

Western Maricopa Education Center, District 402

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February 3, 2010

Governing Board Meeting Minutes

1. Board Chairman Dwight Amery called the Governing Board Meeting to order at 4:10pm. Board Members present were Dwight Amery, James Kaltenbach, Frank Straka, Joe Holcombe, and Ray Malnar. Others in attendance were Greg Donovan, Jim Brown, Chris Cook, Barbara Thompson, Dean Petersen, Debbie Holland, John Mulcahy, Diane McCarthy, Cliff Migal, Michele Bush, Stephen Weltsch, Paul Johnson, Nichole Smith, Molly Maguth, Rick Carr from Emc2, and Dee Dougan.

Chris Cook introduced the new Public Relations Lead Recruiter Molly Maguth, and she led the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was then observed in remembrance of those in need.

2. Mr. Donovan suggested we move the Executive Session to the end of the meeting.
3. Mr. Kaltenbach made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Malnar seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
4. John Mulcahy, Director of Professional Development and Michele Bush, Grant Specialist gave a presentation on West-MEC Professional Development. A committee was named, target audiences were identified, vision and mission and core values were developed, staff actions were developed, and a time line was created. The Governing Board was given a packet with a strategic plan, goals, mission, and tentative time line.
5. Legislative Liaison, Diane McCarthy told the Board that there were two important issues before JTEDs statewide dealing with the budget. In the Governor's proposed budget to the legislature, one of the issues was a cut to the general fund of an \$11 million block grant that goes to fund CTE Education, not specifically JTEDs. Every dollar is matched with Perkins Funds and even though this will not affect JTEDs, this will affect all our member districts. The second issue is that in the third special session last year, the legislature stated that two school districts who share a student cannot have funding exceeding 1.0. Currently, funding is not being calculated this way so legislation needs to be changed to reflect what is now in use.

Last summer a group of 37 different organizations responded to a proposal put out by the Department of Labor through the Governor's Workforce Policy Board to provide a Green Energy Program Grant. Arizona was given a 5 million dollar grant to disperse these monies. Several JTEDs are involved in the Workforce Policy and hope to be able to use some of the money.

Peoria Unified School District, the Peoria Chamber, and the City of Peoria are rolling out a new program to provide internships for CTE students

6. Public Relations Director Chris Cook told the Board that KEZ stopped at Deer Valley and did a radio spot with the nursing students. KAET is wrapping up its segment targeting legislators and business and industry

West-MEC sent many judges for the ASU West DECA competition, and the FFA Leadership Camp was successful with over 300 students in attendance.

Student of the month was Anahi Diaz from Wickenburg. She takes BMAS and Administrative Services classes and is DECA Chapter Treasurer.

7. Jim Brown told the Board that West-MEC is in the design phase for the Corporate Build Out.

Cliff Migal told the Board that West-MEC is continuing to work with the City Planning Office and the Glendale Airport for the new Aviation Center.

8. Mr. Donovan reported that pre-registration is due back from for our central programs from our member districts and the figures will be reported next month. The numbers should increase as new programs will be added.
9. During the Call to Public, Mr. Malnar offered tickets to the “Get Motivated Seminar” by Zig Zigler. Also, Patti Beltram was appointed as CTE Director at Peoria Unified School District.
10. Future agenda items should include Policy Development (charter students, non-resident students, Tolleson High and Phoenix Union High School students, and public school drop outs who continue with us), Board Candidates for 2010, and a study session given by Mr. Ruiz and the architect/contractor for the Aviation project..
11. Mr. Kaltenbach made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session and Mr. Holcombe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously
12. Mr. Kaltenbach made a motion to return to Regular Session. Mr. Holcombe seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
13. As was recommended by West-MEC Administration and by the Hearing Officer, Mr. Kaltenbach made a motion to approve the removal of students from the Cosmetology Program as was discussed in the Executive Session. Mr. Straka seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
14. Mr. Kaltenbach made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Holcombe seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted

Dee Dougan
Governing Board Secretary

