

Western Maricopa Education Center, District 402

5487 N. 99th Avenue – Glendale, AZ 85305

January 5, 2010

Governing Board Meeting Minutes

1. Board Chairman Dwight Amery called the Governing Board Meeting to order at 4:07pm. Board Members present were Dwight Amery, James Kaltenbach, Frank Straka, and Ray Malnar. Joe Holcombe and John Atkins joined the Regular Meeting through teleconference. Others in attendance were Greg Donovan, Cliff Migal, Diane McCarthy, Mary Morrow, Barbara Thompson, Adriana Alvarado, Chris Cook, Speranta Klees, Dean Petersen, Stephen Weltsch, Michele Bush, Marilynn Babyar, Jim Brown, John Mulcahy, Patti Beltram, Debbie Holland, Arlene McLaughlin, Brian Capistran, Elaine Hess, and Dee Markham.

Greg Donovan introduced Nancy Hushek and the Culinary Arts Program Students from North Canyon High School in the Paradise Valley School District who catered the evening's meeting.

James Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence was then observed for those dear to us, and for first responders all around the world.

2. During the Board Member Report, Frank Straka mentioned that he attended the Arizona School Boards Association Meeting and noticed that West-MEC was mentioned in the DLR publicity program in one of their flyers for specialty schools.

James Kaltenbach made a motion to appoint Frank Straka for Governing Board Chairman. Ray Malnar seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. James Kaltenbach nominated Ray Malnar for Governing Board Vice Chairman. Frank Straka seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Board Chairman Frank Straka thanked Dwight Amery for his 2 years of service on the Governing Board and for the outstanding job he has done. He also congratulated Ray Malnar upon being elected as Vice Chairman. Frank Straka then presided over the remainder of the meeting.

Greg Donovan reported that the JTEDs also had a presentation at the ASBA/ASA Conference in December. Four JTED Districts presented unique program opportunities such as the Freightliner Program and Distance Learning. He also mentioned that he is meeting with West-MEC Member Districts and the discussion revolves around Intergovernmental Agreements and the future of CTE partnerships.

3. Ray Malnar made a motion to approve the consent agenda. John Atkins seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Cliff Migal reported during this time that AV-AIR Inc. in Chandler, Arizona which deals in excess inventory, donated Aviation equipment parts and supplies for the Aviation Program.
4. Dwight Amery made a motion to approve the 2011 schedule for the Governing Board Meetings as presented. Mr. Atkins seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously. There was some discussion to move the July date due to the budget process. No dates were changed.

5. Director of Professional Development, John Mulcahy, reported that PD Place goes live tomorrow. He presented the Fall course offerings and discussed externships that teachers were involved in. He told about non course workshop activities such as Think Tank. He also reported that Distance Learning is a goal of the Professional Development Department.
6. Business Manager, Barbara Thompson, presented the Board with a graph of the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 expenses. She also introduced her new assistant, Elaine Hess.
7. Diane McCarthy presented the Board with handouts for the proposed legislation for the upcoming legislative session beginning next week. She also passed out a report from the Morrison Institute for Public Policy regarding the cyclical and structural deficits. She also mentioned that she met with Senator Pierce and that he is a strong supporter of JTEDs.
8. Public Relations Director, Chris Cook, relayed that he and Adriana attended the ASPRA Conference and are busy with upcoming Career Fairs at the Glendale and Peoria Districts.

Adriana Alvarado presented a short State of Social Media at West-MEC. She explained about Hootsuite and how she is able to manage all West-MEC social media with this program.

9. James Brown explained to the Board that the punch list for the Corporate Office and Training Center has dwindled down to only a few items.
10. Cliff Migal reported that the Aviation Facility is making great progress and that the construction workers are still 7 days ahead of schedule.
11. Cliff Migal also reported that West-MEC is working on the final agreement with Freightliner regarding the new self contained 5000 square foot facility.
12. Dwight Amery asked Diane McCarthy about the status of the Fab Lab. She told the Board that the University of Advancing Technology laid out machinery, electrical, and venting for the Fab Lab and she is working on donations for equipment and cost factors.
13. ADM Director Marry Morrow presented the Board with a handout that showed student count in courses by schools. She reported that the 100th day is next week.
14. During the Call to Public, Dwight Amery thanked everyone he worked closely with while presiding as Chairman of the Governing Board and said that he had a lot of fun working on the Board.
15. Frank Straka reported that Representative Goodall relayed to the public at the ASBA Legislative Conference how great she thought Career and Technical Education was and how we, as a whole, need to do more.
16. Future agenda items should include bonding, appointment process for the 7th Governing Board Member, and redistricting.
17. James Kaltenbach made a motion to convene an Executive Session for the purpose of evaluation and employment contract of the Superintendent. Dwight Amery seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously. John Atkins joined the Executive Session through teleconference.

18. James Kaltenbach made a motion to return to Regular Session at 6:40pm. Dwight Amery seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
19. James Kaltenbach made a motion to approve the evaluation of Superintendent Greg Donovan. Dwight Amery seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
20. James Kaltenbach made a motion to continue the discussion for the contract of the Superintendent at February's Governing Board Meeting. Dwight Amery seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.
21. Dwight Amery made a motion to adjourn the meeting. James Kaltenbach seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Dee Markham
Governing Board Secretary

