

MEA Representative Council Meeting: May 16, 2011

President Molly Erickson called the meeting to order at 4:26 p.m.

**I. Information/Introductions**

- A. None

**II. Agenda Revisions**

- A. None

**III. Routine Matters**

- A. The minutes of the April 18, 2011 Representative Council meeting were approved.
- B. The Financial Report was approved as submitted.

**IV. Leadership Training**

- A. Molly shared the results of a survey sent to elementary teachers regarding Wednesday planning time.
- B. An overwhelming majority of respondents want some sort of planning time.
- C. Molly is going to speak at tonight's school board meeting in support of protected planning time.

**V. Leadership/Staff Reports**

- A. President's Report:
  - a. MEA received the Community Booster award from the Millard Public Schools Foundation.
- B. Vice-President's Report (Paul Schulte):
  - a. Paul shared information regarding the five potential school board members who are vying for Julie Kannas' position. The School Board will vote at tonight's meeting.
- C. UniServ Report (Mike Wiesen):
  - a. LB 397, the CIR bill, is coming up for debate on Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. It is imperative teachers are aware of what is being proposed.
  - b. Mike will be leaving to serve the Capital District. MEA will get a new UniServ director this summer.
- D. LCCC/Legislative Report (Matt Heys):
  - a. Keep yourself informed regarding the CIR bill, LB 397.
  - b. The LCCC will meet this Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.
  - c. District 4 met on May 12<sup>th</sup>; they discussed the Elementary Learning Centers.
- E. GRC Report (Paul Schulte):
  - a. Please contact your Senators regarding the CIR. A list of senators supporting the CIR is at [www.nsea.org](http://www.nsea.org); thank these senators for their help and use the site to compose an email to your senator asking for his/her support for LB 397.
- F. Committee Report (Melissa Brendel/Lynsey Sharon):
  - a. Membership
    - i. The new teacher lunch is August 2<sup>nd</sup> at Millard South High School.
    - ii. An all member picnic is planned for the fall
    - iii. MEA can apply for a grant to get money from NEA to help obtain new members; Molly is working on putting our information together.
  - b. Communications
    - i. There is a Storm Chasers game on August 21<sup>st</sup>.
    - ii. Chuck Asmus from Sandoz is latest Crystal Apple Award winner.
- G. Metro Board Report (Tom Whisinnand/Paul Schulte):
  - a. An idea was suggested to help raise money for the NEA Children's Fund: Donate \$10 to wear jeans for a week. This will need to be discussed to see if Dr. Lutz will support it.

**VI. Information Items**

- A. Proposed Meeting Dates for 2011-2012
  - a. Building Representative meetings are generally scheduled the second Monday of the month.
  - b. The only August obligation for BRs is the new teacher luncheon on August 2<sup>nd</sup>; there is no BR meeting until September 12<sup>th</sup>.

- B. Delegate Assembly Report
  - a. The NSEA budget was passed and it included a \$5 dues increase. A \$10 special assessment also passed.
  - b. There were a number of contested races. Winners: President: Nancy Fulton, Vice-President: Leann Wildhelm, NEA Directors: John Heineman and Jenni Absalon
  - c. There was a proposal from the NSEA-Retired to have a voting position on the NSEA Board of Directors. It was defeated.

VII. **Action Items**

- A. Teacher Summer 2011 Scholarships
  - a. 1-5 Years: Anna Butler, Amanda Gentry, Jessica Zavadil
  - b. 6+ Years: Julie Jernstrom
  - c. Motion (Gabel/Fleshner) to accept scholarship winners. Motion carried.
- B. Approval of Proposed 2011-2012 Budget
  - a. Motion on behalf of the Board of Directors to approve the 2011-2012 budget. Motion carried.
- C. Motion to Suspend- Ratify contract vote via email no later than May 27, 2011
  - a. Motion (Scherbring/Fleshner) to ratify the contract vote via email no later than May 27, 2011. Motion carried

VIII. **New Business/Questions**

- A. MEA-Retired will meet on June 15<sup>th</sup> at noon at the Old Country Buffet on 144<sup>th</sup> and Center; RSVP to Sharon Brown at 402-331-8065 or tjohnbrown@msn.com.
- B. There were questions about why BRs weren't given information on the contract before members.
- C. BRs wanted more details about negotiations.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Erin Shirmang-Ward, Secretary