

MOUNTAIN EDUCATION CENTER, INC.
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
Video Conference
July 8, 2009

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Richard Behrens – Superintendent, Towns County
Dr. Paul Shaw – Superintendent, White County
Mr. Mitchel Barrett – Superintendent/Principal, Mountain Education Center High School
Ms. Anita Middleton – Collaborative Board Member
Mr. Randy Parson – Superintendent, Gilmer County
Dr. Lewis McAfee – Superintendent, Union County
Mr. Mark Henson – Superintendent, Fannin County
Mr. Mike Ballew - Superintendent, Pickens County
Mr. Barry Pritchett, Collaborative Board Member

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Larry Shook, MEC Technology Director Carol Reid, MEC Administrative Assistant
Andrea Hulsey, MEC Finance Director Tighe Day-Lewis, MEC Assistant Principal/SPED Director

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Mr. Dewey Moye – Superintendent, Lumpkin County
Representative Stephen Allison - Collaborative Board Member
Dr. Franklin Johnson - Collaborative Board Member

The Mountain Education Center, Inc. Governing Board met in a regular meeting by video conference on Wednesday, July 8, 2009 at 5 pm.

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

ITEM I:

Motion by Mr. Mike Ballew, seconded by Mr. Barry Pritchett **to approve the agenda.**
Motion carried. All voted yes.

ITEM II:

Motion by Dr. Paul Shaw, seconded by Mr. Randy Parson **to approve the June 10, 2009 Governing Board minutes.**
Motion carried. All voted yes.

New Business

Financial Report

Ms. Andrea Hulsey presented unofficial financial information to the Governing Board. An official financial report will be presented at the August 2009 board meeting. MEC is anticipating ending fiscal year 2009 7% under budget. The excess amount will roll over for the next school year, which will help to fund the new Habersham site.

ITEM III:

Motion by Dr. McAfee, seconded by Mr. Barry Pritchett **to approve the final fiscal year 2010 budget.**
Motion carried. All voted yes.

Fingerprint Cost

Ms. Andrea Hulsey explained to all Governing Board members the cost of fingerprinting for a certified applicant went from \$25 to \$45 starting July 1st. The non-certified applicants will continue not to be charged for fingerprinting.

Tuition Fees for Fiscal Year 2010

On July 18, 2007 the Governing Board approved tuition and fees for students in collaborative counties to pay \$150 and non-collaborative counties to pay \$400. On April 9, 2008 Governing Board approved for each county to choose whether they want to participate in reduction of tuition fee. Participating counties would pay \$100 and students \$25. Non-participating counties will continue to pay \$150. This will continue for the new school year 2009-2010.

Fiscal Agent Administrative Fee

Dr. Shaw complimented Ms. Andrea Hulsey, MEC, Inc. finance director, for doing a fine job. Everyone agreed.

In the MEC Charter School agreement it was agreed that MEC could contract with one of the seven districts to provide fiscal management services for MEC as a state charter school. Dr. Shaw suggested a bidding proposal for the 2010-2011 Fiscal Agent be brought to the Governing Board in December. Dr. Behrens mentioned a second alternative of opening a central office for MEC. Mr. Mitchel Barrett will submit a bidding proposal in December to the Governing Board.

Discuss Site Expansion within the Consortium

Mr. Mitchel Barrett said we might need to have an Expansion committee to gather information to see if we need to expand. The forming of the Expansion committee consists of Mr. Mike Ballew, Mr. Randy Parson, Dr. Lewis McAfee, and Dr. Richard Behrens.

No Executive session

ITEM IV:

Motion by Dr. Paul Shaw, seconded by Mr. Mike Ballew **to approve the hiring of the following personnel for the Mountain Education Center, Inc. upon completion of fingerprinting and criminal background checks.** Dr. Richard Behrens abstained from voting.

Motion carried. All voted yes.

New Personnel:

1. Jerry Bavero, Hourly Parapro – Union Site
2. Joe Cash, Hourly Teacher – Habersham Site
3. Kelly Duncan, Hourly Receptionist – Habersham Site
4. Darcy Hicks, Hourly Teacher – Habersham Site
5. Jason Hogan, Hourly Technology – Habersham Site
6. Kay McEachern, Hourly Teacher – Habersham Site
7. Greg Purcell, Hourly Technology – Habersham Site
8. Jennifer Rider, Hourly Technology – Habersham Site
9. Kaila Steele, Hourly Parapro/Testing Room-Habersham Site
10. Timothy Mount changing position from Hourly Teacher to Graduation Coach – Gilmer Site
11. Cindy Little, Receptionist (Sub) – Gilmer Site
12. Carolyn Burrell, Hourly Teacher – Stephens Site

ITEM V:

Motion by Dr. Paul Shaw, seconded by Mr. Barry Pritchett **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 on Wednesday, August 12 at 5 pm for a Video Conference