

Western Maricopa Education Center, District 402

4949 W. Indian School Road – Phoenix, AZ 85031

November 4, 2009

Governing Board Meeting Minutes

1. Board President Dwight Amery called the Governing Board Meeting to order at 4:05pm. Board Members present were Dwight Amery, James Kaltenbach, Joe Holcombe, and Ray Malnar. John Atkins, Jack Lunsford, and Frank Straka were absent. Others in attendance were Greg Donovan, Jim Brown, Chris Cook, Barbara Thompson, Debbie Holland, Cliff Migal, Mary Morrow, Michele Bush, Adriana Alvarado, Elena Sobampo, Arlene McLaughlin, Stephen Weltsch, Paul Johnson, Patti Beltram, Diane McCarthy, Patricia Halligan, Dean Petersen, Nichole Smith, Vivian Martinez, Paul Streich, Mike Ruiz, Patti Beltram, and Dee Dougan.

Mr. Donovan introduced new employee Patricia Halligan who led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed with Mr. Lunsford in mind who was diagnosed with lymphoma skin cancer, Joe Holcombe's daughter who will be deployed in the future to Iraq, and those who are defending our country.

2. Mr. Kaltenbach made a motion to approve the October 7, 2009 Governing Board Meeting Minutes, the Payable and Payroll Voucher Reports, and the Personnel Report. Mr. Malnar seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
3. Elena Sobampo, CTE Director at Saddle Mountain Unified School District, gave a report on all the CTE activity in her district. Even though there is only one high school in her district, there are approximately 200 CTE students.
4. The Governing Board decided that the following Top Ten Priorities for the 2010 ASBA Legislative Session from West-MEC are as follows:
 - Seek and support legislation that adequately encourages, assists, and financially supports the curriculum and instructional needs of Arizona's public schools to ensure college and career readiness of all students.
 - Oppose unfunded and burdensome legislative mandates.
 - Oppose any effort that does not allow local school districts, through their Governing Boards and voters, to both initiate and decide for themselves efforts to consolidate or unify their districts.
 - Oppose any legislation that prohibits local school district Governing Boards from supplementing state funding and budget provisions through M&O and flexible capital overrides as well as bond authorizations.
 - Promote legislation that allow districts to use extracurricular tax credits for soft capital and school equipment.
 - Advocate for the continuation of funding vocational education at both the State and Federal levels.
 - Seek and support legislation that enables Joint Technological Education Districts (JTEDs)—including all verbiage from items a through d.
 - Seek and support legislation to eliminate the Budget Balance Carry Forward limit in the M&O funding calculation.

- Seek and support legislation to relieve school districts of the duty to hire a teacher who

chooses to leave the district to teach in a charter school and later wishes to return to the district.

- Seek and support alternative pathways for certification that are determined by the State Board of Education's regulatory process.

5. Mr. Kaltenbach made a motion to approve the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement for TCPN. Mr. Malnar seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
6. Legislative Liaison Diane McCarthy reported that Dr. Crowe is working with the Arizona Board of Regent's staff to discuss changing practices to allow Career and Technical Education courses to count towards the State University system. She also met with Senator Huppenthal and Representative Crandall who have agreed to co-sponsor the JTED Legislation in which there will be a draft in two weeks. The paperwork for West-MEC Alliance will be filed within the next week. The budget is still not balanced and the Governor is going to call a special session for the week of November 16th. Schools should expect a 2% cut in soft capital right away. The State Arizona Career and Technical Education Board decided instead of having a Legislative Day next February, that they are asking legislators to visit the JTED programs. West-MEC has scheduled tours the week of November 30th to December 4th.
7. Public Relations Director Chris Cook told the Governing Board that on November 6th there will be an article in the Business Journal highlighting West-MEC's Dental program. On November 10th Mr. Donovan will be on a segment on Arizona Midday telling about West-MEC's Central Programs, and on November 15th the Cutting Edge students are putting on a fashion show at the Peoria Sports Complex. Mr. Cook showed a segment from Channel 3 showing how the students from the Cutting Edge were styling hair for the students at picture day for Children's First Academy. West-MEC has partnered with KEZ and is producing remotes with local high school students who are learning the trade.
8. The RFQ for District Office/Training Center/Storage/Student Facility closed on October 29th. West-MEC received 13 responses.
9. Mike Ruiz, Owner Representative for Design/Build Aviation reported that he has been coordinating efforts for site plan development and building design development. Since this is an aviation project, the FAA is involved in many ways and West-MEC will have the opportunity to work with Williams Aviation to coordinate their efforts through the FAA. West-MEC has issued a contract for pre-construction which allows the contractor and architect to get on the property to do soil testing and environmental testing and begin to take some visions, thoughts, and ideas West-MEC has and begin to put them into a rendering and eventually work up towards schematics. In December, schematic drawings and estimates will be brought before the Governing Board for official approval of contractor and architect for this particular building at a particular guaranteed price. The City of Glendale has given preliminary approval of the site plan.
10. The FAA will soon be requiring a name for the Aviation facility. The Board Members will be sending their ideas from the list compiled to either Mr. Migal or Mr. Donovan.
11. Paul Johnson, Director of Healthcare and Operations, reported that the Dental Assisting Program kicked off last Monday. There are 13 students in the program.
12. During the Call to Public Mr. Amery presented Mr. Malnar his Certificate of Orientation from

Arizona School Boards Association.

Mr. Amery asked Ms. McCarthy to see if West-MEC could enlist Fighter County in a partnership for our Aviation program.

13. Future Agenda Items should include final approval of construction contracts, budget revision, an update on RFQ for the Corporate Center, and regular reports.
14. Mr. Kaltenbach made the motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting and go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters, the evaluation of the Superintendent, and the purchase of land. Mr. Malnar seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
15. Executive Session convened at 5:25pm and Mr. Straka joined via teleconference at 5:45pm. Following Executive Session, Mr. Holcombe moved that the meeting return to Regular Session. Mr. Straka seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
16. Mr. Kaltenbach made the motion to approve the evaluation of the Superintendent. Mr. Holcombe seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The Governing Board gave direction as discussed in Executive Session on the possible purchase of land.

The Governing Board gave direction as discussed in Executive Session with the vacation policy.

17. Mr. Kaltenbach made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Straka seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted

Dee Dougan
Governing Board Secretary

