

Western Maricopa Education Center, District 402

5487 N. 99th Avenue – Glendale, AZ 85305

December 8, 2010

Governing Board Meeting Minutes

1. Board Chairman Dwight Amery called the Governing Board Meeting to order at 4:00pm while the Board Members gathered around the flagpole to dedicate the new West-MEC Corporate Office and Training Center. The flag was raised by the Board Members and Kathy Amery led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. This particular flag was flown over the United States Capitol on November 2, 2010 in honor of Western Maricopa Education Center. After the pledge, members of West-MEC led tours of the new building.

Board Members present were Dwight Amery, James Kaltenbach, Joe Holcombe, Jack Lunsford, John Atkins, and Frank Straka. Ray Malnar joined the Regular Meeting through teleconference. Others in attendance were Greg Donovan, Cliff Migal, Diane McCarthy, Pat Halligan, Wendy Rupe, Michelle Goss, Mary Morrow, Barbara Thompson, Adriana Alvarado, Chris Cook, Speranta Klees, Dean Petersen, Stephen Weltsch, Paul Johnson, Michele Bush, Mike Bush, Marilynn Babyar, Jim Brown, John Mulcahy, Kathy Amery, Charlie Ellis, Elizabeth Kaltenbach, Jamie Kaltenbach, Jacob Kaltenbach, Daniel McLean, Patti Beltram, Debbie Holland, and Dee Markham.

The Board Meeting reconvened at 4:40pm and a moment of silence was then observed for those dear to us, for first responders, and for those who keep our country safe.

2. During the Board Member Report, recognition was given to outgoing Board Member Jack Lunsford. He was given a glass engraved clock in appreciation for his service on the Governing Board.

Dwight Amery led the oaths of office for Frank Straka and James Kaltenbach.

Greg Donovan thanked the Board on behalf of West-MEC for their leadership and for allowing West-MEC to build this beautiful office and training center.

Jack Lunsford expressed his gratitude for being able to serve on the Governing Board and congratulated the wonderful minds that met together to plan the present and future for West-MEC. He said that he felt the vision and foresight were marvelous in this creation.

3. Frank Straka made a motion to approve the consent agenda. James Kaltenbach seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
4. Business Director Barbara Thompson relayed that West-MEC has survived another audit and that the findings will be forwarded to the Board Members when she receives them.
5. Director of Public Relations Chris Cook presented a video montage of the building.
6. James Kaltenbach made a motion to adopt the proposed curriculum for the 2011-2012 Aviation Program. Frank Straka seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

7. James Brown told the Board that the construction “punch list” is being whittled down. He did mention that the doors in the Board Room needed to be replaced per the inspector so that is a future item that will need to be taken care of. There are also some technical aspects of the building that need to be completed.
8. Cliff Migal reported that construction on the Aviation building is a week ahead of schedule. The skin on the sides of the building is beginning to go up and the 80 foot gate will be up next week.
9. Director of Curriculum and Instruction Stephen Weltsch presented a report on State Technical Assessments. This was a Central Program course assessment.
10. During the Call to Public, Mr. Donovan thanked Jack Lunsford for his years of service on the Governing Board.
11. Future agenda items should include completion of the Superintendent Evaluation, Diesel Program review, Election of officers for the Governing Board, and Governing Board calendar.
12. Jack Lunsford made a motion to adjourn the meeting. James Kaltenbach seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Dee Markham
Governing Board Secretary

