

Western Maricopa Education Center, District 402

4949 W. Indian School Road – Phoenix, AZ 85031

January 7, 2009

Governing Board Meeting Minutes

1. Board President Mr. Kaltenbach called the meeting to order at 4:07pm. Board Members present were James Kaltenbach, Dwight Amery, Frank Straka, Jack Lunsford, Joe Holcombe, John Atkins, and Ray Malnar. Others in attendance were Greg Donovan, Jim Brown, Diane McCarthy, Cliff Migal, Chris Cook, Ron Kalmbach, Adriana Alvarado, Dee Dougan, Shaunna Dillon, Nellie Traylor, Michele Bush, Arlene McLaughlin, Scott Fitterer, Stephen Weltsch, Debbie Holland, John Mulcahy, Alan Richardson, Jerry Acipriano, and Christy Agosta. Those present were led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Ray Malnar and led in a moment of silence by James Kaltenbach.
2. The newly elected Governing Board Members were introduced and each gave a little narrative of their life history. (Ray Malnar – District 3, Joe Holcombe – District 4, and John Atkins – District 5).
3. Governing Board President Mr. Kaltenbach opened up the floor for nominations for 2009 Governing Board President. Mr. Straka nominated Mr. Amery and the vote passed unanimously. Mr. Amery then began presiding over the meeting and opened nominations for Clerk of the Board. Mr. Kaltenbach nominated Mr. Straka and the vote passed unanimously.
4. Mr. Kaltenbach made a motion to approve the consent agenda which included the December 10th Board Meeting minutes and the accounts payable and payroll vouchers. The motion was seconded by Mr. Straka and passed unanimously.
5. Diane McCarthy, West-MEC Legislative Liaison, gave a report on State and Federal Legislation. The legislature goes back into session on Monday the 12th of January and their first item of business is to balance this year's budget. West-MEC, along with the JTEDs, have hired Gretchen Jacobs, a lobbyist at Greenberg Traurig. Gretchen is a part of Brewer's education advisory group. Mrs. McCarthy also told the Board that she has been asked to be a part of the Governor Brewer's Education/Advisory team.
6. In his report on Public Relations, Chris Cook gave a demonstration on our new blog on our web site. He also submitted to the Board a handout that described all the current and upcoming Public Relations activities.
7. In the absence of Cindy Bishop-Hedge, West-MEC's Business Manager, Greg Donovan explained that we are not too far off from the 100th day. We are down about 600 students, which is approximately 4% from last year's numbers. As for the audit, no major findings were reported by Heinfeld & Meech. They will be mailing the official report findings next month.
8. Cliff Migal gave a short report on current programs that West-MEC is preparing for 09/10. He told the Board that the Advisory Commission is meeting on the 15th of January and from that meeting, future programs will be recommended to the Board in February.

9. Reports on the ACTE National Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina and the ASBA Annual Conference/Legislative Workshop were given by several members of the Board and staff who attended these.
10. A motion was made by Mr. Kaltenbach to approve the 2009/2010 Calendars for Cosmetology, Building Trades, EMT, Fire Science, and Medium Heavy Diesel Technology. Mr. Lunsford seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
11. Future agenda items will include a study session regarding West-MEC programs, partnerships, commute sheds, super central programs, presentation by Stone and Youngberg about bonding for Wes-MEC, regular reports, 100th day report, preliminary enrollment figures for programs, process for adding new districts to West-MEC, and update on district consolidation.
12. Mr. Kaltenbach made the motion to change the location of the next West-MEC Governing Board Meeting. The date will remain the February 18, at 4pm, but the meeting will be located at West-MEC and not the Cosmetology School. Mr. Lunsford seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
13. Mr. Kaltenbach made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lunsford and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dee Dougan
Board Secretary

