

Western Maricopa Education Center, District 402

4949 W. Indian School Road – Phoenix, AZ 85031

March 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, Frank Straka, Ray Malnar, Jack Lunsford, and Joe Holcombe. John Atkins arrived at 5pm. Others in attendance were Greg Donovan, Cliff Migal, Diane McCarthy, Jim Brown, Chris Cook, Adriana Alvarado, Michele Bush, Dean Petersen, Debbie Holland, Diane Douglas, and Dee Dougan. Those present were led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Mr. Kaltenbach in honor of his birthday. A moment of silence was then observed.
2. Mr. Kaltenbach made a motion to approve the February 18th Board Meeting Minutes and the Payable and Payroll Voucher Reports. The motion was seconded by Mr. Malnar and passed unanimously.
3. Mr. Migal presented to the Board the cluster areas that the West-MEC staff hopes to build future programs with. There was some discussion regarding the aviation and adult services, then Mr. Lunsford made a motion to affirm the occupational cluster areas for development. The motion was seconded by Mr. Holcombe and approved unanimously.
4. Diane McCarthy led the discussion about forming West-MEC Alliance a 501(c)(3). This would be a non-profit work force with no legal or political connection to West-MEC. Jake Long would be chairman. This would be a formative Board, and the mission of this alliance would be a fund raising one for scholarships, or like. The inherent costs will be \$750 to \$1000 and this will need to be raised. Mr. Straka suggested that we ask Phoenix Mayor Phil Gordon to be on this committee. Mr. Holcombe wants to be involved with this foundation and all of the West-MEC clusters are to be represented. Mr. Kaltenbach made the motion to create a 501 (c)(3) and the motion was seconded by Mr. Straka only to have the motion withdrawn by Mr. Kaltenbach. The motion then was made by Mr. Kaltenbach that the Board acknowledge that this is a worthy endeavor for our district to pursue. The motion was seconded by Mr. Straka and approved unanimously.
5. Jim Brown led a discussion on Satellite Funding and Central Program Funding.
6. In her Legislative Report, Diane McCarthy stated that the AZ Senate currently is not hearing any bills pending reaching resolution on the budget. West-MEC representatives have also been meeting with individual Senators. She passed around a notebook filled with research on JTEDs and Technical information and plans to send copies to each of the Board members.
7. In his report on Public Relations, Chris Cook talked about the Region V Skills USA at Peoria and the North Canyon Career Expo. The T-shirt design contest ends this month and next month they will be working with Deer Valley giving out the CTE Student of the Month Award. There was an article in the Business Journal about West-MEC and he commended Adriana for all the hard work she has done to make West-MEC a known entity.

8. In his report on Central Program Application, Jim Brown talked of how there is a healthy waiting list for Cosmetology, EMT, Fire Science and Heavy Medium Diesel. This is great news and outweighs the factor that there was no interest in the Building Trades Program.
9. Cliff Migal gave a presentation on the time frames for West-MEC clusters and programs.
10. During the Call to Public, Board Member Ray Malnar introduced Diane Douglas who is currently Board Chairman for the Peoria School District. Dean Peterson mentioned the Moon Valley Integration Balloon Project on March 11th, and Mr. Lunsford acknowledged the article in the Arizona Republic that Dwight Amery was featured in.
11. Future agenda items will include budget planning, employee benefits, facilities development, presentations by Districts, 100th day numbers, RFP for architectural services, stimulus package effects, adult education opportunities, re-entry opportunities, marketing in elementary school districts and charter schools, professional development, and then an Executive Session for the Superintendent's contract and for the acquisition of land,
12. Mr. Kaltenbach made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Malnar and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dee Dougan
Board Secretary

