

MOUNTAIN EDUCATION CENTER, INC.  
Governing Board Minutes  
Videoconference 5 pm  
February 10, 2010

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Dr. Richard Behrens – Superintendent, Towns County  
Mr. Mitchel Barrett – Superintendent/Principal, Mountain Education Center High School  
Mrs. 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:**

Debra Seabolt for Dr. Paul Shaw – Superintendent, White County  
Andrea Hulsey, MEC Finance Director                      Tighe Day-Lewis, MEC Assistant Principal/SPED Director  
Carol West, MEC Administrative Assistant              Debbie Day-Lewis, Student Service Director  
Carol Reid, MEC Administrative Assistant              Larry Shook, MEC Technology Director

**GOVERNING BOARD 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 videoconference on Wednesday, February 10, 2010 at 5 pm.

No Public Forum. Dr. Richard Behrens called meeting to order. Mr. Mitchel Barrett gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ITEM I:**

Motion by Mr. Mark Henson, seconded by Dr. Lewis McAfee **to approve the February agenda.**

Motion carried. All voted yes.

**ITEM II:**

Motion by Mr. Barry Pritchett, seconded by Mr. Mike Ballew **to approve the January 13, 2010 Governing Board minutes.**

Motion carried. All voted yes.

**New Business**

**Financial Report:**

Ms. Andrea Hulsey presented financial information to the Governing Board. After completing seven months of the fiscal year, MEC is 4% under budget. She stated that of the 58% budgeted for the year; we have only used 54%. The start up costs for the new central office and the Pickens Site have begun and are not included this financial report as they occurred after the date of this report. She has no information concerning the mid-term adjustment.

**ITEM III:**

Motion by Mr. Mark Henson, seconded by Mr. Barry Pritchett **to approve the financial report.**

Motion carried. All voted yes.

## Reports

### Graduation/Seniors/Leadership Field Trip:

Mrs. Debbie-Day Lewis reported on the Leadership Conference field trips. Two trips were made to the University of Georgia and two trips were made to Georgia Tech. Thirty girls and thirty boys participated. This conference was to motivate students to finish high school and pursue further education. Mrs. Day-Lewis thanked Habersham County Schools System for providing bus transportation on the UGA trips for the Lumpkin, Habersham and Toccoa site students and to the Towns County School System for providing bus transportation on the Ga Tech trips for the Union and Gilmer site students.

She stated that 461 Life Action Plans were completed at the MEC sites. Mrs. Day-Lewis will go into detail at the April in-person Governing Board meeting.

She presented senior and graduate data on the 2009 seniors for MEC.

### Graduation dates:

- Union Site: May 27<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm in the Clegg Fine Arts Auditorium at Young Harris College
- Gilmer Site: May 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm in the Gilmer County Elementary Auditorium.
- Lumpkin, Habersham, Stephens: May 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am in the Lumpkin County High School Gym.

### Central office:

Mr. Barrett reported the new central office is almost ready. He thanked White County for their efforts on readying the building. An open house will be held later.

### No Executive session

### ITEM IV:

Motion by Mrs. Anita Middleton, 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.**

Motion carried. All voted yes.

### New Personnel:

- a. Jerry Taylor, Hourly Social Studies Teacher, Union Site
- b. B. Dianne Davenport, Hourly Teacher – Gilmer Site
- c. Lisa Duckett, Hourly Teacher – Pickens Site
- d. Carol Hawkins, Receptionist – Habersham Site (Full-time to replace Tammy Teasley)
- e. Tracy Sadler-Hourly Paraprofessional – Stephens Site
- f. Teresa Black – Hourly SpEd Teacher (Flow-through position) – Stephens Site

### Adjourn

### ITEM V:

Motion by Dr. Lewis McAfee, seconded by Mr. Mark Henson **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

**NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, March 10 at 5 pm for a Videoconference**