REGULAR MEETING CALL TO ORDER - AGENDA ITEM #1
Governing Board Chairman, Frank Straka, called the meeting to order at 4:42pm. Governing Board Members present in-person/online were: Frank Straka, Peter Pingerelli, James Kaltenbach, Barbara Wyllie, Jim Migliorino, and Michael Hutchinson. West-MEC staff in attendance/online were: Greg Donovan, Jack Erb, Stephen Weltsch, Barbara Thompson, Spencer Isom, Joel Wakefield, John Kukowski, Korissa Chrisco, Anna Abe, George Gerardo, Matt Heath, Holly Medina, Deb Godley, Shelly Thome, Julie Rodriguez, Jessica McDowell, Charlie Ellis, Pam Ferguson, Marilyn Babyar, Troy Gabaldon, Bree Michaels, Mike Johnson, Rahsaan Bartet, Maya Milhon, Aaron Parsons, Brady Mitchell, Christine Ireland, Courtney Hundley, Tramane Marshall, Jamie Miller, Jarett Guy, Lilliam Castrovinci, Lizeth Fils-Aime, David Svorinic, America Segura, Layne Perales, Wendy Rupe, Dodie Montenegro, Laura Jaime, Kara DelliSanti, and Dee Markham. Others in attendance/online were: Anne Dozeman-Wisener, Susan Segal, David Roderique, Norma Pacheco, Jim Grieshaber, Juan Ramirez, Tony Acevedo, Mike Cuellar, Bryan Gonzalez Perez, Chris Contreras, Anna Masini, Suzy Alemay, Paul Hoeprich, Jeff Seeker, Christine Gabaldon, and Mike Walker.

ADOPTION OF THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2021 REGULAR GOVERNING BOARD MEETING AGENDA - AGENDA ITEM #2
Governing Board Chairman, Frank Straka, asked that Item #13, (Presentation of Policy Manual Revisions for First Reading) be moved up in the Agenda to follow Item #8. James Kaltenbach made a motion to adopt the September 8, 2021 regular Governing Board Meeting Agenda. Jim Migliorino seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously by Frank Straka, Peter Pingerelli, James Kaltenbach, Barbara Wyllie, Jim Migliorino, and Michael Hutchinson.

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE - AGENDA ITEMS #3 & 4
Korinna Chrisco, Curriculum and Instruction Administrative Assistant, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and a Moment of Silence was observed afterwards.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD AUGUST 11, 2021 - AGENDA ITEM #5
Jim Migliorino made a motion to approve the Minutes of the regular Board Meeting held August 11, 2021. James Kaltenbach seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously by Frank Straka, Peter Pingerelli, James Kaltenbach, Barbara Wyllie, Jim Migliorino, and Michael Hutchinson.

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SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS - AGENDA ITEM #6
Governing Board Chairman, Frank Straka, congratulated Board Member, James Kaltenbach, for being the Agriculture Mentor Teacher of the Year.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT - AGENDA ITEM #7
Jim Migliorino made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. James Kaltenbach seconded the motion and the Consent Agenda was approved with a 5-1 vote. Frank Straka-yes, Peter Pingerelli-yes, James Kaltenbach-yes, Barbara Wyllie-yes, Jim Migliorino-yes, Michael Hutchinson-no.

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The following items were approved:
- Payroll Vouchers 4 & 4040 and 5 & 4050
- Accounts Payable Vouchers 5107 - 5109 and 6005 - 6010
- Personnel
- Donations
- Travel
- Textbook Adoption for Powersports Technology Program
- Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) Student Activity Monthly Cash Report
- Intergovernmental Agreements with:
  - Dysart Unified School District Intergovernmental Agreement
  - Paradise Valley Unified School District Intergovernmental Agreement
  - Tolleson Union High School District Intergovernmental Agreement
- CTED Member District Logs and Statement of Assurances for 2021-2022

CALL TO THE PUBLIC - AGENDA ITEM #8
No items were brought forth in the Call to the Public.

PRESENTATION OF POLICY MANUAL REVISIONS FOR FIRST READING - AGENDA ITEM #13
Associate Superintendent/HR & Policy, Jack Erb, reviewed the following policies for First Reading:

BDF - Advisory Committees
BEDD - Rules of Order
BIB - Board Member Development Opportunities
BIB-R - Board Member Development Opportunities (Regulation)
GCH - Professional / Support Staff Orientation and Training
IMB - Teaching About Controversial / Sensitive Issues
DIE - Audits / Financial Monitoring
DJ - Purchasing
GCB - Professional Staff Contracts and Compensation
GDB - Support Staff Contracts and Compensation
GCF - Professional Staff Hiring
GDF - Support Staff hiring
IC - School Year
IHAMD - Instruction and Training in Suicide Prevention
IJJ - Instructional Resources and Materials
IJJ - Textbook / Supplementary Materials Selection and Adoption
JFAA - Admission of Resident Students
JFA - Tuition / Admission of Nonresident Students
JK - Student Discipline
JLCB - Immunization of Students
JLF - Reporting Child Abuse / Child Protection

Questions and Comments from the Governing Board and Legal Counsel:

- What does B stand for in the BDF Policy Title? (Barbara Wyllie) - Each chapter of policies in the Policy Manual has a title, and policies under that title begin with that chapter letter. They are as follows: A= Foundations and Basic Commitment, B=Board
Governance and Operations, C=General School Administration, D=Fiscal Management,
E=Support Services, F=Facilities Development, G=Personnel, H=Meet and Confer,
I=Instruction, J=Students, K=School-Community Relations, and L=Education Agency
Relations.

- BDF is just for Board Advisories, correct? (James Kaltenbach) - This is correct.
- In BDF, it states the Chairman can end a Board Meeting without a vote and I am not sure
  I agree with that. (Michael Hutchinson)
- Words like invidiously and meritocracy can be substituted with their definitions. (Jack
  Erb)
- In GCF and GDF, the revoking of a fingerprint card does not necessarily mean a staff
  member is guilty. (Susan Segal)
- Statutorily, School Districts have operated Monday through Friday for 180 days. Now
  in IC, we have greater flexibility based on hours and not just days. We can start a spring
  class and have the ability to set calendars built around instructional time (any
day/anytime). Schedules were taken out of the hands of the Arizona Department of
  Education and put in the hands of the School Governing Boards. (Greg Donovan)
- In JFAA and JFAB, the Consular Identification Card has been added for student
  identification purposes. West-MEC requires two forms of identification for registration
  of programs. (Jack Erb)
- Per Barbara Wyllie’s request, Legal Counsel, Susan Segal, gave an example of why JK
  was changed. It was changed due to the United States Cheerleader case in that the
  School District went too far in discipline.
- JLCB is in two lawsuit litigations. Policies become effective on September 29th. I
  recommend adopting this policy, then repealing if needed. (Susan Segal)
- We are coming up on the Cognia visit and policies will be reviewed by the Cognia
  Team. Please familiar yourself with policies BBA (Board Powers and Responsibilities)
  and BCA (Board Member Ethics) for the interview. (Jack Erb)

LEGISLATIVE AND BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP UPDATE - AGENDA ITEM #9
Director of Business Development and Government Affairs, Spencer Isom, reported on the
following:

- The CTED Superintendents met and are considering the following Legislative Priorities
  for the 21/22 Legislative Session: Transportation for Central Program Students,
  Develop a Career Proficiency and a College Readiness Seal, State-wide Articulation,
  Support for Adult Ed. CTE Programs, and Support for Continuation of Industry
  Credential Incentive Grant.
- An issue brief will be submitted to the legal firm, Gust Rosenfeld, with the following
  questions: Does West-MEC need to redistrict following the 2020 census and do the 8
  original Districts need to approve the boundaries, and secondly, what is the process or
  methodology for doing so? The final census figures have been sent to the Governing
  Board and they can log onto the MAG (Maricopa Association of Governments) website
  and look at the overlay maps and use interactive maps to draw lines of Board Districts.
  Every new Board District would have to keep the same Board Member in its boundary
  lines. Whatever rules were put in the original plan will need to be followed.
AGUA FRIA UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT PRESENTATION - AGENDA ITEM #10
Superintendent, Greg Donovan, introduced Agua Fria CTE Director, Anne Dozeman-Wisener. Anne sent greetings from Superintendent Mark Ysalas, and reported that the 6 Agua Fria High Schools had 17 CTE Programs. She introduced Millennium High School Culinary Arts Instructor, Chris Contreras, who showed photos of the new Culinary Arts Program which West-MEC funds paid for. Student, Anna Masini, reported on all the exciting new culinary equipment and the dishes they were preparing. This class caters with their student-based enterprise. The class provided caramel popcorn balls to the Governing Board and the audience.

Peter Pingerelli left the meeting at 5:44pm.

Verrado High School Instructor, Mike Walker, reported about his students competing in the Rocky Mountain Region Competition and showed a Flicker Short Film of Student, Bryan Gonzalez Perez, who won an Emmy last year.

Canyon View High School Film/TV Instructor, Jeff Seeker, introduced Tony Acevedo, who was a Nominee in the Daily Programming at the All American Film Festival, who showed his short video. They also showed a VLOG (The Life of a Student Golfer) of Student Nominee, Abi Morris.

Michael Hutchinson left the meeting at 6:05pm.

Instructors, Paul Hoeprich and Mike Walker, talked about the Film/TV Industry Update.

CITY OF BUCKEYE PRESENTATION DISCUSSING THE ECONOMIC OUTLOOK FOR POPULATION AND INDUSTRY GROWTH EXPERIENCED AND EXPECTED OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS - AGENDA ITEM #12
City of Buckeye Deputy City Manager and Director of Economic Development, David Roderique, gave a 2021 Economic Development Overview of the Buckeye area. He reported that Buckeye is the largest city by land area in Arizona and the fastest growing city in the country. The reason for the growth is the private developable land that Buckeye has. Their number 1 priority is attracting jobs for the community since the majority of Buckeye residents are in a reverse commute system. Major employers are beginning to move into the area and that is helping the commute system. The farming areas are being sold to make way for infrastructure and the farms are moving further out.

Questions and Comments from the Governing Board:

- Is there anything being done to improve transportation to and from Buckeye? (James Kaltenbach) - This is an expensive process, but it is slowly being accomplished.
• We are proud of the plan to purchase the land for the Southwest Campus. We did the right thing at the right time. As a Board, we need to sit down and think about the future and do some long-range planning. (Jim Migliorino)
• What area will KORE Power be located? (Barbara Wyllie) - along State Route 85.
• Is Palo Verde in Buckeye? (James Kaltenbach) - Not really, it is in the Tonopah School District.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT UPDATE - AGENDA ITEM #11
Director of Professional Development and Strategic Planning, Joel Wakefield, presented his Team, and discussed the types of classes Professional Development offers:
• Certification Assistance
• ADE approved courses
• Training of Industry Professionals
• Teacher Recruitment
• Integration of Technology using Tech. Productivity Tools
• Safety Trainings
• Think Tanks
• West-MECyou for West-MEC staff centered around Skill Sets
• OSHA and NC3 Courses

Many of the classes were online with Zoom which enabled more to participate. Joel reported that one never knows the reach Professional Development can have. There is an Instructor who now lives in the Pakistan/Uzbekistan area who took Professional Development training at West-MEC and is leading Best Practices there.

James Kaltenbach felt that teachers need the opportunity to be mentors themselves, and Joel Wakefield replied that the older Instructors were working with the newer ones.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO CONVENE A PUBLIC HEARING PURSUANT TO A.R.S. §15-905 FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS OUTLAY BUDGET REVISION #1 FOR THE 2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR - AGENDA ITEM #14
Jim Migliorino made a motion to Convene a Public Hearing. James Kaltenbach seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously by Frank Straka, James Kaltenbach, Barbara Wyllie and Jim Migliorino.

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September 9, 2021
Business Administrator, Barbara Thompson, reported the reason why the Budget was being revised was twofold. First, the final corrected forms from the Auditor General are now in possession and require Districts to revise their budgets. Second, money was reallocated to the Northeast Campus for Tenant Improvements and possible other land purchases.

**DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION - AGENDA ITEM #15**

James Kaltenbach made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Jim Migliorino seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously by Frank Straka, James Kaltenbach, Barbara Wyllie, and Jim Migliorino.

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**DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO ADOPT THE BUDGET REVISION #1 FOR THE 2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR - AGENDA ITEM #16**

James Kaltenbach made a motion to adopt the Budget Revision #1 for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year. Jim Migliorino seconded the motion. Dee Markham, Governing Board Secretary did a roll call vote: Frank Straka-yes, James Kaltenbach-yes, Barbara Wyllie-yes, and Jim Migliorino-yes. The motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

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**WEST-MEC CALENDAR EVENTS - AGENDA ITEM #17**

Frank Straka reported on the West-MEC Calendar Events:
- Think Tank - September 23, 2021 at the Northwest Campus
- ASBO International Annual Conference & EXPO - October 13-16, 2021 (Milwaukee, Wisconsin)
- Think Tank - November 18, 2021 (Virtual)
- ACTE Visions - December 1-4, 2021 (Hybrid/New Orleans)
DISCUSSION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - AGENDA ITEM #18
Future agenda items should include the following: Opportunity to purchase land on Glen Harbor Blvd. and Glendale Avenue.

CONSIDERATION OF A MOTION TO ADJOURN - AGENDA ITEM #19
Governing Board Chairman, Frank Straka, adjourned the meeting by acquiescence at 7:12pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dee Markham
Governing Board Secretary

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Dee Markham