

Western Maricopa Education Center, District 402

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April 1, 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, Ray Malnar, and Joe Holcombe. Jack Lunsford arrived at 4:45pm and John Atkins was absent. Frank Straka was present for the Executive Session. Others in attendance were Greg Donovan, Cliff Migal, Diane McCarthy, Jim Brown, Chris Cook, Adriana Alvarado, Ron Kalmbach, Michele Bush, Dean Petersen, Debbie Holland, Barbara Thompson, Kathie Amabisca, and Dee Dougan. Those present were led in the Pledge of Allegiance by John Mulcahy. A moment of silence was then observed.
2. Mr. Kaltenbach made a motion to approve the March 4th Board Meeting Minutes, the Payable and Payroll Voucher Reports, the Personnel Report, and Donations. The motion was seconded by Mr. Malnar and passed unanimously.
3. John Mulcahy, CTE Director at the Peoria Unified School District, gave a presentation on the effectiveness of Career and Technical Education.
4. Mr. Donovan introduced West-MEC's new Business Manager, Barbara Thompson, and welcomed her to the staff
5. Mr. Malnar made a motion to adopt the revision of the 09/10 Cosmetology Calendar. There were adjustments made in the professional training days. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kaltenbach and passed unanimously.
6. Mr. Donovan gave a report on West-MEC budget planning for 09/10. Our current gross budget is around \$21 million for 08/09. We were currently under a 9% budget reduction and are operating at about 91% of what we should be receiving. This current year, ADE took back soft capital funds and our budget was reduced by 2%, making a 11% budget reduction for 08/09. At the moment, the legislature is thinking about cutting another 5-7 %. Anticipating that we remain at the same funding, we are projecting a \$19.8 million budget. Mr. Donovan asked for general affirmation to present a full budget next month and was given the go ahead. The categories for our budget are fixed costs, central satellite program development, new program development, land/buildings, and satellite support.
7. In her Legislative report, Diane McCarthy explained how the Senate and the House have put out a proposed budget with a reconciliation watch list.
8. In his report on Public Relations, Chris Cook talked about the upcoming AZ Skills USA Competition on April 7-8, and encouraged all to attend. West-MEC won a merit award for overall public relations excellence from ASPRA. West-MEC's last outstanding CTSO award will be given to HOSA at Estrella Foothills on April 9th. There are Career Fairs at Youngker and Peoria High Schools on the 16th of April. Experience Your Future is April 30, approximately 7000 students are expected to attend. A CTE student of the month award will be given to Deer Valley Unified School District, and Fox news will be doing a special projects segment for special community stories on the 9pm newscast on April 22nd in which West-MEC will be featured.

9. In the ADM Department, Mr. Donovan reported that ADE was down. We are not in agreement with their numbers and that is being rectified. Attendance should be fairly close to what it was last year.
10. Mr. Donovan gave a report on Facilities Development. These facilities would include a Professional Services Training Center, District Office, & Storage Warehouse, Central Satellite Programs, and Central Programs. A Northeast West-MEC Facility is also being considered for the future. He outlined time frames for these programs and purchasing options for these facilities.
11. During the Call to Public, Mr. Amery mentioned that he was speaking to a parent at the Glendale Unified School District and they praised CTE Courses. Mr. Lunsford apologized for being late as he was in a state budget meeting. Presentations will be made in both the Senate and the House next Tuesday regarding support for a ballot proposition with specific provisions and protections to help out education.
12. Future Agenda items should include presentations by partner district CTE Directors, fine tuning on facilities, budget adjustment, programs, and regular reports.
13. Mr. Kaltenbach made the motion to adjourn the meeting and take a break before going into Executive Session to discuss Personnel and Real Property. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lunsford and passed unanimously
14. Following the Executive Session, Mr. Holcombe moved that the meeting return to Public Session. Mr. Malnar seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
15. Mr. Kaltenbach moved that the West-MEC Governing Board extend the contract with Superintendent Donovan until June 30, 2011 in accordance with statute and that the compensation and benefits package be continued as it currently stands. Mr. Straka seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
16. Mr. Kaltenbach moved that the items discussed under Real Property be pursued as indicated in the Executive Session. Mr. Malnar seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
17. Mr. Kaltenbach made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Straka and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted

Dee Dougan
Board Secretary

