

MEA Representative Council Meeting: April 26, 2010

President Molly Erickson called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

I. Information/Introductions

None

II. Agenda Revisions

- A. Molly asked to move Action Items to under Routine Matters. No objection.
- B. Add letter H: MEA-Retired under Leadership/Staff Reports.

III. Routine Matters

- A. The minutes of the March 22, 2010 Representative Council meeting were approved.
- B. The Financial Report was approved as submitted.

IV. Action Items

- A. Proposed 2010-2011 Budget: Molly moved to adopt the 2010-2011 budget. Motion carried.
- B. Sponsorship of MPSF STRIDES: Tom Whisinnand moved on behalf of the Communications Committee that the MEA give \$5,000 from savings to help sponsor the Millard Public Schools Foundation STRIDES 5K Run/Walk. Motion carried.
- C. Certification of the Elections Results: Tim Royers was elected as the High School Director and Kim Secora was elected to the At-Large position. Molly moved on behalf of the Board of Directors to certify the election results. Motion carried.
- D. Certification of Scholarship Winners: Stephanie Lyons and Katie Patton were awarded the MEA scholarships available for members' children. MEA scholarship winners: 1-5 years experience: Ann Carmoney and Jessica Zavadil; 6 or more years experience: Kelly Pugh and Tara Fabian. Molly moved on behalf of the Board of Directors to certify the scholarship winners. Motion carried.

V. Leadership/Staff Reports

- A. President's Report: Molly shared that Matt Dykstra, P.E. teacher at Ezra, won NSEA's Teacher of the Year award. Matt Ashoff, Millard North Middle School, won MEA's Rookie of the Year Award. Kristin McKenney, Rowher, won MEA's Building Representative of the Year Award. Brad Burwell received MEA's Friend of Education Award. Lynette Dergan, Andersen Middle School, was MEA's Crystal Apple Teacher of the Year winner. There have been some questions regarding re-teaching budget cuts; Molly shared that the district is in the middle of program budgeting and nothing has been cut as of yet. The Millard Public Schools Foundation awards night will be on Friday, May 7th at the Qwest Center; there are five open seats so if you want to attend, get your name to Molly as soon as possible.
- B. Vice-President's Report: Mike Foyt did not have a report. He asked how retirees are affected by building meetings pertaining to next year.
- C. UniServ Report: Mike Wiesen reported that all MEA members dealing with performance issues were retained and will be employed by the district next year.
- D. LCCC/Legislative Report: Matt Heys reported on the most recent Learning Community Coordinating Council meeting.
- E. GRC Report: Paul Schulte reported the he and Reynee Shanahan attended the Omaha Press Club dinner. The Legislative Update is available on the NSEA website. Legislative district recommendations will be in the May issue of the NSEA Voice magazine. If you give to the Political Action Committee fund, you can be a member of the GRC committee; let Paul know if you're interested in participating.
- F. Membership Committee Report: Tuesday, August 3rd is the first day for new teachers. If you are available to assist with the MEA luncheon on this day, please let Molly know.
- G. Communications Committee Report: Tom Whisinnand shared that the Autism Puzzle Walk will be on Saturday, May 1st at Chalco Hills Recreation Area. MEA is sponsoring a night at the ballpark with the Omaha Royals on Friday, May 21st. The MEA website (www.millardmea.org) has information on purchasing tickets. Saturday, August 28th is the Millard Days parade, and MEA will be participating. There has been some interest in starting an MEA bowling league; if you are interested, let Tom

Whisinnand know. The Crystal Apple Award winner for 4th quarter: Barb Asmus, First Grade teacher at Bryan Elementary. The Crystal Apple nomination form has been modified for the 2010-2011 school year.

- H. MEA-Retired: Sharon Brown shared that the luncheon for new retirees will be on June 16th at 12:00 noon at Valentino's on 108th Street between L and Q. Contact Sharon Brown at 331-8065 if you are interested in attending.

VI. Information Items

- A. Results of BR Survey: Molly shared the results.
- B. MEA Meeting Days: Molly shared potential meeting dates for Building Rep and Board of Directors meetings for the 2010-2011 school year. BR meetings will be changed so we are meeting earlier in the month, and BR and Board meetings will be held on Monday nights.
- C. Elementary Plan Time: Molly shared that Dr. Lutz is 100% behind keeping elementary plan time. She will be going to six different elementary schools in the next few weeks to get feedback on plan time. Molly doesn't anticipate changes will be made during the 2010-2011 school year. She also doesn't foresee 15 minutes being added on to the end of the day next year because there hasn't been any other discussion since the March School Board meeting.
- D. Proposed Constitution Revision- Articles VII and VIII (First Reading): Molly explained the proposed revisions.

VII. New Business/Questions

- A. There is a rumor going around that there may be a copy limit next year. It all depends on each building's budget.
- B. Is there anything in policy that says a teacher should have the same evaluator each year? No, this is a building decision.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Erin Shirmang-Ward, Secretary