

Western Maricopa Education Center, District 402
5487 N. 99th Avenue – Glendale, AZ 85305
April 6, 2011

Governing Board Meeting Minutes

1. Board Chairman Frank Straka called the Governing Board Meeting to order at 4:04pm. Board Members present were: Frank Straka, Dwight Amery, James Kaltenbach, Joe Holcombe, and Roger Freeman. Ray Malnar joined by teleconference. West-MEC staff in attendance were: Greg Donovan, Cliff Migal, Mary Morrow, Barbara Thompson, Adriana Alvarado, Chris Cook, Stephen Weltsch, Michele Bush, Marilyn Babyar, Ron Kalmbach, Jim Brown, John Mulcahy, Speranta Klees, Anna Abe, Michael Bush, Diane McCarthy, Cindy Strozewski, Patricia Halligan, Elaine Hess, and Dee Markham. Others in attendance were: Debbie Holland and Kerilyn Gage.

Frank Straka introduced Anna Abe, the new Administrative Assistant for Professional Development, and Roger Freeman, newly appointed Governing Board Member.

Roger Freeman led the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence was then observed.

2. During the Board Member report, Greg Donovan congratulated Roger Freeman for being appointed as District 6 Governing Board Member.
3. Dwight Amery made a motion to approve the consent agenda. James Kaltenbach seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
4. Dwight Amery made a motion to approve John Atkins as a delegate, and Ray Malnar as alternate delegate to the Arizona School Boards Association Delegate Assembly. James Kaltenbach seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. No legislative agenda items were considered to be proposed at this time. Items will be considered at next month's meeting.

At this time, Frank Straka recognized Andy Kuntz and the Apollo Culinary Team for providing the dinner at the meeting. Greg Donovan relayed to the Board that Andy is leaving for the Region V ACTE Conference and will be recognized for "Outstanding Program" for Region V, and then will qualify for National "Outstanding Program" in the USA.

5. As a result of the 2010 US Census, West-MEC must redistrict, and Maricopa County Elections Department has agreed to assist West-MEC in the redistricting process for a minimal fee. Dwight Amery made a motion

to approve working with Maricopa County Elections Department for the redistricting of the West-MEC Governing Board Districts. James Kaltenbach seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

6. Discussion took place regarding the hiring of Alan Maguire as consultant for the redistricting process. It was decided that West-MEC staff needed to obtain more information before moving forward in negotiations with Alan Maguire. The Governing Board suggested this item be brought before them again in May.
7. Voting on the West-MEC policy for a Return-To-Work Policy for previously retired workers was tabled after discussion. Frank Straka instructed the Governing Board to review the policy and provide feedback to Greg Donovan. The policy will then be brought before the Governing Board in May.
8. The Governing Board directed Greg Donovan to create an exploratory bond election committee and report the monthly progress of the committee.
9. Legislative Liaison, Diane McCarthy, reported that HB 2237 has passed the House, and is now before the Senate Education Committee. The Joint Legislation Budget Committee says this bill needs a technical correction and is now waiting to be scheduled in the committee of the whole.

She also stated that HB 2289 strips Maricopa County Superintendent Covey of his ability to make any type of Governing Board selections if there is a vacancy. This bill also declares that a Superintendent certificate is not required for this position. This bill is still being considered.

HB 2646 relates to adults in the classroom. This bill does allow adults on JTED central campus programs. Background checks are required along with finger printing. All students in the program must also be notified and no college credit will be offered for the class. This bill is also being considered.

Diane McCarthy and Greg Donovan met with the Governor's Chief of Staff to see if any changes could be made to HB 1617. This bill states JTEDs would not be allowed to collect any Average Daily Membership (ADM) for 9th graders. This translates into a reduction of \$7,376,180 for West-MEC. Business Manager, Barbara Thompson, had used current reports to calculate the budget impact and was available for questions. The Governor is due to sign this bill immediately. Senator Pierce told them

the budget could not be touched, but that a delayed enactment could be put in place for a year from now for the 9th graders.

10. Business Manager, Barbara Thompson, gave the Governing Board a handout that showed West-MEC will have an approximate \$12 million cut from its allotment due to the balancing of the Arizona State Budget. This included the soft capital cut. Frank Straka wanted to make sure that West-MEC communicates with its Member Districts how this cut impacts West-MEC and may be affecting their allotments.
11. Cliff Migal told the Board that the Aviation Project is still on track and on budget, and is 23 days from completion. Final paint is being put on the walls, carpet is being laid, and millwork is being completed this week. The elevator inspection passed and the electrical and alarm systems are being tested. On April 18th, there will be an inspection by the fire marshal. Mr. Migal reported a meeting with the FAA on April 1, 2011.
12. Curriculum and Instruction Director, Stephen Weltsch, went over the time lines for West-MEC Orientations and the Senior Recognition Ceremony scheduled for May 13, 2011. Frank Straka suggested they explore looking for an additional orientation night on the east side of the district if a facility is available at no cost to West-MEC.
13. Future Agenda items should include reports on bonding and redistricting, reports on central campus programs, and Member District presentations.
14. Greg Donovan reported that there was no current need for Executive Session so Dwight Amery made a motion to adjourn the meeting. James Kaltenbach seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dee Markham
Governing Board Secretary