

Millard Education Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
MEA Office  
Omaha, NE  
March 28, 2016

In attendance ~ Paul, Marsha, Deanna, Sabine, Traci, Jill, Jason, Tim, Reynee, Chris  
Absent ~ Mandy

Mtg called to order – 5:39 p.m.

- I. Adoption of the February Board of Directors Minutes ~ moved by Reynee, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jason, approved as submitted ~ no discussion
- II. Adoption of the March 2016 Treasurer's Report ~ moved by Reynee, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jason, approved as submitted ~ no discussion
- III. Information Items
  - A. Membership Update—Marsha – earphones were delivered, positive feedback
  - B. School Board Endorsements for Primary Election
    - a. There are currently seven candidates running, will do candidate interviews for MEA endorsement on 4/20 and 4/25, starting at 6pm
    - b. The seven candidates are: 1) Terry Dale; 2) Mike Pate; 3) Linda Poole; 4) Maris Bentley; 5) Amanda McGill-Johnson; 6) Kara Teri; and 7) Amber Dee Parker.
    - c. Only members of the MEA PAC can serve on the interview team
  - C. DA and RA Delegates
    - a. DA—**Paul Schulte\***, **Marsha Edquist\***, Tim Royers, Erin Shirmang-Ward, Traci Gemberling, Deanna Kuhn, Chris Janovec, Reynee Shanahan, Jill Kimbrough, Kelsey Kummer, Kathie Garabrandt, Amy Thalken, Connie Martin, and Bonnie Patten. **NSEA State Delegates\***
    - b. RA—**Paul Schulte\***, **Marsha Edquist\***, Erin Shirmang-Ward, Jill Kimbrough, Amy Becker, Connie Martin, Kelsey Kummer, and Deanna Kuhn. Still one opening if anyone can attend – need to know by the 10<sup>th</sup>. **NSEA State Delegates\***
  - D. Middle School Director Election ~ ran through last Friday – Bonnie Patten, KMS was elected. The BR Council will ratify the election in April.
  - E. NCUEA Grant Discussion ~ awarded grant in 12/2015 – The MEA received the check in March: looking for millennials to serve on the core team. Need ideas of what new members might be interested in, as well as using some of the money for StormChasers event in the fall – Paul suggests Michael Croaker lead a session on 403b accounts, Young Democrats/Young Republicans on how to be involved politically, how to register to vote...benefits of therapy animals in school setting...other ideas should be sent to Paul, want to try to get one event in yet this year, have millennials contact Paul
  - F. PROCOM Report ~
    - a. Legislative update – LB 1064 put forward by education chair, also has 959 that Tim spoke on and then 958 about property tax; Sullivan can bring forward when she is ready, maybe Wed 4/29
    - b. technology rollout in secondary – filter, lots of glitches, moving away from LightSpeed – a lot of problems for instructors and students accessing sites that shouldn't be blocked
    - c. Creative Common Licensing – will be interesting to see how district will use, will need additional discussions on implementation.
    - d. Additional thoughts: Sutfin received a letter from anti-defamation league executive director in regards to handling Meyer's comments. Want to move on from Paul Meyer because of the negative attention and the need to focus on budget and other MPS issues. Discussion about the world language selective abandonment and not having world language teachers at the table. The committee also discussed the public perception that there were cuts to the music program last year, when in reality the district adjusted the band and strings schedules to maximize the staff and reduced the staff through attrition. The students are still receiving the same amount of time with the music instructors.
- IV. Action Items
  - A. MEA President's Hours ~ motion to accept by Reynee, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jill – no discussion, approved as submitted
  - B. Crystal Apple Award ~ motion to accept KM for 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter award and LG for 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter award by Tim, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deanna – approved
  - C. Additional Action Items? – no other items
- V. Reports
  - A. President's Report
    - a. Paul had a chance to visit Clark County schools in Las Vegas, huge shortages, monthly meetings with senator who runs education committee
    - b. Foundation Hall of Fame nominations and scholarship selection
    - c. NSEA strategic planning meetings in March and April
    - d. Amanda McGill kickoff at Brewsky's 4/29 at 5

- e. DA caucus April 7<sup>th</sup>, more information to come from NSEA
  - f. EC and Mental Health house meeting continuing
  - g. OEA and MEA Joint Board Meeting to discuss plans for EFT rollout
  - h. May BofD meeting may be moved, depending on the end of the school year
- B. Vice-President's Report – NSEA governance task force review mtg 3/6 and have ideas for DA, changes to board structures; DA caucus; good senator dinners
  - C. Treasurer's Report (Financial Statement) – budget mtg 3/21; another budget mtg 4/19; mtg with 1<sup>st</sup> NE Educator's Credit Union – made changes to the CD's as well as adjusted the checking account to earn more interest.
  - D. NSEA Organizing Specialist Report – no report; OS's at training this week
  - E. NSEA/Metro District—next meeting is (NSEA—April 15, 2016) (Metro—Apr 7, 2016—DA Caucus)
  - F. Legislative Report – discussed above
  - G. Committee Reports (GRC, Membership, Elections, Negotiations, Budget)
- VI. Future Agenda Items – none
- Mtg adjourned at 6:52 p.m. ~ Respectfully submitted, Chris Janovec – Recording Secretary