

Western Maricopa Education Center, District 402

4949 W. Indian School Road – Phoenix, AZ 85031

November 3, 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, and Frank Straka. Joe Holcombe joined the Regular Meeting through teleconference and he and John Atkins joined the Executive Session through teleconference. Others in attendance were Greg Donovan, Chris Cook, Barbara Thompson, John Mulcahy, Cliff Migal, Adriana Alvarado, James Brown, Diane McCarthy, Michele Bush, Marilynn Babyar, Stephen Weltsch, Mary Morrow, Pat Halligan, Paul Johnson, Dean Petersen, Elena Sobampo, Sandee McClellan, and Dee Markham.

Mr. Straka introduced the students of the Culinary Department of North Canyon High School and their instructor Nancy Hushek. They led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was then observed for those dear to us, especially remembering John Atkins, Jack Lunsford, Joe Holcombe, and James Brown with their ailments.

2. During the Board Member Report Dwight Amery mentioned that he attended the Through the Eyes of a Child Awards Luncheon sponsored by the Children's Action Alliance. Diane McCarthy received the Horace Steele Child Advocacy Award. He also mentioned that West-MEC won the Architectural Innovation Award at the Best of the West for their Aviation Campus. Greg Donovan relayed to the Board that The Maryvale Revitalization Corporation won an award for Service to Communities Non-Profit where Dwight Amery is President. James Kaltenbach also mentioned that Oscar Olivas, a CTE teacher at Peoria High School won the Chicanos por la Causa Teacher of the Year Award.
3. Frank Straka made a motion to approve the consent agenda. James Kaltenbach seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
4. Sandee McClelland from smartschoolsplus gave a presentation regarding participation in a phased retirement plan. Smartschools is where the school district can provide an incentive program for employees to retire and then get hired back at a reduced cost to the district.
5. James Kaltenbach made a motion to approve the 2009-2010 Annual Financial Review. Frank Straka seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
6. Legislative Liaison Diane McCarthy gave a short presentation on the Fab Lab. The University of Advancing Technology is helping to design the operation and is helping with obtaining equipment. The Fab Lab is on the agenda of the Surprise City Council next week.
7. Director of Public Relations Chris Cook told about the CREST Ribbon Cutting Event over at Paradise Valley High School and he talked about current CTO student of the month Precious Walton. He also spoke about the Best of the West awards and the Children's Action Alliance and thanked Cliff, Diane, and Adriana for all their help.

8. James Kaltenbach made a motion to approve the public display of textbooks and other instructional material for the Aviation Program. Frank Straka seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
9. James Brown reported that construction is on time and under budget at the Glendale Corporate Center. The Certificate of Occupancy should be issued on the 15th of November.
10. Cliff Migal showed slides of the foundation at the Aviation facility and the new steel beams that were going up. He reported that the project was on schedule, in fact it is ahead of schedule.
11. ADM (Average Daily Membership) Director Mary Morrow reported that the 40th Day Enrollment of 6581 is up from 6366 of last year. James Kaltenbach thinks we will have more problems in the upper level classes in obtaining numbers because of core class requirements. Dwight Amery wanted to know how much enrollment has dropped in the schools and thought this would give us a better glimpse of what our 40th Day numbers tell.
12. During the Call to Public Mr. Donovan mentioned that it was 8 years ago last night that the public voted to organize West-MEC. Tonight will be the last Governing Board Meeting at the current 4949 W. Indian School location.
13. Future agenda items should include end of calendar year budget adjustments, tours of the new District Office, and Holiday celebration honoring outgoing Board Member Jack Lunsford. Mr. Amery made mention that if anyone eats at Macayo's Desert Sky the next two Wednesdays, that 20% of the food purchases will be donated to Maryvale Revitalization Corporation.
14. James Kaltenbach made a motion to convene an Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of removal of a student from the Cosmetology Program, Evaluation of the Superintendent, and Discussion of Land. Frank Straka seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. John Atkins joined Executive Session at 5:37pm.
15. James Kaltenbach made a motion to return to Regular Session at 6:35pm. Frank Straka seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
16. James Kaltenbach made a motion to remove the student from the Cosmetology Program. Frank Straka seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
17. James Kaltenbach made a motion to approve the Evaluation of the Superintendent. Frank Straka seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
18. James Kaltenbach made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Frank Straka seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Dee Markham
Governing Board Secretary

