



The Stephens County site opened in January 2008 (FY 2008). All the sites have experienced dramatic growth in the last few months, which have resulted in crowded schools and limited resources for the students. Stephens MEC site has the largest student population and Gilmer is the second. MEC is currently in the process of evaluating and updating the curriculum and technology needs for each site. These costs will be reflected beginning with the March financial report.

**ITEM III:**

Motion by Mr. Mike Ballew, seconded by Mr. Barry Pritchett **to approve the February final financial report.**

Motion carried. All voted yes.

**Discussion**

Security officers for MEC Stephens site will be contracted to work but not to exceed 20 hours per week for the remainder of the school year and will be reviewed before the next school year begins.

Mr. Barrett reported he received information on the low rating of the Appalachian Community Bank (ABC) in Gilmer County where MEC has the principal account. The MEC operation account is held at the United Community Bank (UCB) in Blairsville. The UCB rating was a little higher than ACB. The Senior Vice President of the Appalachian Community Bank explained in a letter the FDIC insurance has been increased to \$250,000 (attached). The accounts will remain in each bank.

Employees hired for the summer of 2008 were approved for the 2008 summer program. Aundrea Wilson asked the Governing board members for approval to employ these teachers as regular hourly staff without filling out another application.

**ITEM IV:**

Motion by Dr. Franklin Johnson, seconded by Mr. Mark Henson **to approve the employment of the Summer Program teachers as regular hourly staff without filling out another application.** Motion carried. All voted yes.

Fredna Raber, full-time graduation coach, submitted a letter asking the board to accept her resignation to retire as a full time employee and continue as an hourly employee effective July 1, 2009.

**ITEM V:**

Motion by Mr. Dewey Moye, seconded by Mr. Mike Shalabra (representative for Mr. Parson, Gilmer) **to approve the acceptance of Fredna Raber resigning as a full-time MEC employee and continuing as an hourly employee for MEC effective July 1, 2009.** Motion carried. All voted yes.

Mitchel Barrett asked the board members “if MEC can set a limit on the number of students at each site”. MEC Charter School is not charged austerity. Mark Henson asked that a study be implemented to determine the capacity of each site, which would include financial and population analysis. The results of this are to be presented at a future meeting.

**Information**

Mitchel invited all Superintendents to attend MEC’s three graduation sites:

MEC Gilmer/Union – FCHS Performing Arts Center, Thursday, May 28, at 7 pm.

MEC Stephens – Cornelia First Baptist Church Saturday, May 30 at 11:00 am.

MEC Lumpkin – Lumpkin County High School Saturday, May 30 at 3:30 pm.

**No Executive Session was required**

**ITEM VI:**

Motion by Mr. Mike Ballew, seconded 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.

**New Personnel:**

- 1. Rita Hawkins, Hourly Teacher – Stephens site**
- 2. Tammy Gearhart, Hourly SPED/Substitute Teacher – Stephens site**
- 3. Christopher Ayers, Hourly Parapro – Stephens site**
- 4. Mardy Hendon, Hourly Secretary – Gilmer site**
- 5. Christopher Nix, Hourly Parapro – Gilmer site (pending Parapro certificate)**
- 6. Kees de Vente, Hourly Parapro – Gilmer site**
- 7. Timothy Mount, Hourly Teacher – Gilmer site**
- 8. Amy Henson, Hourly SPED/Social Studies Teacher – Union site**
- 9. Diane Anderson, Hourly SPED Parapro - Union site**
- 10. Jeannie Anderson, Hourly SPED Parapro - Union site**
- 11. Nell Hoyle, Hourly Graduation Coach – Lumpkin site (pending background check)**

**ITEM VII:**

Motion by Mr. Mark Henson, seconded by Dr. Franklin Johnson **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 Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> in person at the MEC Lumpkin site in Dahlonega at 3 pm.**