

Western Maricopa Education Center, District 402

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May 6, 2009

Governing Board Meeting Minutes

1. Board President Dwight Amery called the Governing Board Meeting to order at 4:01pm. Board Members present were Dwight Amery, Ray Malnar, John Atkins, Frank Straka, and Joe Holcombe. James Kaltenbach arrived at 4:15pm and Jack Lunsford was absent due to illness. Others in attendance were Greg Donovan, Cliff Migal, Jim Brown, Chris Cook, Adriana Alvarado, Ron Kalmbach, Michele Bush, Barbara Thompson, Dean Petersen, Debbie Holland, Arlene McLaughlin, John Mulcahy, Barbie Buchanan, and Dee Dougan. Those present were led in the Pledge of Allegiance by John Atkins. A moment of silence was then observed.
2. Mr. Straka made a motion to approve the April 1st Board Meeting Minutes, the Payable and Payroll Voucher Reports, the Personnel Report, and Travel for staff to attend the ACTEAZ Summer Conference in Tucson, AASBO Summer Conference in Tucson, and the Career Clusters Institute in Fort Worth. The motion was seconded by Mr. Holcombe and passed unanimously.
3. Barbie Buchanan, Head Counselor at Peoria Unified School District, gave a presentation on the K-12 Life Plan. This is Career Planning for the students throughout their educational careers.
4. Mr. Kaltenbach made a motion to adopt a resolution authorizing Tyler Company as a sole source provider for procurement of student data services. Mr. Straka seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
5. A motion was made by Mr. Kaltenbach to approve the affiliation agreement between West-MEC and Freightliner with the stipulation of a contingency plan for a facility if disaster strikes and an excessive absence of instructor clause. This 4 year agreement is from 7/2009 through 6/2013. Mr. Atkins seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.
6. Mr. Malnar made a motion to approve the public display of textbooks and other instructional material for Medium Heavy Diesel prior to consideration of adoption of these materials. There are 16 notebooks. Mr. Straka seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
7. Mr. Kaltenbach made the motion to approve the 2008-2009 Budget Revision #3. \$633,000 was cut from our current year's budget due to required budget cuts from the legislature. The motion was seconded by Mr. Atkins and passed unanimously.
8. Mr. Atkins made a motion to approve the revised IGA payments to member districts. Our accountants, Heinfeld, Meech, & Co., told us that we had to revise our payment plan because of the early IGA payments we made last year. We had to deduct from the district's allotment their potential interest earned. The member districts were informed that we have deducted 1% of the payment for that time period. Mr. Straka seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
9. If the Legislature has not decided the exact budget cuts for 09/10 by the June Governing Board Meeting, West-MEC hopes to provide a more informed opinion under the current circumstances.

10. In the absence of Legislative Liaison Diane McCarthy, Superintendent Donovan told the Governing Board that Tom Horne from the Department of Education has been helping out the JTEDs. One of the issues they are dealing with is sharing of the 1.0 ADM with TAPBI (online school system).
11. Mr. Donovan told the Governing Board that ADM was up about 200 students and that the ADM is approximately 5629 students.
12. Chris Cook from the Public Relations Department gave a short slide show from the “Experience Your Future” Expo. Over 7000 students were in attendance and our booth was well represented. He discussed the Career Fairs at Peoria and Youngker and said the students were very receptive to the information regarding West-MEC. He and Ms. Alvarado also met with the marketing students at Mountain Ridge to see how we can help them market our public relations information. He showed the ASPRA award of overall public excellence in the 20,000-30,000 student category that West-MEC received, and then showed the segment on Fox 10 regarding The Cutting Edge.
13. Cliff Migal and Jim Brown told the Governing Board about future plans for aviation and auto and how we are planning to start these programs in 2011-2012.

Mr. Donovan discussed how we began with 31 sites for the District Office/Training Center/Warehouse and narrowed it down to 5 legitimate sites. The most promising site at the moment is at 99th and Missouri. The shell of the building is already there and the two buildings that are possibilities are 17,000 and 25,000 square feet. There is plenty of available paved and landscaped parking. The Governing Board would like more detailed information regarding this site and other raw land/foreclosure sites that might be available.

Mr. Donovan is meeting with Superintendent Beverly Hurley at Buckeye Union to discuss future land possibilities with them. They have currently agreed to sell us increased acreage.

14. The Aviation, Cosmetology, EMT, Fire Science, and Medium Heavy Diesel programs are moving along nicely for the start of the 2009/2010 year.
15. During the Call to Public, Mr. Malnar told us that he was at a meeting not long ago and received rave reviews about our Cosmetology program from a former legislator.
16. Future agenda items include member district presentations, funding process for our districts, budget, facility development of the district office, and stimulus money from the Government.
17. Mr. Kaltenbach made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Atkins and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted

Dee Dougan
Board Secretary

