

MOUNTAIN EDUCATION CENTER, INC.  
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING  
Video Conference  
June 11, 2008

The Mountain Education Center, Inc. Governing Board met in a regular Governing Board meeting via video conferencing on Wednesday, June 11th at 5:00 p.m.

Members present were Mr. Mark Henson-Superintendent, Fannin County; Dr. Raiford Cantrell-Superintendent, Gilmer County; Mr. Dewey Moye-Superintendent, Lumpkin County; Mr. Mike Ballew-Superintendent, Pickens County; Mrs. Anita Middleton-C.I.S. of NGA; Mr. Tommy Stephens-Superintendent, Union County; Dr. Richards Behrens-Superintendent, Towns County; Mr. Barry Pritchett-Collaborative Board Member; Mrs. Debra Seabolt for 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.

Mr. Barry Pritchett made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tommy Stephens **to approve the agenda with following changes:**

**j. Larry Cavender - Hourly Teacher, Pickens Summer School**

**k. Sean Humphrey- Hourly Teacher, Pickens Summer School**

Mr. Mike Henson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Raiford Cantrell **to accept the amended agenda.** The motion carried.

Mr. Mike Ballew made a motion, seconded Mr. Tommy Stephens **to approve the May 14, 2008 Governing Board minutes.** The motion carried.

Mr. Tighe Day Lewis discussed ideas and options concerning the Off Campus Program for credit recovery. Mr. Barrett asked the members to consider these ideas and let him know if anyone is interested in any of the options discussed.

Mr. Barrett asked the Board to leave the current Mountain Education Center policy for Valedictorian and Salutatorian as it stands. Mr. Tommy Stephens made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mark Henson **to accept the policy for Valedictorian and Salutatorian.** The motion carried.

Mrs. Myra Underwood discussed the Financial Report as submitted. Mr. Tommy Stephens made a motion, seconded by Dr. Raiford Cantrell **to approve the tentative budget and financial report.** The motion carried. Dr. Raiford Cantrell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tommy Stephens **to approve a spending resolution.** The motion carried.

Dr. Richard Behrens discussed the possibility that MEC may be able to carry over a half a million dollars in funding for next year. However, he has yet to receive written confirmation of this. If this is not approved, the money will probably be spent in technology equipment.

The employee supplement list will be presented at the next meeting. Mrs. Debbie Day-Lewis was inadvertently left off last year. Mr. Tommy Stephens made a motion, seconded by Dr. Raiford Cantrell **to add Debbie Day-Lewis to the Administrative supplement schedule in amount of \$3,000 for the 2007-08 school year.** The motion carried.

A discussion on the future of the Mountain Education Center was discussed. Several surrounding counties are interested in joining the MEC system. Mr. Barrett was asked to look into a feasibility study on the growth of the system and bring to the September meeting.

Mr. Barrett announced that some of the Armed Forces are considering MEC a Tier 2 school and are not taking our graduates into their programs. He asked that the members talk to any persons who can be helpful to MEC in rectifying this problem.

Mrs. Anita Middleton gave a report from CIS. She reported that they are looking at ways to address MEC needs. Dr. Behrens said that the Board would discuss the \$35,000 match from MEC at the July meeting.

Mr. Mike Ballew made a motion, second by Dr. Raiford Cantrell **to go into Executive Session.** The motion carried.

Mr. Dewey Moye made a motion, second by Dr. Raiford Cantrell **to come out of Executive Session.** The motion carried.

Mr. Dewey Moye made a motion, seconded by Dr. Raiford Cantrell **to employ Mr. Tommy Stephens as the CTAE Consultant.** Mr. Tommy Stephens abstained. The motion carried.

Mr. Mike Ballew made a motion, seconded by Dr. Raiford Cantrell **to accept Mr. Barrett's evaluation with a satisfactory recommendation and approve a \$5,000 raise.** The motion carried.

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 fingerprints and criminal background checks.** The motion was approved.

- a. Timothy Edwin Mount – Hourly Parapro, Gilmer Site
- b. Deborah Grimes – Hourly Teacher, Gilmer Site
- c. Sheila Davis – Hourly Parapro, Gilmer Site
- d. Meghan Beal – Hourly Receptionist, Gilmer Site

- e. Judie Bennett Vinson – Hourly Teacher, Stephens Site
- f. Kenneth Earl Ray – Hourly Teacher, Stephens Site
- g. Althea Cantrell – Hourly Teacher, Woody Gap Summer School
- h. Rachel Pietz – Hourly Teacher, Towns County Summer School
- i. Christopher Wallace – Hourly Teacher, Gilmer Summer School
- j. Larry Cavender – Hourly Teacher, Pickens Summer School
- k. Shaun Humphrey – Hourly Teacher, Pickens Summer School

Mr. Dewey Moye made the motion, seconded by Mr. Tommy Stephens, **to adjourn the meeting**. The motion carried.

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Dr. Behrens, Governing Board Chairperson

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Mr. Tommy Stephens, Governing Board Secretary