

MOUNTAIN EDUCATION CENTER, INC.
Governing Board Minutes
In Person at Brasstown Resort
Monday, June 14, 2010

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ms. Debra Seabolt for Dr. Paul Shaw – Superintendent, White County
Mr. Mitchel Barrett – Superintendent/Principal, Mountain Education Center High School
Dr. Franklin Johnson – Collaborative Board Member
Mr. Troy Collins for Dr. Lewis McAfee – Superintendent, Union County
Mr. Pete Seabolt for Mr. Dewey Moye – Superintendent, Lumpkin County
Mr. Barry Pritchett, Collaborative Board Member
Dr. Richard Behrens – Superintendent, Towns County
Mr. Mark Henson – Superintendent, Fannin County

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Larry Shook, MEC Technology Director Debbie Day-Lewis, MEC Student Service
Andrea Hulsey, MEC Finance Director Carol Reid, MEC Administrative Assistant
Carol West, MEC Administrative Assistant Trilla Pruitt, MEC Curriculum Director
Wendy Reynolds, MEC CTAE Assistant

GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Mr. Mike Ballew – Superintendent, Pickens County
Representative Stephen Allison - Collaborative Board Member
Mrs. Anita Middleton – Collaborative Board Member
Mr. Randy Parson – Superintendent, Gilmer County
Dr. Paul Shaw – Superintendent, White County
Dr. Lewis McAfee – Superintendent, Union County
Mr. Dewey Moye – Superintendent, Lumpkin County

The Mountain Education Center, Inc. Governing Board met in a regular meeting on June 14, 2010 in person at the Brasstown Resort in Young Harris.

No Public Forum. Dr. Behrens called the meeting to order.

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

ITEM I:

Motion by Mr. Pritchett, seconded by Mr. Henson **to approve the June agenda.** Motion carried. All voted yes.

ITEM II:

Motion by Dr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Henson **to approve the May 12, 2010 Governing Board minutes.** Motion carried. All voted yes.

New Business:

Financial Report:

Ms. Hulsey presented financial information to the Governing Board. This report reflected that after completing eleven months of the fiscal year, MEC is 14% under budget. Worksheet number four shows a comparison of where MEC was on 5-31-09 and where MEC is now on 5-31-10.

ITEM III:

Motion by Dr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Pritchett **to approve the financial report.** Motion carried. All voted yes.

FY 2011 Tentative Budget:

The tentative budget was submitted to MEC site directors, Governing Board members and advertised in the Union County newspaper. Ms. Hulseley presented the FY 2011 summary of budgeted expenditures by sites.

ITEM IV:

Motion by Mr. Henson, seconded by Dr. Johnson **to approve the tentative budget.** Motion carried. All voted yes

Spending Resolution for July and August 2010:

The Mountain Education Center, Inc. Superintendent/Principal may expend funds from all funds for the months of July and August 2010.

ITEM V:

Motion by Dr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Pritchett **to approve the spending resolution for July and August 2010.** Motion carried. All voted yes

Request MEC to speak at State Board meeting recommended by Gary Steppe, CTAE

MEC applied for a CTAE grant. At the next State Board meeting, Mitchel Barrett will thank the State Board members and present data.

Reports:**CTAE:**

Bobby Whitlock explained there would no longer be a CBE course. MEC CTAE team met with the GADOE CTAE team. MEC wrote for the Perkins grant and received it. Currently MEC is working on developing Nursing, Health Occupation, Tech Engineer Program, Work Based Program, Law and Public Safety courses.

CTAE 5-year Plan:

Wendy Reynolds asked for approval on a 5-year plan for the Perkins grant.

ITEM VI:

Motion by Mr. Pritchett, seconded by Mr. Seabolt **to approve the CTAE 5-year plan.** Motion carried. All voted yes

National Student Clearinghouse Student Tracker:

Debbie Day-Lewis, MEC Student Service, described how difficult it would be to keep track of all MEC graduates. By submitting names of graduates to the National Student Clearinghouse, they are able to track how many graduates attended and stayed in post secondary schools. Debbie announced MEC Union site received a \$9,000 Gache grant. This money will be used to improve the number of students who want to further their education after graduation. The goal is to raise the percentage from 46% to 54%. The theme for this program is "THINK COLLEGE" If successful, grants will be written for the other MEC sites within the next year.

Curriculum:

Trilla Pruitt, MEC Director of Curriculum, explained all MEC sites submit a monthly EOCT analysis data report and Jeremy Williams, Pioneer RESA, analyzes the data then reports to the MEC administrators and superintendent on a twice-yearly basis. Two specific core areas concentrating on at present are: U.S. History and the new Math I, II, III.

Abstinence Class called "Choosing the Best"

Amy Gibby-Rosser will teach an abstinence class at the Union site. Mr. Pritchett explained in the 1990's Gilmer county high school put in an abstinence program and pregnancy rate dropped.

ITEM VII:

Motion by Dr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Pritchett **to approve the abstinence class.** Motion carried. All voted yes

No Executive session

ITEM VIII:

Motion by Mr. Pritchett, seconded by Dr. Johnson **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. Bonita Allen - Hourly English Teacher, Habersham site
- b. John Anglin – WBL Coordinator, (Hourly) Habersham site
- c. Shelley Cantrell - Mentor Coordinator (Hourly), Pickens site
- d. Brenda Cowart - Hourly Parapro, Habersham site
- e. Marcia Cox - Hourly SpEd/RVI Teacher, Gilmer site
- f. Terry Franklin - Hourly Health/PE Teacher, Habersham site
- g. Brenda Herring - Hourly Receptionist, Stephens site
- h. Samantha Hogsed - Hourly Parapro, Union site
- i. Andrea Irvin - Hourly English Teacher, Habersham site
- j. Donna Sexton - Hourly Substitute Teacher, Gilmer site
- k. Hannah Sieveking - Hourly Parapro, Habersham site
- l. Bobby Whitlock - CTAE Director, salaried contracted, Central Office
- m. Julie Smith- Part time Gilmer site’s registrar changing to Pickens site’s full time registrar and hourly technology
- n. Transfer request: Leeanna Horton from the Pickens site to the Gilmer site

Internship:

Amy Rogers will do her internship as a counselor at the Union site

Adjourn

ITEM IX:

Motion by Mr. Henson, seconded by Mr. Pritchett **to adjourn the Governing Board meeting.**

Motion carried. All voted yes.

Dr. Behrens, Governing Board Chairperson

Dr. Paul Shaw, Governing Board Secretary

NEXT MEETING: August 11th Video Conference