

Western Maricopa Education Center, District 402

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March 3, 2010

Governing Board Meeting Minutes

1. Board Chairman Dwight Amery called the Governing Board Meeting to order at 4:03pm. Board Members present were Dwight Amery, James Kaltenbach, Frank Straka, Joe Holcombe, Ray Malnar, and John Atkins. Others in attendance were Greg Donovan, Jim Brown, Chris Cook, Barbara Thompson, Dean Petersen, John Mulcahy, Diane McCarthy, Cliff Migal, Michele Bush, Stephen Weltsch, Paul Johnson, Molly Maguth, Arlene McLaughlin, Mike Ruiz, Adriana Alvarado, Mary Morrow, Pat Halligan, Ron Kalmbach, Speranta Klees, Patti Beltram, Doug Markham, Tom O'Neil, Sue Gray, Justin Kelton, Steve Toulin, and Dee Markham.

Greg Donovan introduced the new Counselor Liaison at the Cutting Edge, Speranta Klees. Dee Markham and James Kaltenbach led the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was then observed in remembrance of those who we hold dear.

2. Mr. Holcombe made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Malnar seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously.
3. A presentation from McCarthy Construction and DLR Architects was given on the Aviation Facility Design and Construction. Tom O'Neil, Justin Kelton, Sue Gray, and Steve Toulin were in attendance for this presentation.
4. A motion was made by Frank Straka to approve the addendum to the Freightliner Agreement. John Atkins seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. The old agreement with Freightliner will stay in place until 2013 but the new addendum will allow us to lease additional space from Freightliner which will give West-MEC a total of 4800 square feet for classroom use.
5. James Kaltenbach made a motion to approve the lease purchase for the Aviation Property. Joe Holcombe seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously. West-MEC will be entering into a lease donation agreement with the John F. Long Revocable Trust which will allow West-MEC the right to build an aviation school on that property.
6. Frank Straka made a motion to award RFQ 10-002 of Glendale Corporate Center District Offices to Chasse Building Team and ADM Group. Mr. Atkins seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
7. There were some concerns and confusion regarding the Educational Services Agreement with Rio Salado, so this item was just an update, not an action item.
8. Legislative Liaison Diane McCarthy reported that there is still no budget. The Legislature has rolled the current budget shortfall into negotiations for the next fiscal year. Currently the legislature is working on two separate budgets and the one that will be used will depend on whether the sales tax increase passes. Ms. McCarthy told the Governing Board that West-MEC

had been notified by the IRS that the 501(c)(3) tax exemption for West-MEC Alliance has been approved and that the Department of Labor awarded the Arizona State Energy Sector 6 million dollars.

9. Public Relations Coordinator Chris Cook relayed that West-MEC staff have judged and will be judging in DECA, Skills USA, and Region V competitions.

February student of the month is Kinsey Persson from Saddle Mountain. She is a Graphics Communication student.

The Public Relations Department was awarded two awards from ASPRA. One award was for Business and Foundation of Civic/Community Organization for Contributions to Public Education and the other award was for School District for Overall Excellence in Public Relations.

Public Information Officer Adriana Alvarado told the Governing Board about the facelift to Twitter and Facebook that they are working on.

10. Business Manager Barbara Thompson gave the Governing Board copies of the proposed budget for the 2010-2011 school year and told them that West-MEC is anticipating a 17% decrease in the budget. The budget for the 2010-2011 will total approximately \$33.7 million.
11. ADM Director Mary Morrow told the Governing Board that students from Member Districts have been registering this week as this Friday is the deadline for applications for the 2010-2011 West-MEC programs.
12. During the call to Public, it was made mention that Diane McCarthy had been recognized by PEEF (Peoria Education Enrichment Foundation) with a Visionary Award for 2010 for her contributions to Education and to the West Valley.

James Kaltenbach from Peoria relayed that 2,500 students will be competing in State FFA Free Development Event this Friday. Dean Petersen from Glendale told about the Fire Academy Day that Glendale Union High School District participated in, and also about the Trebuchet Contest in April that Cortez High School will be entering in. Patti Beltram from Peoria relayed that there will be a Region V Skills USA Contest at Peoria this weekend.

Greg Donovan gave the sad news that Owen Layton passed away this past Saturday; he was a retired CTE teacher from Glendale Union High School District. Mr. Donovan also told the Governing Board that Jack Lunsford continues his battle with cancer and is still undergoing chemotherapy.

13. Future Agenda Items will include appointing a delegate to the ASBA 2011 Political Agenda.
14. Joe Holcombe made a motion to convene an Executive Session. Frank Straka seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

15. James Kaltenbach made a motion to return to Regular Session. Frank Straka seconded the motion and the motion passed.
16. James Kaltenbach made a motion to approve the removal of students from the Cosmetology Program as discussed in Executive Session.
17. James Kaltenbach made a motion to approve the continuation of the process to purchase the land and buildings as discussed in the Executive Session. Joe Holcombe seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
18. James Kaltenbach made a motion to adjourn. Joe Holcombe seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted

Dee Markham
Governing Board Secretary

