

*Millard Education Association*  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**MEA Office**  
**February 28, 2011**  
**Omaha, NE**

Attending: Molly Erickson- President, Paul Schulte- Vice-President, Tom Whisinnand- Treasurer, Erin Shirmang-Ward- Recording Secretary, Melissa Brendel- Elementary Director, Becky Scherbring- Elementary Director, Kathy Gibbs- Middle School Director, Jason Weber- Middle School Director, Tim Royers- High School Director, Kim Secora- At-Large Director, Mike Wiesen- UniServ Director

Absent: Reynee Shanahan- Elementary Director, Sheryl Shannon- At-Large Director,

Vice- President Paul Schulte called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

**I. Agenda Revisions/Adoption of Agenda**

A. None

**II. Routine Matters**

- A. The minutes from the January meeting were approved electronically.
- B. The Treasurer's Report was approved as submitted.

**III. Information Items**

A. Open Board Positions Nominations:

- a. Vice-President: Paul Schulte
- b. Treasurer: Tom Whisinnand
- c. Elementary Director (two positions): Melissa Brendal, Marsha Edquist, Sherry Havranek
- d. Middle Level Director: No nominations at this time
- e. High School director: No nominations at this time
- f. At-Large Director: No nominations at this time

B. DA/RA:

- a. DA: April 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> at the LaVista Embassy Suites. Members should be encouraged to attend as there is a NSEA Presidential election and voting takes place only at DA. 23 members can attend; five members have expressed interest.
- b. RA: June 30<sup>th</sup> to July 7<sup>th</sup> in Chicago. Eight members can attend; five people members have expressed interest.

C. President's Phone:

- a. MEA is currently paying half of Molly's cell phone bill. Molly asked if the Board would be willing to cover the entire cost of the President's phone, and we agreed.
- b. Moved (Whisinnand/Gibbs) to develop language to put into policy how MEA will cover the President's data package. Motion carried.

D. MEA Focus Group:

- a. Only two members and three non members have expressed interest in attending our Focus Group on Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Board was asked to see if people in our buildings would also be interested in attending.
- E. Commission of Industrial Relations (CIR) Follow-Up:
  - a. Three BRs have scheduled meetings with Molly to have her visit their buildings to talk about the CIR.
  - b. NCUEA sent Molly information on current legislative bills in other states dealing with collective bargaining. Molly will be sending this information to members at a later date.
  - c. Moved (Royers/Whisinnand) to draft a letter to the Governor with help from Karen Kilgarin from NSEA expressing our disappointment with his stance on the CIR. Motion carried.
- F. Negotiations Update (Executive Session):
  - a. Moved (Royers/Scherbring) to enter Executive Session at 5:15 p.m. Moved (Shirmang-Ward/Weber) to exit Executive Session at 5:45 p.m. Motion carried.
- G. Budget Committee Meeting:
  - a. Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at the Millard Public Schools Foundation office, 4:30 p.m.

#### **IV. Action Items/Unfinished Business**

- A. Policy for BR Terms and Elections:
  - a. Some buildings have expressed concern that BRs are the same from year to year. Buildings can have as many BRs as they would like, but votes are based off of building membership.
  - b. The Board discussed potential policy language. Motion (Royers/Gibbs) to bring the change in language to the BRs.
- B. NSEA Resolution:
  - a. The MEA Board of Directors viewed the response to the Nebraska Association of School Board's resolution from the NSEA stating that we support the CIR and support collective bargaining. Moved (Gibbs/Brendel) to adopt the resolution and take it to the BRs as well as have Molly communicate this resolution to the appropriate governmental entities. Motion carried.

#### **V. Reports**

- A. President's Report
  - a. The Membership and Communications Committees had a joint meeting on February 22<sup>nd</sup> and discussed Teacher Appreciation gifts. Members will be receiving an invitation for an all member celebration in the spring with their gifts.
  - b. There is a ProCom meeting on Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Topics will include budget, CIR/collective bargaining, building security, and grade book upgrade.
- B. Vice-President's Report
  - a. There is a Legislative dinner on Monday: Paul Schulte, Tom Whisinnand, Becky Scherbring, and Reynee Shanahan will attend for MEA. Paul is

working on setting up a meeting between Millard senators and the Board of Directors on March 28<sup>th</sup>.

C. UniServ Report

- a. Next year, locals will be able to receive one-to-one grants from NEA/NSEA.
- b. NSEA's New Leader Institute is being renamed and will now be known as NSEA Leadership Institute; it will take place July 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>. Members who have attended New Leader in the past are encouraged to participate if it's been awhile since they last attended.

D. LCCC Report: The next LCCC meeting is March 17<sup>th</sup>.

E. Communications Committee- Spring Into Reading Update

- a. We have approximately \$1500 to purchase books through Scholastic for every 1<sup>st</sup> grader in the district.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Erin Shirmang-Ward, Secretary