

MEA Representative Council Meeting: May 24, 2010

President Molly Erickson called the meeting to order at 4:20 p.m.

I. Information/Introductions

None

II. Agenda Revisions

- A. Add letter H (MEA-Retired) under Leadership/Staff reports.

III. Routine Matters

- A. The minutes of the April 26, 2010 Representative Council meeting were approved.
- B. The Financial Report was approved as submitted.

IV. Leadership/Staff Reports

- A. President's Report: Molly shared that the paperwork for the second phase of the Race to the Top has been submitted; it's a long shot for Nebraska to get federal money due to our relatively high achieving schools and no charter schools. The NSEA Golf tournament is on June 8th at Yankee Hill golf course in Lincoln; there is room for two more players, so contact Molly if you are interested. Information regarding the Millard Public Schools Foundations' STRIDES run/walk will be on school websites later this week.
- B. Vice-President's Report: Mike Foyt shared the minutes from the May 18th ProCom meeting. Summer Academy on June 8th will consist of training for RTI+I; the model will be put into place this fall in Language Arts and into Math in 2011, followed by other content areas. Ken Fossen reviewed all of the financial calculations affecting Millard with and without the Learning Community and its potential impact on negotiations. Craig Whaley shared that the extra duty committee is currently collecting information from other districts. The Nebraska Department of Education is submitting its second phase application for the Race to the Top. The Millard Board of Education is not satisfied with the governance structure of the Learning Community, so they want to explore legislative options with other school districts.
- C. UniServ Report: Mike Wiesen wanted to remind us that we are all still employees of the district during the summer so use common sense.
- D. LCCC/Legislative Report:
- E. GRC Report: Paul Schulte shared that more than 130 parents, teachers, community and elected leaders from across Nebraska met on May 15th to discuss the importance of family engagement in education (visit www.nsea.org and look under NSEA Recommendations). The NEA has pledged to invest \$1 million per year the next six years to pursue strategies to increase teacher effectiveness at low-performing schools. During every election cycle, local, non-partisan teams of NSEA members conduct face-to-face interviews with candidates for Congress, the state Legislature, governor, the state board of education, and local school boards (visit www.nsea.org and look under Legislative Update for recommended candidates). The Nebraska Public Employees Retirement System will no longer mail printed copies of their monthly Retirement News. Instead, it will be sent by email to actively employed school members through their employers (Molly is checking with MPS regarding this); newsletters are also posted online at www.npers.ne.gov. NEA is working to win passage of Keep Our Educators Working Act; sponsored by Senator Tom Harkin of Iowa, this legislation will provide \$23 billion in federal money to stem the loss of some projected 150,000 public schools jobs; the bill affects PK-12 public schools, community and state colleges, and universities; email Senators Ben Nelson and Mike Johanns to show your support.
- F. Membership Committee Report: Molly reminded BRs to attend the new teacher luncheon on Tuesday, August 3rd at Millard South High School.
- G. Communications Committee Report: Tom Whisinnand shared that on over 80 people connected to MEA attended the Omaha Royals game on Friday, May 21st. He also reminded members to attend the STRIDES walk/run on August 21st and to participate in the Millard Days parade on Saturday, August 28th.
- H. MEA-Retired: Sharon Brown shared that the luncheon for new retirees will be held on June 16th at the Valentino's on 108th between Q and L at 12:00 noon. The MEA-Retired golf outing will be on July

15th at Pacific Springs golf course. If you are interested, please contact MEA-Retired golf outing tee times start at 8:00 reservations need to be in to Jill Floth jfloth@yahoo.com

V. Information Items

- A. MEA Meeting Dates: Let Molly know if you will not be a BR next year and pass on the name of new BRs so she can get meeting dates sent out to them. We will be meeting at the Millard Public Schools Foundation office once again for 2010-2011; meetings will start at 4:15.
- B. Elementary Plan Time Update: Molly has visited six buildings to talk with staff; she plans on visiting additional elementary buildings in the fall.
- C. STRIDES Update: MEA will be the presenting sponsor.

VI. Action Items

- A. Proposed Constitution Revision: Articles VII and VIII (Second Reading)
 - a. Matt Heys moved on behalf of the Board of Directors to accept the submitted Constitution revisions. Motion carried.

VII. New Business/Questions

- A. Meeting at MWHS this evening regarding the budget. Molly, teachers, admin, community members will be attending (ask Molly for additional info)
- B. Molly wanted to know if teachers were being asked to sponsor community service projects for 40 Developmental Assets.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Erin Shirmang-Ward, Secretary