshops, the VSLI for Recently Appointed Administrators commenced in October 2005 and is a joint effort with Virginia Tech. Based on the ISLLC standards for school leaders, the School Leaders Institute is a researched-based professional development activity for newly appointed administrators. Consortium Members receive a discount.
- **High School Senior Exit and Graduate Follow-up Surveys.** Each spring, high school seniors in the WVPEC region's high schools have available an online survey if the school district elects to use it. Results are sent to each school superintendent detailing his/her graduating seniors' perceptions of their high school experiences.
- **The WVPEC Regional Teacher Recruitment Job Fair.** WVPEC holds a regional teacher recruitment fair each year which has drawn as many as 500 applicants. The Job Fair is held each year in January/February in Salem, Virginia, a central location in our region. Candidates complete an on-line application that is used by Human Resource departments in WVPEC divisions.

2017 Teacher Recruitment Job Fair divisions attending: 21

2017 Teacher Recruitment Job Fair participants: 272

- **Professional Development.** In the spring 2011, WVPEC districts indicated they would like the organization to offer professional development workshops for their teachers and administrators and WVPEC responded to their requests. Starting June 2011 through June 2017, WVPEC has hosted 40 Professional Development workshop/conferences with attendees from many districts across the Commonwealth (both WVPEC and non-WVPEC members). During 2016-2017, WVPEC held 5 workshops/conferences with

over 320 registered. Additionally, the Consortium decided to hold a conference every year for school administrators called Hot Topics. 2017 was the first Virginia School Administrators Hot Topics Conference was held in June with attendance of 105.

WVPEC will continue its plan to hold at least three to five Professional Development conferences, the annual Teacher Recruitment Job Fair, and the Hot Topics Conference for administrators.