

Western Maricopa Education Center, District 402

4949 W. Indian School Road – Phoenix, AZ 85031

October 15, 2008

Governing Board Meeting Minutes

1. Board President Kaltenbach called the meeting to order at 4:05p.m. Board Members present were James Kaltenbach, Dwight Amery, John Mulcahy, Frank Straka, and Garry Taylor. Doris Flax called in on a conference call. Others in attendance were Greg Donovan, Jim Brown, Diane McCarthy, Cliff Migal, Chris Cook, Ron Kalmbach, Adriana Alvarado, Nellie Traylor, Debbie Holland, and Dee Dougan. Those present were led in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence by Chris Cook.
2. Mr. Straka made a motion to approve the consent agenda which included the September 3, and October 6, 2008 Board Meeting minutes, the accounts payable and payroll voucher reports, personnel report (new employees Nellie Traylor and Adriana Alvarado were introduced), and travel for Greg Donovan and other staff to attend the NSBA Annual Conference in San Diego in April 2009. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mulcahy and passed unanimously.
3. There was a motion by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Amery to consider the motion to prepare a Request for Proposals for Audit Services. The motion passed unanimously.
4. There was a motion by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Amery to consider the motion to prepare a Request for Proposals for Lobbyist Consultants Services Primary and Secondary. Our current lobbyist, Sandra Junk Carpenter has resigned and the other JTEDs have asked us to be the fiscal agent. The motion passed unanimously.
5. A motion was made by Mr. Amery and seconded by Mr. Taylor to adopt a sick leave pay out policy for West-MEC. Changes to the proposed policy were discussed and with the changes put in writing, the Board unanimously approved the policy. West-MEC staff will be presenting a pay rate example for Board approval in November. This policy will need to be re-examined every other year.
6. The Board examined the legal perspectives that ASBA (Arizona School Board Association) published. It was decided that each member would compile their 10 priorities so Ms. Flax and Mr. Kaltenbach could present this list at the County Workshop on the 27th of October.
7. Ms. Flax gave a report on the ASBA's (Arizona School Board Association) Law Conference she attended that was held in September.
8. Diane McCarthy, West-MEC Legislative Liaison, gave a report on State and Federal Legislation. She stated that Congress, before the end of the federal fiscal year (9/30/08), passed a continuing resolution that states the budget will stay in place for now, but will be on the agenda when congress reconvenes. Also regarding the unification issues, West-MEC's arguments were in all 5 district unification pamphlets. Ms. McCarthy noted the interesting fact that in 3 out of the 5 pamphlets, there were no pro unification arguments. Lastly, in a press release by Governor Napolitano, the Governor insists she will fight to protect classroom spending in the K-12 area; we just have to make sure the JTEDs are included in this area.

9. In his report on Public Relations, Mr. Cook stated the Cutting Edge Cosmetology students will be providing styling services for the Papas students tomorrow on their picture day. Channel 12 will be on the scene reporting, and possibly Channel 3. Also, on February 19, the Cutting Edge will be having an Open House to the public with a fashion show. The Peoria Mayor will be getting the first haircut and the Peoria chamber of Commerce will be there.

Mr. Donovan and Ms. McCarthy met with the West-Valley Arizona Republic Editorial Board last week to discuss a series of articles that are to be written.

10. Mr. Migal informed the Board that we are on target with our 5 new programs for the 09/10 school year: EMT, Fire Science, Building Trades, Cosmetology, and Medium Heavy Diesel Technology.
11. No comments were made in the Call to Public.
12. Future agenda items will include substitute rate research compiled on Sick Leave Pay Out Policy, program rollouts, evaluation of Superintendent in November with executive session, legislation, goals, Vistancia, ASBA County meeting report, projected budgets for school year, personnel budget and future personnel, December's budget approval meeting, and update on newly elected board members.
13. Mr. Amery made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Straka and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dee Dougan
Board Secretary

