

MOUNTAIN EDUCATION CENTER, INC.
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
VIDEO CONFERENCE
December 10, 2008

The Mountain Education Center, Inc. Governing Board met in a regular Governing Board meeting via video conferencing on Wednesday, December 10, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Randy Parson-Superintendent, Gilmer County
Mr. Mike Ballew-Superintendent, Pickens County
Mr. Gary Steppe-Superintendent, Stephens County
Dr. Richard Behrens-Superintendent, Towns County
Dr. Lewis McAfee-Superintendent, Union County
Dr. Paul Shaw-Superintendent, White County
Mr. Barry Pritchett, Collaborative Board Member
Dr. Franklin Johnson, Collaborative Board Member
Ms. Anita Middleton, Collaborative Board Member
Mr. Mitchel Barrett-Superintendent/Principal, Mountain Education Center

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Larry Shook, MEC Technology Director
Wendy Reynolds, Fannin County
Tighe Day-Lewis, MEC Assistant Principal/SPED Director
Andrea Hulsey, MEC Finance Director
Carol West, MEC Administrator Assistant
Carol Reid, MEC Administrator Assistant

WELCOME:

State Representative Stephen Allison

Dr. Richard Behrens called the meeting to order and welcomed Representative Stephen Allison.

Mr. Mitchel Barrett gave the invocation and Dr. Richard Behrens led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM I:

Motion by Mr. Mike Ballew, second by Mr. Mark Henson **to approve the agenda.**
Motion carried. All voted yes.

ITEM II:

Motion by Dr. Lewis McAfee, second by Mr. Barry Pritchett **to approve the November 12, 2008 Governing Board minutes.**
Motion carried. All voted yes.

Financial Report

Andrea Hulsey, Director of Finance discussed the financial report and amendments with the board members. The original budget included a budgeted 2% austerity reduction.

ITEM III:

Motion by Mr. Mike Ballew, second by Mr. Gary Steppe **to approve the November financial report and budget amendments.**

Motion carried. All voted yes.

Information

Ms. Andrea Hulsey explained she will request advice from the law offices of Harbin and Hartley on the development of a sick and annual leave policy for MEC fulltime employees.

Ms. Amy Gibby-Rosser presented the board with a copy of a community sponsor letter to be sent out through the chamber of commerce for the Union site. The letter is asking for donations to a Family Emergency Fund. 100% of these dollars will go to assist MEC students in need.

ITEM IV:

Motion by Dr. Lewis McAfee, second by Mr. Gary Steppe **to approve the community sponsor letter.** Motion carried. All voted yes.

Dr. Lewis McAfee nominated State Representative Stephen Allison to take the place of former State Representative Charles Jenkins on the MEC, Inc. Governing Board.

ITEM V:

Motion by Dr. Lewis McAfee, second by Mr. Gary Steppe **to accept the nomination.**

Motion carried. All voted yes.

ITEM VI:

Motion by Dr. Paul Shaw, second by Mr. Mark Henson **to approve the hiring of the following personnel for the Mountain Education Center, Inc. upon completion of fingerprinting and criminal background checks.**

Motion carried. All voted yes.

1. Tonia Conner– Hourly Tech, Lumpkin Site
2. Jennie Clifton – Hourly ESOL, Stephens Site
3. Carolyn Ann Marcellino – Sub Teacher, Stephens

ITEM VII:

Motion by Mr. Mike Ballew, second by Mr. Randy Parson **to adjourn the Governing Board meeting.**

Motion carried. All voted yes.

Dr. Behrens, Governing Board Chairperson

Dr. Paul Shaw, Governing Board Secretary

MEC, Inc. Governing Board will meet Wednesday, January 14 in person at 3 pm.