

MOUNTAIN EDUCATION CENTER, INC.
Governing Board Minutes
Videoconference
March 10, 2010

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Paul Shaw – Superintendent, White 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:

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

GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

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

The Mountain Education Center, Inc. Governing Board met in a regular meeting by videoconference on Wednesday, March 10, 2010 at 5 pm.

No Public Forum. Dr. Shaw called meeting to order.

Ms. Pruitt gave the invocation and Dr. Shaw led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM I:

Motion by Dr. McAfee, seconded by Mr. Pritchett **to approve the March agenda.**

Motion carried. All voted yes.

ITEM II:

Motion by Mr. Ballew, seconded by Dr. McAfee **to approve the February 10, 2010**

Governing Board minutes.

Motion carried. All voted yes.

New Business

Financial Report:

Ms. Andrea Hulsey presented financial information to the Governing Board. She reported MEC has a 1.2 million dollar fund balance and is currently 6% under budget. She explained the future fund balance. MEC needs to maintain 2-3 months payroll balance in the bank. The anticipated start-up cost for the new Pickens site is estimated at \$180,000 and computers and Nova Net licenses is estimated at \$120,000-\$200,000.

ITEM III:

Motion by Mr. Henson, seconded by Ms. Middleton **to approve the financial report.**

Motion carried. All voted yes.

Reports

Student Medical Policy:

Ms. Pruitt consulted with the law firm of Harbin, Hartley & Hawkins on a new MEC medical board policy and doctor/student form. This form signed by student's physician, parent/guardian and student will authorize the student to possess and administer a prescription inhaler for asthma, epi-pen for allergies, glucagon or insulin for diabetes. Ms. Pruitt presented to the board members the new Student Medical Authorization form and a policy for approval. The second reading for this new policy will be read at the next meeting and the motion to accept or reject this new policy will be presented at that time.

ITEM IV:

Motion by Mr. Parson, seconded by Dr. McAfee **to approve to table the MEC medication board policy for thirty days.** Motion carried, all voted yes.

MEC Future in CISNGA:

Ms Middleton stated Ms. Andrea Gibby, CISNGA would be presenting a report at the next Governing Board.

Graduation dates:

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

No Executive session

ITEM V:

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. Cathy Dotson – SpEd Parapro, Pickens Site
- b. Wesley Roland – Receptionist, Pickens Site
- c. Kalin Kennedy - Math Teacher, White Site
- d. Michael Hale - SpEd Hourly Teacher, Union
- e. Edna Hicks- Hourly Parapro, Union

Adjourn

ITEM VI:

Motion by Dr. Lewis McAfee, seconded by Mr. Mark Henson **to adjourn the Governing Board meeting.**

Motion carried. All voted yes.

Dr. Behrens, Governing Board Chairperson

Dr. Paul Shaw, Governing Board Secretary

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, April 21st, 1 pm at the Central Office in Cleveland