

Highlights September 12th, 2011

- Angelo Passarelli presented the Bond Issue power point and answered questions that reps brought from their buildings. The key pieces to the bond issue are security, technology, and renovations.
- President Erickson shared a few information items:
 - Membership is due to the MEA Office by November 4th (newly updated date) and if you have not scheduled an MEA Celebration there is still time in October.
 - Instructional Hours have also been updated. We are above the average in the metro area with the newly added hours for the 11-12 school year. See your BR for the information sheet if you do not already have it.
 - Using your school computer for official MEA business is fine. Official MEA Business shall mean emails from Molly Erickson updating information on district issues as well as contractual issues. Personal email address for Molly Erickson is mollyerickson@ymail.com and for Jackee Wise is Jackee.Wise@nsea.org - please feel free to contact us via these emails at anytime.
 - After-school pay has been increased from \$25 to \$31.25 per the contract. The contract states that "instruction of students" is to be paid at the rate of \$250/day or \$31.25/hour. There was an email about paying \$25/hour for study centers that was brought to the attention of the MEA. We were able to work with the district to get that issue corrected.
- Action was to be taken on whether or not the MEA should support the proposed MPS Bond Issue. This action was tabled because the reps wanted time to take the information that was presented at the meeting back to their buildings. The rules were suspended and the vote will take place via an email survey. This survey will be completed by the end of the day on Friday, September 23rd. President Erickson will send information in regards to the Bond Issue to all members. Building Reps will collect information from the members in their building before voting on whether or not MEA should support the Bond Issue.

MEA Representative Council Meeting: September 12, 2011

President Molly Erickson called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

I. Information/Introductions

- A. Change of October meeting from the 10th to the 17th because of conferences.
- B. Bond Issue: Questions for Angelo Passarelli
 - a. Security (done first)
 - i. \$23million
 - ii. High resolution surveillance cameras, buzzer systems, electronic door locks, better lighting, public address system (inside and outside), 12 elementary buildings that are currently open concept will get walls.
 - b. Technology
 - i. \$21million
 - ii. Computer hardware and software will be updated, bandwidth will be increased, interactive white boards will be provided in classrooms that currently don't have them, phone system upgrades.
 - c. Facility Needs
 - i. \$116 million
 - ii. Light sensors, direct digital controls will provide more efficient heating and cooling; old boilers, coolers and chillers also will be replaced; extensive renovations will repair outside walls and roofs at Bryan, Cody, Norris and Montclair; other schools will receive flooring, paint, ceiling repair and new cabinets.
 - d. The district cannot use public funds to support the issue. The district and MEA cannot tell people to vote for the bond issue but they can be told to read up on it. Campaigning for/against the issue on school grounds/through district computers or email accounts is forbidden.
 - e. MEA is being asked to make sure teachers are registered to vote.
 - f. If the bond issue does not pass, the district will have to take money from the general fund. This will mean that staff members won't get increases in salary.
- C. Membership Reminder: Keep membership numbers up to maintain our strong voice with the district. Retaining members and getting new members is key.
- D. Supervision pay is \$25 an hour; tutoring, after school study centers is \$31.25 an hour; principals received this information on September 12th.
- E. Elementary Day: The school board is beginning discussions on tweaking the school day. Per the board packet a couple of districts raised hours so we may have to raise ours.
- F. Do not use school computers/email accounts for unsanctioned MEA business.

- G. Everything you do on your school computer is encrypted by the district; the district is not monitoring every computer, but you are putting yourself at risk if you are using your computer for personal business.

II. **Action Items**

- A. Motion (Royers/Scherbring) to table the vote and suspend the rules and have an electronic vote by Friday, September 23rd so there is time to gather more information on the bond issue and share it with members. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Erin Shirmang-Ward, Secretary