

**Western Virginia Public Education Consortium
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Annual Executive Summary for the Western Virginia Public Education Consortium (“WVPEC”)

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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 2023 – June 2024.

Executive Summary

Mission and Purpose of WVPEC as of July 1, 2023:

WVPEC is composed of twenty-three school divisions in western Virginia that include Alleghany Highlands, Bath, Bland, Botetourt, Carroll, Craig, Culpeper, Danville, Floyd, Franklin, Galax City, Giles, Grayson, Henry, Martinsville, Montgomery, Pulaski, Radford City, Roanoke City, Roanoke County, Rockbridge, 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 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 is located at 314C Tyler Avenue, Radford, Virginia 24141 (phone number 540-831-6414). The phone number remains the same as is the website at www.wvpec.org, and WVPEC Executive

Director may be reached by email at tarbogas@swva.net and the Executive Assistant can be reached at office@wvpec.org. (Email can still be received at wvpec.executive.asst@gmail.com.)

Members of the WVPEC Executive Committee on July 1, 2022:

Voting Members:

Dr. Robert Graham, Chair (Radford City)
Dr. Kevin Siers, Vice Chair (Pulaski County)
Dr. Curtis Hicks (Salem City)
Mrs. Kim Halterman (Alleghany Highlands)
Dr. Jonathan Russ, (Botetourt County)
Dr. Terry Arbogast II (Giles County)

Non-Voting Members:

The Honorable Jason Ballard (R-12th)
Dr. Brian Kitts (Radford University)
Dr. M. David Alexander (Virginia Tech)

July 1, 2023 — Amount of money in WVPEC accounts: \$69411.95

June 30, 2024 — Amount of money in WVPEC accounts: \$41,132.6

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.
- **The WVPEC Regional Teacher Recruitment Job Fair**. WVPEC holds a regional teacher recruitment fair each year which has drawn as many as 150 applicants. The Job Fair is held each year in January/February in Salem, Virginia, a central location in our region. Each candidates registered using an online form, providing contact information, license and education information. That information was compiled by WVPEC dispersed to the Human Resource departments in WVPEC divisions for their use.
- **Professional Development**. At the request of the consortium districts, in the spring of 2011, WVPEC has organized Professional Development programs. Starting in June 2011 through June 2023, WVPEC has hosted 61 Professional Development workshop/conferences with attendees from many districts across the Commonwealth (both WVPEC and non-WVPEC members). During 2023-2024, WVPEC held 3 workshops/conferences with over 102 registered.

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.