



Western Maricopa Education Center, District 402

5487 N. 99th Avenue – Glendale, AZ 85305

October 5, 2011

Governing Board Meeting Minutes

Board Chairman Frank Straka called the Meeting to order at 4:03pm. Board Members present were: Frank Straka, James Kaltenbach, Dwight Amery, Ray Malnar, and Roger Freeman. John Atkins joined by teleconference. West-MEC staff in attendance were: Greg Donovan, Cliff Migal, Barbara Thompson, Chris Cook, Michele Bush, John Mulcahy, Anna Abe, Diane McCarthy, Cindy Strozewski, Brian Davis, Marilynn Babyar, Dean Petersen, Michele Bush, Speranta Klees, and Dee Markham. Others in attendance were: Debbie Holland, Arlene McLaughlin, Dan Bauer, Gigi Aja, and Patti Beltram.

Frank Straka recognized Chris Contreras and the Culinary students at Millennium and thanked them for preparing the dinner for the meeting.

Arlene McLaughlin led the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence was observed afterwards.

During the Superintendent Report, Greg Donovan reported:

- The West-MEC Aviation Technology Center Dedication is on 10-6-11 at 9:30am, and he encouraged all to attend.
- There is a new plaque in the foyer of the District Office which displays the former West-MEC Governing Board Members.
- He met with Chuck Essigs from Arizona School Boards Association and they had a productive meeting. He discovered the ASBA membership dues are not based on Average Daily Membership, but on West-MEC's budget. Dialogue between the two will continue at a later date.
- A PIMA County JTED Board Member phoned him and was thinking about starting an organization for JTED Board Members and was soliciting information.

Roger Freeman made a motion to approve the consent agenda. James Kaltenbach seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Arlene McLaughlin, CTE Director from Buckeye Union High School District, introduced Gigi Aja, who presented John Mulcahy with a glass apple in light of recognizing him for his commitment to education and exceptional instruction during a CTE training event that was held in their district.

Diane McCarthy, Legislative Liaison, reported that progress on the Fab Lab is moving forward in a rapid fashion. Electrical plans have been submitted to the city and equipment

has been located for the facility. Donations are forthcoming and an administrative group has been developed to fine tune the dynamics.

Director of Grants Management, Michele Bush, reported the three types of Grants that West-MEC is offering:

- Unique Opportunities Grants fund related projects or activities that will benefit West-MEC students.
- Academic Integration Grants fund teams at the school level to design lessons and/or units that intentionally integrate Career and Technical Education course content with academic course content.
- PathWays Grants fund the establishment of school-based teams to develop strategies that use CTE as a catalyst for school reform initiatives.

West-MEC has funded approximately 33 projects and has spent around \$200,000 in funding. James Kaltenbach asked if with all the budget cuts, was West-MEC was planning on funding these grants in the future. Greg Donovan replied most certainly. James Kaltenbach said that his favorite part of these grants is the flexibility and feels that grants are one of the best uses of money that West-MEC has delivered. He applauded all those who did all the paperwork and stuck it out to make the program successful. Roger Freeman hopes to see this program expanded, especially the integration portion. Dwight Amery thought the students should promote their grant projects with videos so the community can be well informed.

Roger Freeman made a motion to adopt the policy manual revisions. Dwight Amery seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

James Kaltenbach made a motion to adopt the policy manual to increase the purchasing threshold. Ray Malnar seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Governing Board directed Superintendent Greg Donovan to allow the administration to close the Corporate Building on December 27th and 28th so utilities could be conserved. The Governing Board also gave approval for having a 4 day work week during the summer of 2012. Employees would flex their hours and schedules during both these time frames.

Dwight Amery made a motion to approve the 2010/2011 AFR (Annual Financial Review). James Kaltenbach seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Legislative Liaison, Diane McCarthy reported on the following items:

- EVIT has a new East campus.
- Currently the Classroom Site Funds are being sent to the West-MEC Member Districts. In this year's Department of Education omnibus bill, language that says JTEDs are a district will be submitted.
- Currently JTEDs must own and operate the buildings they are in, so legislation must be promoted to clarify that "owned and operated" is the same as "owned or operated". Hopefully this can be accomplished at the next Legislative session.
- The Legislature needs to understand how the non-funding of 9th graders will impact CTE programs was a whole.
- The redistricting process still has some issues to be resolved.

- The Legislative Tours begin on the 11th of October. Currently, the response has not been overwhelming so the Legislators have been offered a blanket invitation to attend tours.

Greg Donovan reported that the District Superintendents and their representatives met and laid more groundwork for the IGAs (Intergovernmental Agreements). The group came to a consensus on most of the issues except for the salary cap and the definition of salary. The group will be taking information back to their districts and return to West-MEC on November 14th.

No items were brought to attention during the Call to Public.

Future agenda should include: Redistricting, Report from Advisory Committee, Williams Road Property, Occupational Demand Data, Bonding, Student tracking, Data sharing, Strategic Plan, and Foreign Trade Zone.

Before adjourning, Frank Straka encouraged the Board Members to attend the ASBA conference in December. Dwight Amery made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ray Malnar seconded the motion and Chairman Frank Straka dismissed the meeting as the Board Members stood in adjournment.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dee Markham
Governing Board Secretary