



MEA UPDATE

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ELECTION EDITION

This is a special edition of the MEA update for elections to the MEA Board of Directors. We have one seat open for high school director and one at-large director. Elections will come to you via email from Survey Monkey the week of March 29th. Voting will close on Monday, April 5th. Please read the following candidate information of the people running and vote!

HIGH SCHOOL DIRECTOR CANDIDATES

Katie McGinness

For the past two years I have been a Building Representative for Millard South. During this time period, I have been looking for ways to become more involved in MEA. Being the High School Board Director will allow me to achieve my goal of becoming a highly involved MEA member. Not only have I been a building representative for two years, but I have attended The NSEA Leadership Workshop and the Delegate Assembly. Currently, I am serving on the ProCom committee, which meets with Dr. Lutz, along with other administrators, every quarter. I believe all of these experiences will help me be an involved and effective Board Director.

Karen Montgomery

I am a school psychologist, running for the position of Secondary Director. I am a member of the MEA and am currently a building representative for my elementary school, Cody. Since there has been a need for greater involvement on the part of MEA members, I decided to run for a leadership position this year. I would like to be a voice for members' concerns and also to advocate for better pay and benefits. I feel that the more involved our members are, the more effective our leaders will be in communicating with administration. I have been a district trainer for the Millard Intervention Team, Crisis Team Member, committee member for gifted assessment, strategic planning committee member and special education assessment committee member as well as participating in many other building activities and groups. I also co-facilitate a parent group for parents of children with ADHD. My current assignment is Cody and Millard North High School. I would very much appreciate your consideration and if elected, will work hard to represent you in the most effective way possible.

Tim Royers

I am a graduate of Millard West, now in my third year of teaching social studies back at my alma matter. I am the assistant debate coach for policy debate at West, and last year I was awarded a James Madison fellowship to complete my MA in History at UNO. To top everything off, my wife and I have a five week old daughter

at home! With all that, I feel I can empathize with a lot of the issues teachers face. I will work tirelessly to advocate for everyone's concerns, and I have three major issues I will press: 1) Providing extra duty pay that actually reflects the time put in to those duties 2) Pushing for more open communication from DSAC to teachers and 3) Working to create meaningful staff development so we feel like we've improved as teachers, not just wasted four hours of our time.

AT-LARGE DIRECTOR CANDIDATES

Sherry Havranek

As a teacher I feel it is vital to be active in our profession and be role models for others, specifically for our students. Standing up and having a voice is something that we are privileged to be able to do, and should utilize to improve ourselves. I previously held an elementary board member position for several years and have a strong background in understanding our association at the local, state and national levels. I have a passion for our career and professionalism. I have taught in Millard for 10 years and understand the needs of teachers. Through my educational experiences I have been very involved at the building and district level and feel I have gained experiences that can strengthen our association and guide it towards the future. I believe teachers are the districts strongest assets and feel we should utilize everyone to build the strongest association possible! Thank you.

Paul Markley

My name is Paul Markley and I am running for the At-Large Director for the MEA Board. Currently, I am a teacher and building rep at Reagan Elementary. I'm looking for more of a leadership role in MEA. After going to Western Regional I have more of a drive to be part of an Association that helps ALL Millard Employees. Being a coach in the high school I get to see and hear from all levels some problems/ issues they are having and some of the amazing things that are going on with this district. For the MEA, I serve as a representative on the communication, budget and extra-duty committees. I want to be on the board so that I can have a say in what's best for all Millard Employees at all levels.

Kim Secora

I am running for the position of At-Large Director. I am a school psychologist and a member of the MEA. This is my 15th year working for MPS, and have always appreciated the high caliber of staff that I have had the pleasure of working with across the district. I am currently assigned to Black Elk Elementary and Holling Heights Elementary. As part of my assignment, I specialize in working with students with behavior disorders. I also serve as the department head for school psychology. I decided to run for a leadership position as a means to become more involved in MEA. I recognize that I have a lot yet to learn about the organization but I am a hard worker and I welcome this new challenge. I appreciate your consideration and if elected, will work hard to represent you to the best of my ability.