

Western Maricopa Education Center, District 402

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October 6, 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, and Ray Malnar. Others in attendance were Greg Donovan, Chris Cook, Barbara Thompson, John Mulcahy, Cliff Migal, Adriana Alvarado, James Brown, Diane McCarthy, Brian Capistran, Michele Bush, Bob Scarborough, Marilyn Babyar, Stephen Weltsch, Debbie Holland, Speranta Klees, Ron Kalmbach, Buck Nelson, Linda Dooling, Jan Delgado, Dawn Davis, Patti Beltram, Mary Morrow, and Dee Markham.

Cliff Migal introduced Bob Scarborough who is CTE Director at Great Oaks Institute of Technology and Career Development in Ohio. Cliff then led the Pledge of Allegiance, and afterwards a moment of silence was observed for those dear to our hearts. Dwight Amery informed the audience that fellow Board Member Jack Lunsford was currently in the hospital and that we should keep him in our thoughts.

2. James Kaltenbach reported that Oscar Olivas a Building Trades Teacher at Peoria High School is a finalist for the Chicanos por la Causa Teacher of the Year Award. Several of the Peoria and West-MEC District employees will be attending this event.

Dwight Amery reported that Carl Hayden High School in Phoenix won the World Title in Robotics. He would like West-MEC to put together a district wide competition in a variety of categories. He also thought West-MEC should put out a challenge out to our High Schools to come up with the “next great idea” for an approved class.

3. Frank Straka made a motion to approve the consent agenda. James Kaltenbach seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
4. Buck Nelson, Marketing/DECA Instructor and Linda Dooling, English Teacher from Washington High School gave a presentation on their Academic Integration Grant. They are in the second year of their project and have been asked to present at the ACTE National Convention in Las Vegas. Both of these teachers described how they integrated their classes in Freshman English and Business Technology and their classes in Senior English and Cooperative Education/Advanced Marketing. Their goal was to improve literacy. An example is how they used the poetry of Beowulf and how he stood before the king and presented why he should be chosen to slay the monster Grendel. The students take note of this example and then write their own resumes, presenting themselves in a highly effective manner to obtain a job.

Jan Delgado, Intern Instructor/Coordinator and Dawn Davis, Business Teacher from Peoria High School are in the 4th year of their Academic Integration Project. They took the Beowulf poetry one step farther and instructed the students to write up a Business Proposal, thus using both English and Business in their electronic portfolio.

5. James Kaltenbach made a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement and the Licenses with the City of Glendale for Aviation. Ray Malnar seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. This will be a 30 year agreement with the City of Glendale. West-MEC will pay for the design and construction of a gate for access to the airport taxi way. The City of Glendale will control the gate and West-MEC will provide the maintenance. West-MEC is also responsible for putting the bus stop in, not the maintenance. The City of Glendale also waived the Roadway/Transportation Impact Fee.
6. Business Manager Barbara Thompson told the Board that September's apportionment payment of 1.7 million dollars will be rolled into the next fiscal year. She also relayed that the last two years JTEDs have been excluded from soft capital reductions. Some school districts complained and went to the Attorney General for an opinion. The Attorney General's opinion was that the JTED's are not exempt from the soft capital reductions and they are thinking about taking back monies from the last two years from JTEDs. The other opinion from the Attorney General was that JTEDs will now receive Classroom Site Funding and not the schools, but this will be delayed for a year.
7. Legislative Liaison Diane McCarthy gave the Board highlights of the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Surprise for the Fab Lab. The proposed IGA is for 3 years. There were several questions regarding this IGA so more information will be presented at the next Governing Board Meeting.

The Alliance is alive and well. It has received \$20 thousand in cash and \$50 thousand in In-Kind Donations. \$12 thousand has also been pledged to The Alliance.

Megan Griego helped put together the West-MEC Needs Assessment for the Alliance. This assessment will be used as a draft to build other focus groups.

Peoria, Agua Fria, and Paradise Valley School Districts will work with the Local Directors to enlist students in programs that are adding green. West-MEC is working with the Department of Labor on this for the Grant.

8. Director of Public Relations Chris Cook relayed that work is hopping in his department with all the Career Fairs, CTSO Award Presentations, CTE Student of the Month, and other events.
9. James Brown reported that construction is going well at the Glendale Corporate Center. To date, the IT, Data, and Fire Companies are wiring the facility. Next week the carpet will be laid in the upper level.
10. Cliff Migal reported that "we have concrete" at the Aviation Center. Construction is still on schedule and going vertical should occur on the week of October 18th.
11. West-MEC has received approximately half of the Superintendent Evaluation Forms that were sent out. The results of the review will be discussed in the Executive Session of November's meeting.
12. During the Call to Public, Debbie Holland mentioned that there was no due date on the Superintendent Evaluation. That will be rectified in an e-mail to the participants. Dwight Amery discussed the hail storm that hit Maryvale the day before and what can be done to help eliminate hail destruction such as a strapping system.

13. Future agenda items should include Superintendent Evaluation follow up, Fab Lab discussion, Redistricting, and property acquisition.
14. Dwight Amery was excited about the presentations that were given at the meeting, along with the current results of the Superintendent review and gave commendation to West-MEC staff and Member Districts.
15. James Kaltenbach made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Frank Straka seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Dee Markham
Governing Board Secretary

