

MOUNTAIN EDUCATION CENTER, INC.
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
Video Conference
November 11, 2009

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Richard Behrens – Superintendent, Towns County
Dr. Paul Shaw – Superintendent, White County
Mr. Mitchel Barrett – Superintendent/Principal, MECHS
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. Dewey Moye – Superintendent, Lumpkin County
Dr. Franklin Johnson - Collaborative Board Member
Mr. Barry Pritchett, Collaborative Board Member

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Larry Shook, MEC Technology Director	Judy Waldroup, Site Administrative/Test Coordinator
Andrea Hulsey, MEC Finance Director	Tighe Day-Lewis, MEC Assistant Principal/SPED Director
Christie Stewart, MEC Personnel Director	Carol Reid, MEC Administrative Assistant

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Representative Stephen Allison - Collaborative Board Member

The Mountain Education Center, Inc. Governing Board met in a regular meeting by videoconference on Wednesday, November 11, 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 Dr. Lewis McAfee **to approve the agenda.**
Motion carried. All voted yes.

No minutes needed to be approved for October meeting due not enough members for a quorum.

Report

Testing Report - Judy Waldroup

In the past years, MEC EOCT students' score in U.S. History were below by 4/10th of a point of the state scale scores. Now MEC U.S. History curriculum has been modified, which has helped students improve their scores for the 2009-10 school year.

Additional Surplus – Larry Shook

Larry Shook submitted a list of surplus equipment from the MEC Gilmer site MEC Lumpkin site.

ITEM II:

Motion by Dr. Paul Shaw, seconded by Mr. Henson **to approve the disposal of the surplus equipment.**

Motion carried. All voted yes.

Old Business:

Site Expansion – Dr. Behrens

The members of the Expansion committee, Randy Parson, Mike Ballew and Dr. Lewis McAfee along with Dr. Behrens and Mitchel Barrett traveled to Gilmer and Pickens counties to see the possibility of opening a Pickens MEC site. The Gilmer MEC site is filled to capacity. Their student count is 230; now using 3 separate buildings. Pickens offers a nice, in good shaped building, which will accommodate 100 students with chance of expansion later. The estimated cost for a start up is \$225,000.

Mike Ballew will talk to his board members. Mitchel Barrett will send a formal request for the use of the building and have a finished capacity report ready.

Mitchel Barrett would like to see a satellite site in Fannin and White counties within the next few years.

New Business

Financial Report

Ms. Andrea Hulseley presented the September and October financial report. She explained in her amendments made for October's budget of \$312,000.

ITEM III:

Motion by Dr. Paul Shaw, seconded by Randy Parson **to approve the financial report for September.**

Motion carried. All voted yes.

ITEM V:

Motion by Dr. Paul Shaw, seconded by Randy Parson **to approve the financial report for October.**

Motion carried. All voted yes.

ITEM VI:

Motion by Dr. Paul Shaw and seconded by Randy Parson **to approve the October budget amendments.**

Motion carried. All voted yes

No Executive session

ITEM VII:

Motion by Dr. Lewis McAfee, seconded by Barry Pritchett **to approve the October 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:

October Tentative Approved Personnel

1. Alexia Kennedy Clutter – Hourly English Teacher, Stephens Site
2. Jill Rogers – Sub Hourly Teacher, Stephens Site
3. Crystal King – Hourly Math Teacher, Lumpkin Site (This is a position changed from paraprofessional to teacher)
4. Mary “Annette” Sanford - SpEd Parapro (IDEA ARRA Funds- 12 hrs. per week), Gilmer Site
5. Jerry Bavero – Hourly Counselor, Union Site (This is a position changed from paraprofessional to counselor)
6. Gina Sullivan – SpEd Parapro (IDEA ARRA Funds- 12 hrs. per week), Union Site

ITEM VII:

Motion by Mike Ballew, seconded by Mark Henson **to approve the November 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 for November

1. Dee Myers – Hourly Teacher, Habersham Site
2. Patsy Lewis – Hourly Teacher, Lumpkin Site
3. Pam Smith – Hourly Social Worker, Stephens Site (replacement)
4. Faith Allen – Hourly SpEd Teacher, Union Site (replacement)
5. Mary Melissa May - Substitute Receptionist, Gilmer Site

ITEM VIII:

Motion by Barry Pritchett, seconded by Dr. Paul Shaw **to adjourn the Governing Board meeting.**

Motion carried. All voted yes.

Dr. Behrens, Governing Board Chairperson

Dr. Paul Shaw, Governing Board Secretary

No meeting for December 2009

MEC, Inc. Governing Board will meet on Wednesday, January 13, 2010 at 3 pm for an “In Person” meeting at the White County Ninth Grade Academy.