

Western Maricopa Education Center, District 402

4949 W. Indian School Road – Phoenix, AZ 85031

April 7, 2010

Governing Board Meeting Minutes

1. Board Chairman Dwight Amery called the Governing Board Meeting to order at 4:05pm. Board Members present were Dwight Amery, James Kaltenbach, Frank Straka, Joe Holcombe, and Ray Malnar. John Atkins joined the meeting by teleconference. Others in attendance were Greg Donovan, James Brown, Chris Cook, Barbara Thompson, Dean Petersen, John Mulcahy, Diane McCarthy, Cliff Migal, Michele Bush, Mike Bush, Stephen Weltsch, Paul Johnson, Molly Maguth, Adriana Alvarado, Mary Morrow, Pat Halligan, Patti Beltram, Debbie Holland, and Dee Markham.

Dwight Amery gave an update on his trip to St. Joseph's Hospital to see Dysart CTE Director Thom Dickerson. Mr. Dickerson underwent heart surgery. John Mulcahy and James Brown then led the Pledge of Allegiance and afterwards a moment of silence was observed with Jack Lunsford and Thom Dickerson in thought.

2. Frank Straka made a motion to approve the consent agenda. James Kaltenbach seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
3. Frank Straka nominated Joe Holcombe as a delegate of West-MEC to the ASBA 2011 Political Agenda. John Atkins seconded the motion. Frank Straka nominated John Atkins as alternate delegate of West-MEC to the ASBA 2011 Political Agenda. James Kaltenbach seconded the motion. Both motions were approved unanimously.
4. Chris Cook presented West-MEC's student handbook for first reading to the Governing Board. There was general discussion regarding specific areas of the student handbook and the Board Members instructed Chris Cook in those areas. Further ideas and suggestions will be sent to Chris Cook.
5. John Atkins made a motion to authorize West-MEC to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Maricopa County Workforce Connection. Frank Straka seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Diane McCarthy gave a Summary of House Bill 2128. The major statutes that were passed were:

15-391 (changed the definition of JTED from Joint Technological to Joint Technical)

15-393 (students in an approved JTED centralized program may generate an average daily attendance of 1.0 for attendance hours during any hour of the day, during any day of the week, and at any time between July 1 and June 30 of each fiscal year)

15-790 (gave the primary responsibilities for school districts, community college districts, and universities)

15-808 (Arizona online instruction apportionment with JTED same as funding formula in 15-393)

Dwight Amery congratulated Diane McCarthy and Greg Donovan for their efforts in getting this bill passed.

6. Public Relations Coordinator, Chris Cook presented the Governing Board with his department's activity list for March and for upcoming events. The highlight will be the Fox 10 news shoot featuring the Medium Heavy Diesel class. This segment will air on the April 10th 9pm newscast. Chris Cook also demonstrated their department's "Start the Conversation" piece which can be located on both Facebook and Twitter.
7. ADM Director Mary Morrow gave a report on the 100th Day ADM count for West-MEC. Last year's totals were 5656 and this year's are 6459, which is a gain of 803 students.
8. James Kaltenbach made a motion to approve the annual miscellaneous expenditures for West-MEC. Joe Holcombe seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
9. Frank Straka made a motion to approve the annual renewal for medical, dental, and vision insurance. James Kaltenbach seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
10. James Kaltenbach made a motion to continue the Health Insurance Addendum for FY2011. Frank Straka seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
11. James Kaltenbach made a motion to establish a 403(b) Supplemental Retirement Account available to West-MEC employees (Met Life and AXA Financial). Ray Malnar seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
12. James Kaltenbach made a motion to approve as amended the Project Management Services (RFP 10-003) to the H2Group and Advanced Real Estate Services. Ray Malnar seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
13. James Brown reported that the completion date for the District Office will be late Fall 2010.
14. James Kaltenbach made a motion to approve the public display of textbooks and other instructional materials for Auto Technology. Ray Malnar seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
15. Ray Malnar made a motion to approve the Educational Services Agreement with Rio Salado-Dental Program. Mr. Straka seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
16. Cliff Migal reported that West-MEC has received approval from the State Fire Marshall for the Aviation Project. He also reported that the City of Glendale has given West-MEC a list of improvements that they want done for the property.
17. Future agenda items will include a presentation from Agua Fria High School District CTE Department and the approval of public display of textbooks and other instructional materials for Auto Collision.
18. James Kaltenbach made a motion to convene an Executive Session. Joe Holcombe seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
19. James Kaltenbach made a motion to return to regular session. Ray Malnar seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

20. James Kaltenbach made a motion to adjourn. Joe Holcombe seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted

Dee Markham
Governing Board Secretary

