

Western Maricopa Education Center, District 402

4949 W. Indian School Road – Phoenix, AZ 85031

May 5, 2010

Governing Board Meeting Minutes

1. Board Chairman Dwight Amery called the Governing Board Meeting to order at 4:06pm. Board Members present were Dwight Amery, James Kaltenbach, Frank Straka, Joe Holcombe, John Atkins, Jack Lunsford, and Ray Malnar. Others in attendance were Greg Donovan, James Brown, Chris Cook, Barbara Thompson, Dean Petersen, John Mulcahy, Diane McCarthy, Cliff Migal, Michele Bush, Stephen Weltsch, Molly Maguth, Pat Halligan, Patti Beltram, Debbie Holland, Andrew Kuntz, Kathy Caretto, Nichole Smith, and Dee Markham.

Jack Lunsford led the Pledge of Allegiance and afterwards a moment of silence was observed for those in our hearts.

2. Frank Straka made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Jack Lunsford seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
3. Dean Petersen introduced Kathy Caretto, Program Facilitator of the Next Step Program and Andy Kuntz, CTE Culinary Arts Teacher at Apollo High School. Next Step is a secondary special education program designed for students with disabilities whose ages are between 18 and 22. This program takes students who have met their academic goal in high school and transitions them into post secondary training. Next Step uses an innovative approach to teach special education students marketing skills in the areas of the food service industry. Students are instructed in the classroom, provided practice in the culinary lab, and then led into actual industry work experience. Next Step partners with Sheraton Crescent Hotel, Glendale Community College, Glencroft Retirement Community, and Baker Wee in the transition process. This project was funded by one of the West-MEC Unique Opportunity Grants.
4. Michele Bush spoke about the Wickenburg High School Integration Grant which involved a solar hot dog cooker. This was an Algebra and a Geometry project in which these students designed the cooker, then the Engineering students interpreted the designs and assembled the cooker.
5. Nichole Smith, CTE Director of Agua Fria gave a presentation of all the CTE Programs in that district. Nichole relayed how Agua Fria's CTE students are tracked after graduation. She said they had about a 70% response from the questionnaire sent out. Mr. Straka would like to see how CTE student's grades are in comparison to other students. Mr. Lunsford would also like to know what the wage base was for the completers. Nichole also told about Agua Fria's new District Office and the possibilities that will open up in conjunction with this move.
6. Dwight Amery presented the ASBO Award to Barbara Thompson for Excellence in Financial Reporting. Barbara Thompson accepted the award on behalf of West-MEC and all the staff.
7. James Kaltenbach made a motion to award Web and Design Print Services RFP 10-004 to Tomko Design. Mr. Straka seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.
8. James Kaltenbach made a motion to award Printing Services RFP 10-005 to Prismagraphics Print Smart. Mr. Holcombe seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

9. Legislative Liaison Diane McCarthy relayed that the Arizona State Legislature has adjourned for the time being. She thanked the Board Members for answering WAVE Superintendent Betsy Parker's questionnaire regarding JTED School Board Networking Opportunities at the ACTEAZ Summer Conference. July 19 and 20 have been selected as the dates for the sessions in Tucson. Ms. McCarthy gave the Board a handout regarding Long Term Budget Projections from the Joint Legislative Budget Committee.
10. Public Relations Coordinator Chris Cook relayed to the Board about the 9000 students who came to the Experience Your Future Event and how the 8th graders were a good target age. He also talked about the upcoming Cosmetology Love a Pup, Get A Cut Fund Raising and about the Cosmetology Graduation Ceremony. He then showed two Fox 10 news segments regarding Skills USA and Medium Heavy Diesel.
11. James Kaltenbach made a motion to approve curriculum for display for Auto Collision for the 2010-2011 program. Mr. Malnar seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
12. James Brown demonstrated the color palate for the new corporate center. The architectural plans are almost ready to submit to the city for approval and West-MEC is in the process of selecting the appropriate furniture. The time line for completion is still late November. Gross maximum price should be available for the June meeting.
13. Cliff Migal relayed to the Board that Freightliner is going to be building a new dealership and are including West-MEC in the process.

In Aviation, the "list of 100" items has been decreased and West-MEC is ready to submit this list to the city next week for approval.

14. During the Call to Public, Jack Lunsford relayed to the Governing Board and the public that he will be serving out the balance of his current term, but due to circumstances, he would not be running for re-election.

James Brown received a letter from Millennium FBLA student Will Duplex thanking West-MEC for funding CTE and FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) at Millennium and for sponsoring his trip to State and National Leadership Conferences.

On May 18th, WESTMARC is sponsoring a West Valley Forum Series with ASU President Michael Crow.

15. Future agenda items should include CTSO West-MEC success list, student handbook, employee handbook, evaluation process of employees, a 360 evaluation of the superintendent, and Board Member report.
16. James Kaltenbach made a motion to convene an Executive Session. Joe Holcombe seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
17. James Kaltenbach made a motion to return to regular session. Frank Straka seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

18. James Kaltenbach made a motion to adjourn. John Atkins seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted

Dee Markham
Governing Board Secretary

Statement to the West-MEC

**Submitted by Jack Lunsford, District 6 Board Member
May 5, 2010**

Mr. President & Fellow Members of the Board,

I have had the privilege of serving on the West-MEC Board since my January, 2007 after my 2006 election. It is an honor to serve on a Board with colleagues such as you---and those I served with prior to you---all who are dedicated to career and technical education. Having served 10 years on the State Council for Vocational Education, my roots in CTE are deep. And having served 10 years on the Arizona Commission for Postsecondary Education---6 years as Chairman---and working to bring together secondary & postsecondary, private & public, and 2-year and 4-year institutions and education, I believe my dedication and commitment to educating students is without question. But my comments tonight are neither to cite nor to brag about my past. They are merely to illustrate the difficulty of what I am about to say.

The past seven months have brought significant health challenges to me and my family. Because of them I have not been able to represent my constituents nor our students to my best ability on this Board. And although my health prognosis is likely good, I don't see my availability being much more than it has been over the last several months.

In the next seven months I need to work on getting healthy, to concentrate on my real job, and to spend better and more quality time with my family. I don't see much time in that span for campaigning for my reelection. Therefore, tonight I am announcing first to you--my friends and colleagues---that I will not seek reelection to another term on the West-MEC Board.

Given my circumstances my decision was easier than I thought it might be, but it does not come without serious regret. I made a commitment to Greg Donovan and myself when I sought this Board seat that I would do my best to secure long-term capital funding for West-MEC. That is still my 1st priority, and commitment. Therefore, Mr. President, fellow Board members, West-MEC staff, and those associated with West-MEC, let me recommit to you that I will do all that I can in the coming months to lead West-MEC to successful passage of a bond election for capital facilities. I will gladly serve in a leading campaign committee role, in an advisory capacity to the Board & staff, and whatever else I can do to get the desperately needed facilities for CTE students in the West Valley.

Thank you Mr. President for the opportunity to share these thoughts this evening and to reaffirm my dedication and support for West-MEC in the best way I can in the future. And my most sincere thanks to each and every one for your patience with me and support during these last 7 months. That means more than you will ever know. I look forward to working with you as much as I can during the balance of my term for the best opportunities and outcomes for CTE and our students. Thank you.