

Western Maricopa Education Center, District 402

4949 W. Indian School Road – Phoenix, AZ 85031

August 4, 2010

Governing Board Meeting Minutes

1. Board Chairman Dwight Amery called the Governing Board Meeting to order at 4:05pm. Board Members present were Dwight Amery, James Kaltenbach, Joe Holcombe, Ray Malnar, John Atkins, Frank Straka, and Jack Lunsford. Others in attendance were Greg Donovan, Chris Cook, Barbara Thompson, Dean Petersen, John Mulcahy, Cliff Migal, Stephen Weltsch, Pat Halligan, Patti Beltram, Adriana Alvarado, James Brown, Diane McCarthy, Debbie Holland, Arlene McLaughlin, Paul Johnson, Marilyn Babyar, Ron Kalmbach, Kevin English, Gary Haack, and Dee Markham.

Dean Petersen led the Pledge of Allegiance and afterwards a moment of silence was observed for those dear to our hearts.

2. During the Board Member Report, Mr. Kaltenbach said he thought the ACTE^{AZ} Conference went well. He also mentioned that the PUSD teachers, students, and programs won more than half the CTSO awards given out at the state level. He thanked the partner districts for making West-MEC look good.

Jack Lunsford encouraged those who were interested in the Best of the West Awards to submit their nominations.

Ray Malnar attended the JTED Networking Event at the Summer Conference and he said he felt West-MEC was way ahead of other JTEDs in Arizona. He thought the presentation “Holding Districts Accountable for the Money JTEDs Provide Them” was well presented and is looking forward to putting this accountability into action this next year.

John Atkins said that during this election season, he is keeping an eye on the candidates and their views on public education.

3. Frank Straka made a motion to approve the consent agenda. John Atkins seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
4. John Mulcahy explained to the Governing Board that the CTE Industry Update Program provides educators the opportunity to receive on-the-job training in CTE program-related industries and the chance to update their knowledge and skills. He introduced Kevin English (National CTE Teacher of the year) who was an extern at Green Fuel Technologies. Kevin gave a short report on his experience with solar energy at Green Fuel Technologies and how he plans on teaching his students the information he learned. Gary Haack then explained Green Fuel Technologies sells primarily solar and some wind technology.
5. Business Manager Barbara Thompson told the Board that West-MEC had received its \$1.4 million allotment, a part of which was the federal stimulus money. The federal funding is not expected to continue next year, so a close eye is being kept on the budget in expectation of more cuts.

6. Jack Lunsford relayed that two other propositions on are on the ballot and if these two do not pass then the state budget deficit will be much greater and severe cuts will happen again. He also said that 30% of the new legislators who are being elected know little about the education process and the needs there.
7. Public Relations Coordinator Chris Cook relayed to the Board that the new web site will be ready for viewing on 8-6-10. Print will be ready in September then Member Districts will be able to receive pertinent information along with teacher care packages and thank you notes. He then showed a few Summer Conference photos. The West-MEC booth was the hit of the Conference.
8. Cliff Migal gave an update on the Aviation Project and said the grading and drainage permits are in place so McCarthy and DLR are planning on moving dirt Friday as the excavating equipment is already on the site. The fencing is up and the construction trailer will be placed next week. West-MEC is working toward a license agreement right away for drainage, access to the property, and for the gate agreement which has to go before the City Council on August 31st. West-MEC has also received some engine donations for Aviation.
9. Jim Brown gave an update on the Glendale Corporate Center. Plumbing is being constructed on the lower level while sheetrock is being placed on the upper level walls. The air conditioning air ducts are also being laid out. Joe Holcombe asked about the single story building and Jim told him that building is currently on hold. James Kaltenbach thought the parking panels might be a place for future solar.
10. Greg Donovan recommended that the Governing Board appoint a subcommittee to meet with him regarding the 360 Degree Superintendent Evaluation Process. Frank Straka, Ray Malnar, and John Atkins will be on this committee.
11. Discussion of future agenda items should include a subcommittee report on the superintendent evaluation.
12. Frank Straka made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jack Lunsford seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.
13. Meeting was adjourned at 4:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Dee Markham
Governing Board Secretary

