

**Millard Education Association
Representative Council Meeting
Millard Public Schools Foundation
5225 S. 159th Ave.
Monday, May 4, 2015
4:30 p.m.**

Minutes

Attendance:

NAME	BUILDING	NAME	BUILDING
Paul Schulte	President	Marsha Edquist	Vice Pres
Chris Janovec	Rec Secretary	Tim Royers	B of D
Aarron Schurevich	B of D	Sabine Fleshner	B of D
Renee Broesch	Abbott	Lauri Cork	Ackerman
Fran Solomon	Cather	Nitra Arlton-Doyle	Cottonwood
Jaime Johannsen	Disney	Georgia Johnson	Disney
Ally Varner	Hitchcock	Terry Dischler	Montclair
Tonya Dykstra	Sandoz	Brett Struck	Upchurch
Jen Seeger	Wheeler	Gayle Jeffers	Beadle
Amy Thalken	Beadle	Josh Hennagir	Central
Kathie Garabrandt	Central	Patty O'Connor	North Middle
Sharon Williamson	Russell	Kathy Markin	Russell
Dave Patten	North High	Natasha Ludwig Page	West High
Sharon Brown	Retirement Committee		

Mtg called to order ~ 4:33 p.m.

- I. Guest Speakers/Cluster Meetings
- II. Agenda Revisions/Additions
- III. Routine Matters
 - A. Approval of April 2015 Rep Council minutes " approved as submitted
 - B. Approval of Financial Report – Treasurer's Report " approved as submitted
- IV. Information Items
 - A. MEA-Retired Membership and Lunch—Sharon Brown " June 10th, please share with retirees in your bldg – Valentino's on 108th between L and Q - 12 o'clock " call Sharon with questions (402) 350-9873 tjohnbrown@msn.com
 - B. Membership—Marsha " email coming soon about membership meeting in June 2015 to start getting ideas for next year. Hockey is popular, perhaps changes for 1st and 2nd quarters. Watch for email.
 - C. MEA 2015-16 Proposed Budget—Tom " proposing \$5 increase, state proposing increase of \$3 and NEA proposing a \$2 increase. Have tried to maintain \$135 for last 10 years. Local dues for the other two districts that have release time presidents – LEA \$191 and OEA \$178 or more. With a \$10 increase total, it comes out to \$1 a month. Questions " BR council votes. Other info – Vintage Financial concerned about attendance to their sessions and may not sponsor dinner next year. Could impact budget.
 - D. MEA Board of Directors Vacancies " elementary director, high school director, treasurer – interest in the HS Director " Justin Somerfelt – Horizon HS. Interest in treasurer " Jill Krumbrough. Please let Paul know if anyone is interested.
 - E. Metro Board of Directors Vacancy " Josh's seat is open. Please let Paul know if you are interested.
 - F. PROCOM Agenda Items " currently 2 items – report from mental health committee and substitute shortages. Multiple buildings reported a shortage of subs last Friday.
 - G. Foundation Hall of Fame—May 15, 2015 " 7 p.m. Embassy Suites LaVista – let Paul know if you are interested
 - H. Foundation Golf Tourney—June 5, 2015 " shotgun start at noon – 3 others interested? Let Paul know.

- I. Metro District Retreat—June 6, 2015 " Transformation Through Social Justice – 2 trainers from NEA, Ferial Pearson (Secret Agents of Kindness), and other sessions (bullying, LGBTQ, etc.). Please register.
 - J. Stormchasers New Teacher Event—July 23, 2015 " all new teachers invited to meet MEA members and administration & welcome to district. Need 10 to 15 volunteers from MEA. Free ticket and meal.
 - K. MEA New Teacher Luncheon—July 30, 2015 " meet in morning for BR training. Lunch at noon at MWHS. Need representation from all BRs and BofD members. Maybe 10:30 start for training, set up at 11:30. Will confirm via email.
 - L. Other Topics?
- V. Action Items/Unfinished Business
- A. MEA 2015-16 Budget " moved by Paul – discussion – none " called the question – budget passed
 - B. BofD Positions – moved on behalf of elections committee Justin for HS position and Jill for Treasurer – discussion? – none " called the question – motion passed
 - C. Other Action Items? - none

VI. Reports

A. President's Report ~

1. Re: Vintage Financial, has always supported the teachers, they want to provide education for teachers not their products (VSP, wills, retirements, insurance, financial planning) – how do we promote next year? Discussion – two mtgs in fall (weekday and Saturday), two in February (weekday and Saturday); flyer needs to promote their expertise/names with teachers; if not close to retirement – can still attend—better to set up retirement now than later; testimonials from teachers in the district; flyer should emphasize it is more about education aspect; impropriety??? – conflict of interest???; does even half of our group know that Brad Burwell was on the board?; some members chose Vintage Financial because Brad was on the board – could be trusted, educational piece was good, no pressure to sign up with them; retirees feel grateful and appreciative at president's dinner; invite to schools so non-members can hear information too
2. Awards – Friend of Education for Senator Kolowski, Community Partner – Raising Cain's, BR of the Year – Amy Thalken, Rookie of the Year – Alex Luettel
3. Board will vote tonight on last day of school – 5/28 for students 5/29 for teachers – will send email
4. Budget Qsort on 15th – 1.2m cut still need to find 4k to cut

B. Vice President's Report – not much to report, great turnout at delegate assembly

C. Treasurer's Report (Financial Statement) – not available

D. NSEA Organizational Specialist Report –

1. Lots of questions about when and how to address issues with district ~ if you go to a school board mtg, teachers cannot address school board at a meeting – talk to Paul and Mandy about another way to address. Communication is truthful and professional – no problems, if it isn't, troubles start. CALL MANDY or PAUL. Dr. Sutfin willing to have meetings. Can address board as a parent, not a teacher. Remember you are a teacher first when you work for the district.
2. EofY summary – plans of improvement used to mean that the district was trying to get rid of specific teachers ~ things have changed: 100% of teachers on plans kept their jobs this year and 100% have made marked success – no longer a goal to fire or collect documentation to fire. Common issue – being in survival mode every day – lesson plans for one day but not the next ~ Mandy wants to help alleviate via 1:1 or small group work over the summer to look at scope and sequence, managing curriculum, calendar applications, setting up classrooms for effectiveness or organization, apps, etc. Other workshops? – (Classroom Management). Will try to keep the group size to 4 or 5. Mandy will compose a message for BRs.

E. NSEA/Metro Board Report

F. LCCC/Legislative Report – LB 343 defeated by one vote. Today Senator Kolowski tried to amend and attach to another bill. Several senators in metro area decided not to vote.

G. GRC

VII. Attachments

- A. April 2015 BR Council Minutes
- B. April 2015 Financial Statement
- C. April 2015 Board of Directors Minutes
- D. MEA 2015-16 Proposed Budget

VIII. Future Agenda Items

Thanks for a great year! Mtg called at 5:38 p.m.