

Western Maricopa Education Center, District 402

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November 5, 2008

Governing Board Meeting Minutes

1. Board President Mr. Kaltenbach called the meeting to order at 4:02p.m. Board Members present were James Kaltenbach, Dwight Amery, John Mulcahy, Frank Straka, Garry Taylor, Doris Flax, and Jack Lunsford. Others in attendance were Greg Donovan, Jim Brown, Diane McCarthy, Cliff Migal, Chris Cook, Ron Kalmbach, Adriana Alvarado, Dee Dougan, and Dean Petersen. Those present were led in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence by Garry Taylor.
2. Mr. Amery made a motion to approve the consent agenda which included the October 15, 2008 Board Meeting minutes, the accounts payable and payroll voucher reports, and the nomination of Doris Flax as a Delegate Representative to the ASBA Delegate Assembly. The motion was seconded by Mr. Straka and passed unanimously. Before the consent agenda was voted on, Item C (Accept donations to West-MEC) was pulled for discussion. The law firm of Gust Rosenfeld contributed \$1000 to West-MEC's Holiday gathering. Mr. Taylor made a motion that we accept the donation from Gust Rosenfeld. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Flax and passed unanimously.
3. Diane McCarthy, West-MEC Legislative Liaison, gave a report on State and Federal Legislation. The RFP for Lobbying Services is out on the streets and due back on the 18th of November. The County election results won't be in until Friday because they have to go through the provisional and challenge ballots before they can get to the write-in ballots. As of yet, there was no update on legislative committee chairs. All the school bonds passed and the majority of the overrides passed. The unification issue was a mixed bag with the West Valley Unified School District D being the only one that passed. The Yavapai JTED also passed. Lindsay Jones, our legal council, was notified by Mr. Donovan to begin the thinking process about enlisting Tolleson into our JTED. We are concerned about the tax base and how that will all roll out since the Pendergast and Fowler Districts are part of our JTED. Mr. Kaltenbach also wanted to know if we could send our bill for legal fees to the unification commission.
4. In his report on Public Relations, Chris Cook told how the Channel 12 School Solutions story will air November 13th. This story will show how the Cosmetology students went to the Papas school and performed services for the kids. Also, Cory McClosky from Fox 10's Arizona Morning is trekking out to the Cosmetology school to check out the facility there. Chris stated that the 09/10 Central Programs Course Guide just went to print and he has developed posters that outline these courses which will also soon be out to print. Friday, he and Adrianna are going to Moon Valley to give out CTSO Awards. Diane and Chris are working on a news article for the Arizona Republic (The 5 Things you Need to Know About West-MEC), and Chris is working on an interactive newsletter to give to the Superintendents.
5. Greg Donovan reported that the audit has yet to be completed, but we have been informed that there were no significant findings.
6. Cliff Migal reported that the 09/10 roll-out for Cosmetology, EMT, Fire Science, Building Trades, and Medium/Heavy Diesel Technology was moving forward as scheduled. He also reported that the Vistancia Adult/Community Education Program was put on hold because the executive team members have been transferred out of state. This program will be on hold until replacements are found.

7. Greg Donovan reported that he has met with two of our new Board members, Joe Holcombe and John Adkins. He would like to do an orientation with the three new members after we know the results from the write-in candidates.
8. Greg Donovan and Pam Ferguson attended the National Careers Pathways (formerly Tech Prep) convention in Cincinnati. They presented our Career Expo to a group of individuals.
9. James Kaltenbach, Doris Flax, and Greg Donovan attended the ASBA County Meeting. The presenters covered rules, and laws, (open meeting laws) and talked about propositions that were coming up. They also elected a new county representative.
10. Frank Straka attended the Technology and Learning Conference in Seattle. He had formerly sent a power point to all Board members regarding strategic planning so just he touched on the courses he attended.
11. Mr. Taylor made a motion to adopt the substitute rate for the Sick Leave Pay-Out Policy. Mr. Amery seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously. Mr. Lunsford abstained from voting since he was absent from last month's Board meeting.
13. Mr. Lunsford made the motion to accept the 2009 Board Meeting calendar with exception to the February meeting which was moved to the 18th of February. This meeting will be held at the Cutting Edge Style Academy. Mr. Amery seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.
14. Mr. Donovan recommended that we have Board member officer elections per statute at the January meeting. The new Board members can either go to the County Superintendent's office or come to West-MEC to be sworn in. The swearing in has to be done 24 hours before the January meeting.
15. A report from ADE was handed out to the Board which showed the Aggregate Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2009. The aggregate expenditures exceeded the constitutional limit. If the legislature does not vote to exceed, we will have to cut our budget by \$401,808. If this happens, we may have to look into revenue enhancements.
16. Doris Flax was named delegate to our delegate assembly for the 2009 ASBA Legislative Session. The top ten priorities the Board would like to present are:
 1. Seek legislation that adequately encourages, assists, and financially supports the curriculum and instructional needs of Arizona's public schools.
 2. Oppose any legislation that results in the direct or indirect use of public funds to support private schools, including school vouchers and tax credits.
 3. Support legislation to ensure all property owners in the state of Arizona are paying the full qualifying tax rate to support education.
 4. Oppose any measure that would require a two-thirds vote or supermajority to increase state or local revenues
 5. Advocate for the continuation of funding vocational education at both the State and Federal levels.
 6. Oppose any measure that would require a certain percentage of district budgets be allocated to classroom expenditures, as defined by the State Auditor General, with the recognition that some "outside the classroom" expenditures directly benefit classroom learning of students.

7. Support legislation to promote and expand CTE programs, including summer programs, for high school students through JTEDs central campus programs and allow communities wishing to form a JTED to do so following all regulations as required by law.
 8. Advocate for equal recognition and funding benefits under state statutes of K-12 public school districts and JTEDs.
 9. Advocate for a revision of the definition of a JTED Centralized Campus Model to include virtual campuses.
 10. Continue to work to ensure full funding for JTEDs, including ADM and inflation.
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17. During the Call to the Public, it was acknowledged that that West-MEC wishes for the speedy recovery of Cindy Bishop-Hedge. Jack Lunsford mentioned that we should also publicly thank the John F. Long Foundation for all their help in West-MEC programs.
 18. Future agenda items will include reports on the impact of unification, programs for 10/11 and 11/12, Legislative report, Community Relations report, ADM report, budget revision, audit report, and requirements for the solar tax.
 19. Mr. Taylor made the motion to adjourn the regular meeting in order to go into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Amery and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dee Dougan
Board Secretary

