

Western Maricopa Education Center, District 402

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October 7, 2009

Governing Board Meeting Minutes

1. Board President Dwight Amery called the Governing Board Meeting to order at 4:04pm. Board Members present were Dwight Amery, James Kaltenbach, Frank Straka, Joe Holcombe, Ray Malnar, and Jack Lunsford. John Atkins was absent. Others in attendance were Greg Donovan, Jim Brown, Chris Cook, Barbara Thompson, Debbie Holland, Cliff Migal, Mary Morrow, Michele Bush, Ron Kalmbach, Adriana Alvarado, Rob Haws, John Mulcahy, Michelle Goss, Wendy Rupe, and Dee Dougan.

Mr. Donovan introduced new employee Michelle Goss who led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed in honor of a Phoenix Police Officer who lost his life as a Reserve overseas and in honor of all those who defend our country.

2. Mr. Kaltenbach made a motion to approve the September 2, 2009 Governing Board Meeting Minutes, the Payable and Payroll Voucher Reports, the Personnel Report, and travel for West-MEC staff to visit the Fabrication Lab in San Diego. Mr. Lunsford seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
3. Using Chairs Prerogative, Mr. Amery took the agenda to Item 13 (Discussion and consideration to rescind the decision to appoint the Board of Directors for West-MEC Alliance). Mr. Haws, West-MEC's legal counsel, gave a definition of what the West-MEC Alliance 501(c)(3) nonprofit could and could not do. The Alliance is a supporting organization and should be discouraged from engaging in any election or Bond issues/activities, otherwise its status as a 501(c)(3) will be jeopardized. The shared Board of West-MEC and The Alliance is also a significant concern that will need to be watched. Mr. Haws did not feel there was any reason to rescind the decision that was made last month to elect the initial Board of Directors of The Alliance. After Board discussion, it was brought forth to Mr. Donovan and Mr. Haws that the verbiage under item 2 needed to be changed to read as follows: (Promote and support activities in career and technical education; exclusive of any elections; and,). The decision to elect the initial Board of Directors was not rescinded. On a side note, all the documents for the formation of The Alliance are ready for signatures and the application to the IRS should soon be completed.
4. It was publicly acknowledged that Mr. Malnar received a Certificate of Orientation from Arizona School Boards Association.
5. The Governing Board will be looking over their Top Ten Priorities for the 2010 ASBA Legislative Session and returning them to the District Office for tabulation so these priorities can be agreed upon at the next Governing Board meeting and sent back to ASBA.
6. Michele Bush gave a presentation on West-MEC Grants. The purpose of Grants at West-MEC is to provide opportunities for the schools in our districts to engage in activities that aren't funded by formulas. The Academics Integration Grant categories are career exploration, counseling, marketing, new program development, program evaluation, staff development, and work-based

learning. A new category, unique opportunities grants, has been added for the 2009/2010 school year. West-MEC is now on our own for funding reasons because Western Maricopa Tech Prep Consortium has withdrawn from the partnership. Currently all West-MEC High School Districts are involved in the Career and Technical Education/Academics Integration Grant projects.

7. Mr. Lunsford made a motion to approve West-MEC's Dental Assisting Program, curriculum, textbooks, and calendar for 2009/2010. Mr. Kaltenbach seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
8. Mr. Kaltenbach made the motion to approve the 2010/2011 program calendars for Auto Collision, Auto Technology, Cosmetology, Dental Assisting, EMT, Fire Science, Medium Heavy Diesel, and District Office (2010/2011 and 2011/2012). Mr. Holcombe seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
9. After varied discussion, Mr. Malnar moved to approve the West-MEC Employee Cell Phone Policy as presented and encouraged the Administration to further set regulations as needed. Mr. Lunsford seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.
10. Mr. Kaltenbach made a motion to approve the 2008-2009 Annual Financial Review. Mr. Straka seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
11. In the absence of Diane McCarthy, Mr. Donovan told the Board that the Workforce Policy Grant continues to move along nicely. West-MEC is also almost ready to finalize the memorandum of understanding with Rio Salado Community College.

West-MEC is continuing to have discussion with the Arizona Board of Regents to bring forward the opportunity that they would change practices to allow Career and Technical Education courses to count towards the State University system. Ms. McCarthy and Mr. Donovan have met with Michael Crowe, President of ASU and he will be working with us to help bring this process through the system. Ms. McCarthy and lobbyist Gretchen Jacobs met with Senator Huppenthal and he was very interested in the JTED Legislative priorities agenda and agreed to sponsor these items. West-MEC now needs to sit down with Representative Crandall so he can help co-sponsor this agenda.

12. Public Relations Director Chris Cook relayed the info that the Cutting Edge students are going out to perform styling services for Children's First Academy for Picture Day. Fox 10, ABC, and Channel 3 will be covering this event. His department is also working with KEZ to produce commercials for West-MEC. He also demonstrated the newsletter on the blog on West-MEC's website.
13. Mr. Donovan told the Governing Board that West-MEC has entered into the contract/diligence stage for the Glendale Corporate Center. The RFQ for Design Build for Aviation is in the final stage of process and will be on the November agenda for approval. The RFQ for Design Build went out today for the District/Training Center and will be due October 29th.

14. During the Call to Public, it was mentioned that Ms. McCarthy's grandson is one of nine Boy Scouts who has gone to Rome with his troop for the canonization of the Patron Saint of Hawaii.

Mr. Lunsford was awarded the privilege of chairing one of the task forces for the P-20 Counsel that will respond to The Race to the Top Grant.

Mr. Donovan discussed the What Arizona Wants brochure and encouraged the Board to examine it.

Mr. Holcombe's daughter was deployed to Ft. Sill, Oklahoma then will be going to Iraq.

15. Future Agenda Items should include presentation of Race to the Top Grant as it relates to assessments, revised budget, reorganization of West-MEC and employee positions, district presentation, holiday celebration with December meeting, and the Superintendent's evaluation with executive session.
16. Mr. Kaltenbach made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Malnar seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted

Dee Dougan
Governing Board Secretary

