

MOUNTAIN EDUCATION CENTER, INC.  
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING  
VIDEO CONFERENCE  
November 12, 2008

The Mountain Education Center, Inc. Governing Board met in a regular Governing Board meeting via video conferencing on Wednesday, November 12, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ms. Wendy Reynolds (for Mr. Mark Henson-Superintendent), Fannin County  
Mr. Greg Wingo (for Mr. Randy Parson-Superintendent), Gilmer County  
Mr. Dewey Moye-Superintendent, Lumpkin 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  
Rep. Charles Jenkins, Collaborative Board Member  
Mr. Barry Pritchett, Collaborative Board Member  
Dr. Franklin Johnson, Collaborative Board Member  
Mr. Mitchel Barrett-Superintendent/Principal, Mountain Education Center  
Anita Middleton, Collaborative Board Member

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Larry Shook, MEC Technology Director  
Christy Stewart, MEC Technology/Secretary  
Tighe Day-Lewis, MEC Assistant Principal  
Debbie Day-Lewis, MEC Student Services Director  
Myra Underwood, TCBOE & MEC Finance Director  
Andrea Hulsey, MEC Finance Director  
Martha Elliot, MEC Finance/Power School Data  
Judy Waldroup, Site Administrator  
Kristy Chapman, Special Ed.  
Paige Swartz, School Psychologist  
Carol West, MEC Administrator Assistant  
Aundrea Wilson, Personnel Director  
Carol Reid, MEC Administrator Assistant

Dr. Richard Behrens called the meeting to order and welcomed Andrea Hulsey, MEC new Director of Finance.

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

**ITEM I:**

Motion by Dr. Paul Shaw, second by Mr. Mike Ballew **to approve the agenda.**  
Motion carried. All voted yes.

**ITEM II:**

Motion by Mr. Mike Ballew, second by Mr. Gary Steppe **to approve the October 8, 2008 Governing Board minutes.**

Motion carried. All voted yes.

**Financial Report**

Myra Underwood explained the financial report. Next month Andrea Hulse, Director of Finance will break down expenditures and give a more in-depth explanation of the financial report. Andrea advised the MEC to continue to keep the budget down.

**ITEM III:**

Motion by Dr. Paul Shaw, second by Mr. Gary Steppe **to approve the October financial report.**

Motion carried. All voted yes.

**Information**

Mitchel Barrett thanked all the Board members who attended the SACS Visitation Team meeting at Brasstown Valley on October 28, 2008. He stated the SACS Team gave MEC a successful review.

Mitchel reported Habersham County is busing students to the Stephens site.

**Reports**

Debbie Day-Lewis and Judy Waldroup explained with charts that the MEC has met all of the AYP goals this past year. AYP is based on (1) increasing the graduation rate by 5 percentage points over the ten years of the charter, (2) 100 students in the collaborative high schools will graduate from their high school having obtained one or more academic credits from MEC and (3) the MEC mean scale score for students taking the EOCT'S will be within 5% of the state mean EOCT scale score in each content area for each year of the charter.

Kristy Chapman and Paige Swartz reported on the testing of the special educational students and found there is a need for special educational students to take a course in reading. . They recommended that the reading course be established to allow students to earn credit.

**ITEM IV:**

Motion by Mr. Gary Steppe, second by Mr. Barry Pritchett **to go into Executive Session.**

Motion carried. All voted yes.

**ITEM V:**

Motion by Mr. Barry Pritchett, second by Mr. Dr. Paul Shaw **to come out of Executive Session.** Motion carried. All voted yes.

**ITEM VI:**

Motion by Mr. Dewey Moye, second by Mr. Gary Steppe **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. Alaine Rena Rupard – Hourly Paraprofessional Lumpkin Site
2. Billie Kathleen Chester – Hourly Paraprofessional Lumpkin Site

**ITEM VII:**

Motion by Mr. Dewey Moye, second by Dr. Paul Shaw **to adjourn the Governing Board meeting.**

Motion carried. All voted yes.

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Dr. Behrens, Governing Board Chairperson

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Dr. Paul Shaw, Governing Board Secretary

**MEC, Inc. Governing Board will meet December 10, 2008 via video at 5 pm.**