

MOUNTAIN EDUCATION CENTER, INC.

Governing Board Minutes

Wednesday, March 9, 2011

Video Conference

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Representative David Ralston - Collaborative Board Member
Dr. Paul Shaw – Superintendent, White County
Mr. Ben Arp – Superintendent, Pickens County
Mrs. Anita Middleton – Collaborative Board Member

The Mountain Education Center, Inc. Governing Board met in a regular meeting on March 9, 2011. 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:

Motioned was made by Dr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Moye **carried and approve the March 9, 2011 agenda.**

ITEM II:

Motioned was made by Mr. Pritchett, seconded by Dr. McAfee **carried and approve the February 9, 2011 Governing Board minutes.**

Old Business

WBL (Work Based Learning) – Bobby Whitlock

Mr. Whitlock reported in update on the WIA helping our students. He talked with their chairman and representatives at the Gainesville main office. After reaching a compromise, we are back on the right track to helping our students. They assured us our students' applications would be viewed. The Gilmer and Pickens sites have 5 students in the program, one student at the Habersham site, one application pending at the Stephens site and reviewing applications at the Lumpkin site.

New Business:

Financial Report-Andrea Hulsey

Ms. Hulsey reported after completing seven months of fiscal year 2011, MEC is 10 percent under budget for the month of January. After completing eight months of fiscal year 2011, MEC is 12 percent under budget for February. Dr. Behrens complimented Ms. Hulsey on a job well done and for the implementation of the new accounting system working smoothly.

ITEM III:

Motioned was made by Mr. Henson, seconded by Mr. Pritchett **carried and approve the January and February 2011 financial report.**

Discuss Satellite sites for Fannin, White and the Summit program for Lumpkin-Mitchel Barrett

Because of gas issues, Mr. Barrett would like to implement new satellite sites at Fannin and White County. He explained if MEC receives a mid-term adjustment and if Fannin and White counties provide space and computers, then a MEC satellite site should open by August 1st. He stated if other collaborative counties show interest, MEC might be able to open a new satellite site each year. Dr. Shaw is interested in establishing a satellite site in White County. Mr. Henson talked to his board and they would welcome a satellite site to Fannin County. MEC staff will meet with Mr. Henson and his staff on March 15th to discuss the program.

Mr. Moye has shown interest in a Summit program in Lumpkin. He stated that this must be presented and approved by his board before starting this program in Dahlonega. He also discussed his concerns with the White satellite site affecting numbers at the MEC Lumpkin site. Mr. Barrett assured him there is a need due to higher gas prices. The new sites will be voted on at the June meeting.

ITEM IV:

Motioned was made by Mr. Moye, seconded by Dr. Johnson **to approve to do preliminary plans for the two new satellite sites.** Motion carried. All voted yes.

Reports

FTE-Tighe Day-Lewis

Mr. Day-Lewis discussed the MEC FTE historical data. The MEC staff contacted the pending and active lists of students to encourage attendance. For the Spring FTE count MEC exceeded their goal by 41 students.

Physical Restraint – Tighe Day-Lewis

Mr. Day-Lewis reported on the 3-day CAPS professional training he and Bobby Whitlock attended at Pioneer Resa. Selected staff from each MEC site will be trained on de-escalation/restraint techniques and procedures.

Making up Courses – Trilla

Ms. Pruitt reported Math curriculum is ready for all make-up math courses a student may require.

Discussion:

Rep. David Ralston Video Conference – Larry Shook

Mr. Shook has been in touch with Dianne Hardin, Rep. David Ralston's staff member. The necessary video conferencing system for his office is ready to be installed as soon as Rep. Ralston approves it.

Executive session - None

ITEM V:

Motioned was made by Dr. McAfee, seconded by Mr. Henson **carried and approve the hiring of the following personnel for the Mountain Education Center, Inc. upon completion of fingerprinting and criminal background checks.**

New Personnel:

1. Amy Rogers – Substitute Counselor, Union Site

Adjourn

ITEM VI:

Motioned was made by Mr. Henson, seconded by Mr. Moye **carried and adjourn the Governing Board meeting.**

Dr. Behrens, Governing Board Chairperson

Dr. Paul Shaw, Governing Board Secretary

Next Board meeting will be held Tuesday, June 14th at Pioneer RESA Leadership conference at Brasstown Valley – 2:00 PM.