

MOUNTAIN EDUCATION CENTER, INC.
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
In-Person Conference at the Union site
February 11, 2009

The Mountain Education Center, Inc. Governing Board met in a regular Governing Board video conferencing on Wednesday, February 11, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Mike Ballew-Superintendent, Pickens 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
Mr. Mark Henson-Superintendent Fannin County

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tighe Day-Lewis, MEC Assistant Principal/SPED Director	Larry Shook, MEC Technology Director
Judy Waldroup, MEC Union Site Administrator	Andrea Hulsey, MEC Finance Director
Carol Reid, MEC Administrative Assistant	Christie Stewart, MEC Asst. Tech
Carol West, MEC Administrative Assistant	

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Ms. Sherrie Whiten- Interim Superintendent, Stephens County
Mr. Dewey Moye-Superintendent Lumpkin County
Mr. Randy Parson-Superintendent, Gilmer County

Dr. Richard Behrens called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

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

ITEM I:

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

ITEM II:

Motion by Mr. Barry Pritchett, seconded by Ms. Anita Middleton **to approve the January 14, 2009 Governing Board minutes.**
Motion carried. All voted yes.

Financial Report

Andrea Hulsey, Director of Finance, discussed the January financial report by comparing last year's balance and where we are today. We are 3% under budget this time of the year. GA Dept. of Labor refund of \$56,589.66 deposit brought the balance up.

ITEM III:

Motion by Mr. Mike Ballew, seconded by Mr. Barry Pritchett **to approve the January final financial report.**
Motion carried. All voted yes.

Budget Amendment

Andrea Hulse explained the state budget. MEC matching fund committed to Communities In Schools program will be cut 10% of the original budget of \$35,000, bringing the total matching dollars down to \$31,500. The State portion of the Communities in Schools program was added through budget amendment #3. Budget amendment #3 also includes reclassification of expenditures between expenditure functions.

ITEM IV:

Motion by Mr. Mike Ballew, seconded by Mr. Barry Pritchett **to approve reduction in matching funds for Community In-Schools.** Motion carried. All voted yes.

Information

ITEM V:

Motion by Dr. Lewis McAfee, seconded by Dr. Paul Shaw **to approve administrator's supplement for Wayne Lovell, Union Site Administrator, for this year to receive part of supplement in March 2009 and remaining balance of the annual supplement in June 2009.** Motion carried. All voted yes.

Executive Session

ITEM VI:

Motion by Dr. Franklin Johnson, seconded by Mr. Pritchett **to go into Executive Session.** Motion carried. All voted yes.

ITEM VII:

Motion by Ms. Anita Middleton, seconded by Mr. Mike Ballew **to come out of Executive Session.** Motion carried. All voted yes.

ITEM VIII:

Motion by Dr. Lewis McAfee, seconded by Dr. Paul Shaw **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.

New Personnel:

- 1. Tammy Rusk – Hourly Parapro, Union site**
- 2. Andrew Friesen – Hourly Teacher, Union site**
- 3. Teresa Harkins – Hourly Parapro, Lumpkin**

ITEM IX:

Motion by Mr. Dr. Paul Shaw, seconded by Dr. Lewis McAfee **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, March 11th via videoconference at 5 pm.