

MOUNTAIN EDUCATION CENTER, INC.  
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING  
Video Conference  
August 13, 2008

The Mountain Education Center, Inc. Governing Board met in a regular Governing Board meeting via video conferencing on Wednesday, August 13 at 5:00 p.m.

Members present were: Mr. Mark Henson-Superintendent, Fannin County; Mr. Randy Parson-Superintendent, Gilmer County; Mr. Dewey Moye-Superintendent, Lumpkin County; Mr. Mike Ballew-Superintendent, Pickens County; Mrs. Anita Middleton-C.I.S. of NGA; Dr. Lewis McAfee-Assistant Superintendent, Union County; Dr. Richards Behrens-Superintendent, Towns County; Mr. Barry Pritchett-Collaborative Board Member; Dr. Paul Shaw-Superintendent, White County; Mr. Mitchel Barrett-Principal, Mountain Education Center High School; and Mr. Tighe Day-Lewis, Assistant Principal-Mountain Education Center High School.

Dr. Richard Behrens called the meeting to order. Mr. Mitchel Barrett delivered the invocation and Dr. Richard Behrens led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dr. Paul Shaw made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dewey Moye **to approve the agenda with following changes:**

- e. Tommy Stephens retirement**
- f. Select new MEC, Inc. secretary**

Mr. Dewey Moye made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mike Ballew **to accept the amended agenda.** The motion carried.

Mr. Mark Henson made a motion, seconded Mr. Gary Steppe **to approve the July 9, 2008 Governing Board minutes.** The motion carried.

Mr. Mitchel Barrett introduced Dr. Lewis McAfee, Union County Assistant Superintendent, who will take the place at the present time for the retired Mr. Tommy Stephens. Dr. McAfee will represent Union County on the MEC, Inc. Governing Board. Mr. Barrett introduced Mr. Randy Parson, the new Gilmer County superintendent. Mr. Parson will take Dr. Raiford Cantrell place on the MEC. Inc. Governing Board. Mr. Dewey Moye nominated Dr. Franklin Johnson, retired Lumpkin County Middle School Principal, to replace Mr. Ben Bridges as a new member of the MEC, Inc. Governing Board.

Mr. Dewey Moye made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mike Ballew **to accept the nomination.** The motion carried.

Ms. Myra Underwood discussed the General Fund Summary and the Tentative June 2008 Financial Statement. She reported she had received a letter in July from the DOE stating MEC can carry over funds into the next year.

Mr. Dr. Paul Shaw made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mark Henson **to approve the financial report.** The motion carried.

Mr. Mitchel Barrett discussed how to help Credit Recovery Students by helping counties with a MEC budget of \$5,000 to be used for county buses to help carry students to MEC sites. The White County bus presently carrying students to the MECHS Lumpkin site is now at full capacity. If any county is interested, call Aundrea Wilson at TCBOE for a bus agreement form. Mr. Mike Ballew made a motion, seconded by Dr. Lewis McAfee **to approve for each individual county to decide whether to participate in using \$5,000 budget for bus gas.**

Mr. Dewey Moye made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mark Henson **to go into Executive Session.** The motion carried.

Mr. Dewey Moye made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barry Pritchett **to come out of Executive Session.** The motion carried.

Dr. Paul Shaw made a motion, seconded by Dr. Lewis McAfee **to approve Mr. Mitchel Barrett's extension of two years to his current contract.** Motion carried.

Mr. Mitchel Barrett presented the MEC measurable goals and an annual evaluation for Instruction Facilitator or Paraprofessional. Dr. Behrens asked about the Charter School goals and Mr. Barrett will report on these goals at the September Board meeting.

Mr. Mitchel Barrett discussed the need to establish a Graduation Coach supplement scale. He will present a scale to the September's MEC, Inc. Governing Board meeting.

Mr. Mitchel Barrett discussed the break-in at the Union site with the Board members and gave them a copy of the letter mailed to all the MEC Union site students as requested by the law firm of Harbin and Hartley.

Mr. Mike Ballew made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dewey Moye, **to approve the hiring of the following personnel for the Mountain Education Center, Inc. upon completion of fingerprinting and criminal background checks.** The motion was approved.

- a. Joshua Fountain– Hourly Teacher, Gilmer Site
- b. Mary Elizabeth Barrett – Hourly Math Teacher, Union Site
- c. Lauren Anderson – Hourly History Teacher, Stephens Site
- d. Robert Langford – Hourly Teacher, Towns County- Zero Period

Mr. Mark Henson made the motion, seconded by Mr. Gary Steppe, **to adjourn the meeting.** The motion carried.

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Dr. Behrens, Governing Board Chairperson

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Dr. Paul Shaw, Governing Board Secretary

The Governing Board next meeting will meet in-person on Wednesday, September 17th, 3 p.m. at the MEC Lumpkin site.