

Mountain Education Center Inc.
Governing Board Minutes
Video Conference
Wednesday, September 14, 2011
5 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Barry Pritchett, Collaborative Board Member	Dr. Ben Desper, Superintendent, Pickens County
Mr. Bryan Dorsey, Superintendent, Gilmer County	Mr. Dewey Moye, Superintendent, Lumpkin County
Mrs. Anita Middleton, Collaborative Board Member	Dr. Franklin Johnson, Collaborative Board Member
Mrs. Melissa Williams, Superintendent, Towns County	Mr. Mitchel Barrett, Superintendent, MECHS
Mrs. Debra Seabolt for Dr. Jeffrey Wilson, Superintendent, White County	

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Larry Shook, MEC Personnel/Technology Director	Bobby Whitlock, CTAE Director
Andrea Hulsey, MEC Finance Director	Carol Reid, MEC Administrative Assistant
Tighe Day-Lewis, MEC Asst. Principal/SPED Director	Dr. Sheri Hardin, MEC Curriculum Director
Carol West, MEC Administrative Assistant	

GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Representative David Ralston, Collaborative Board Member
Mr. Mark Henson, Superintendent, Fannin County
Mr. Gary Steppe, Superintendent, Union County

The Mountain Education Center, Inc. Governing Board met in a regular meeting on September 14, 2011. No Public Forum. Mr. Moye called the meeting to order. Mr. Barrett gave the invocation and Mr. Moye led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Moye started the meeting welcoming new board members: Mrs. Melissa Williams, Towns County Superintendent, and Dr. Ben Desper, Pickens County.

ITEM I:

Motion was made by Dr. Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Seabolt and carried **to approve the September 14, 2011 agenda.**

ITEM II:

Motion was made by Mrs. Middleton, seconded by Mr. Pritchett and carried **to approve the June 14, 2011 Governing Board minutes.**

ITEM III:

Motion was made by Dr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Pritchett and carried **to approve the June 23, 2011 Called Governing Board minutes.**

Reports

EOCT scores –Dr. Sheri Hardin

Dr. Hardin reported MEC's End-of-the-Course test(s) summer scores for 2010-2011 school year were above the state average. She met with Jeremy Williams and will be sending out new data on

comparisons between Nova Net and PACE results broken down by sites. In-house Economics powerpoint has improved student scores.

Old Business

FY 2012 GASB 54 Policy (Tabled Tentative Budget) – Andrea Hulseley- (10A)

This policy was presented in June and is mandated by the state.

ITEM IV:

Motion was made by Mrs. Middleton, seconded by Mrs. Seabolt and carried **to accept FY 2012 GASB 54 as a policy.**

New Business:

FY 2012 Budget advertised - Andrea Hulseley (11A)

The proposed FY 2012 budget ran in the newspaper for the required two weeks.

ITEM V:

Motion was made by Mr. Pritchett, seconded by Dr. Desper and carried **to approve the FY 2012 budget.**

FY 2012 Budget Amendment #1 - Andrea Hulseley (11B)

Amendment description:

Revenues: Federal - Flow through grant allotment and Perkins Plus grant allotment.

State - Vocational supervision grant allotment

Expenditures: Instruction and Pupil Services

ITEM VI:

Motion was made by Mr. Dorsey, seconded by Mr. Pritchett and carried **to approve the FY 2012 Budget Amendment #1.**

FY 2011 Final Financial report June 2011- Andrea Hulseley (11C)

Ms. Hulseley's report reflects after completing fiscal year 2011, MEC finished the year 10 percent under budget and ended the year with a fund balance of 1.5 million.

ITEM VII:

Motion was made by Mrs. Middleton, seconded by Mr. Dorsey and carried **to approve the June 2011 Financial report.**

FY 2012 July and August 2011 Financial reports - Andrea Hulseley (11D)

Ms. Hulseley's report reflects for fiscal year 2012, July is 4% under budget and 6% under budget after completing the month of August.

ITEM VIII:

Motion was made by Dr. Desper, seconded by Mrs. Williams and carried **to approve July and August 2011 financial report and budget.**

Family Connection requesting amendment of \$4,000 instead of \$3,000 – Mitchel Barrett (11E)

Mrs. Middleton presented the Family Connection request to amend the MEC contribution from \$3,000 per site to \$4,000. Mr. Barrett recommended this amendment.

ITEM IX:

Motion was made by Dr. Johnson, seconded by Dr. Desper and carried **to approve the increase of \$1,000 for Family Connection per site.**

Surplus Technology Equipment – Larry Shook (11F)

Mr. Shook requested approval to dispose of used technology equipment. He submitted a surplus list to the board members.

ITEM X:

Motion was made by Mr. Pritchett, seconded by Mrs. Seabolt and carried **to approve disposing of surplus.**

Update on EMMA Time Keeping System – Larry Shook (11G)

Mr. Shook informed the board on the new EMMA Time Keeping system being implemented at the MEC sites. For the month of September, sites will be using the old FileMaker system in conjunction with the new EMMA system.

CTAE Perkins Funds Budget – Bobby Whitlock (11H)

Mr. Whitlock requested approval for the CTAE Perkins fund budget.

ITEM XI:

Motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Pritchett and carried **to approve the request for the CTAE Perkins fund budget.**

Up for Nomination: Barry Pritchett – Mitchel Barrett (11I)

Barry Pritchett agreed to accept the nomination for board member.

ITEM XII:

Motion was made by Mrs. Williams, seconded by Mrs. Middleton and carried **to approve to nomination of Barry Pritchett as board member for SY 2011-2012.**

Nomination for Secretary – Dewey Moye (11J)

Mr. Moye nominated Mr. Gary Steppe, Union County School Superintendent, for MEC, Inc. Governing Board Secretary.

ITEM XIII:

Motion was made by Mr. Dorsey, seconded by Mrs. Williams and carried **to approve Mr. Gary Steppe as MEC, Inc. secretary.**

Recognize Dr. Shaw for his service as Secretary – Mitchel Barrett (11K)

Mr. Barrett and Mr. Moye thanked Dr. Paul Shaw for his past service as MEC Inc. secretary and board member since 2007.

Governing Board Training as discussed with Tom Wilson, DOE – Mitchel Barrett (11L)

Mr. Barrett discussed his meeting with Mr. Tom Wilson, Georgia Department of Education, concerning governing board training. Mr. Wilson recommended MEC governing board members do nothing concerning this training unless he notifies MEC board with details to participate.

Discuss retirement plan for Mitchel Barrett – Dewey Moye (11M)

Mr. Moye discussed the retirement plans for Mr. Barrett. Mr. Barrett will begin working 49% from January 2011 until June 2011. A committee will be formed to review applicants for the other 49% superintendent position. The position will be advertised and this committee will review applicants. Mr. Moye thanked Mr. Barrett for his service to MEC.

No Executive Session

ITEM XIV:

Motion was made by Dr. Desper, seconded by Dr. Johnson and carried to **approve the hiring of the following personnel for the Mountain Education Center, Inc. upon completion of fingerprinting and criminal background checks:**

1. Allison Gregg – Hourly Student Work-Based Learning, Central office
2. Hanna Nix – Hourly Student Work-Based Learning, Central office
3. Mary Bidez (Jennifer Walker) – Hourly Counselor, Fannin Satellite site
4. Greg Chambers – Hourly Teacher, Fannin Satellite site
5. Lori Chastain – Hourly Site Admin, Fannin Satellite site
6. Justin Clapsaddle – Hourly Teacher, Fannin Satellite site
7. Deborah Deaver – Hourly Receptionist, Fannin Satellite site
8. Sheila Fowler – Hourly Parapro, Fannin Satellite site
9. Pamela Garrett – Hourly Parapro, Fannin Satellite site
10. Cindy Godfrey – Hourly Receptionist, Fannin Satellite site
11. Betsy Hyde – Hourly Teacher, Fannin Satellite site
12. Scott Mathis – Hourly Technology Specialist, Fannin Satellite site
13. Anne Simmons – Hourly Teacher, Fannin Satellite site
14. Tami Summers – Hourly Teacher, Fannin Satellite site
15. Janet Allen – Hourly Teacher, Gilmer site
16. Gregory Burrell – Hourly Teacher, Gilmer site
17. Cynthia Zager – Hourly Teacher, Gilmer site
18. Joshua Josef – Hourly Parapro, Stephens site
19. Dr. Richard Behrens – Hourly Teacher, Union site
20. Laurie Burkette – Hourly Teacher, White site
21. Robert Keith Futch – Hourly Teacher, White site
22. Sherry Mayo – Hourly Teacher, White site
23. Debra Sperin – Hourly Graduation Coach, White site
24. Sherenna Vandiver – Hourly Teacher, White site
25. Jessica Whitley – Hourly Teacher, White site
26. Kelly Williams – Hourly Teacher, White site
27. Nancy Wyszynski – Hourly Teacher, White site
28. Harold Culbreth- Requesting position change from teacher to Site Admin for the Pickens site

Adjourn

ITEM XV:

Motion was made by Dr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Dorsey and carried to **adjourn the Governing Board meeting.**

Mr. Dewey Moye, Governing Board Chairperson

Governing Board Secretary