

Millard Education Association
Representative Council Meeting
IN PERSON - Millard Public Schools Foundation Building
(5225 S 159th Ave, Omaha, NE 68135)
September 12th, 2022, 4:30 pm

Meeting called to order at 4:30 p.m.

- I. Presentation: Information Concerning a Possible Levy Override Campaign (Dr. Schwartz, Chad Meisgeier): Staff Levy Override Presentation ~ still in a draft presentation / DSAC wants questions and comments for presentation moving forward. Explanation of levy override vs bond issue. Only 1.09% revenue in 10 years. Selective abandonment helped for a bit. 5th year of first override so decisions need to be made moving forward. Will need override to avoid more selective abandonment conversation. \$.09 is what voters will vote on (ESSER ends, housing market, TEEOSA not fully funded). Levy override creates stability for MPS but there are statutory limits to general fund monies that keep the district from using higher percentages and banking those dollars. State aid revenue dropped from 35.4% to 27.9% which makes us more reliant on property taxes. Staff will need to be careful about what is shared or advocated at work, on district devices, etc. Special election could be held on 2/14/23 via mail-in ballot.
Questions ~
 - *Last bond? 2020, try to keep bonds and levy requests opposite of each other
 - *Teacher shortage addressed with these funds? Without override, hard to stay competitive but will have to be a balance to get community support
 - *How does the dollar amount equate for a homeowner? \$180 on 200k home
 - *Highest and lowest levies? Should be shared
 - *Why do programs continue to be cut even though we had the levy monies? Maybe teachers and community should be reminded of this
 - *Should highlight how levies fund salaries and impact negotiated agreements
- II. Information Items
 - A. District policy on approved items to display in classrooms ~ DSAC wants input. Many complaints are coming in from the public. Does the display support class content and align with district curriculum? Permitted and non-permitted examples shared. Could book challenge policy be applied to display items? Make sure to fill out google form with thoughts.
 - B. Membership
- III. Action Items
 - A. Additional action items?
- IV. Reports

- A. President's Report ~ will be on the ballot! Microgrants due next week.
Foundation staff campaign has started. REA, RW, and SAN for bldg visits this week. MEA endorsing Stacy Jolley and Lisa Schoenberger.
- B. Vice President's Report
- C. Treasurer's Report
- D. NSEA Organizational Specialist Report
- E. Metro Board
- F. NSEA Board

V. Future Agenda Items

Meeting adjourned at 6 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Chris Janovec ~ Recording Secretary