

Millard Education Association
Board of Directors Meeting
December 7th, 2009
Omaha, NE

Attending: Molly Erickson- President, Mike Foyt- Vice-President, Tom Whisinnand- Treasurer, Melissa Brendel- Elementary Director, Becky Scherbring- Elementary Director, Jason Weber- Middle School Director, Kathy Gibbs- Middle School Director, Matt Heys- High School Director, Paul Schulte- At-Large Director, Sheryl Shannon- At-Large Director, Mike Wiesen- UniServ Director; Reynee Shanahan- Elementary Director, Chris Carroll- High School Director

Absent: Erin Shirmang-Ward- Recording Secretary

President Molly Erickson called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m.

I. Agenda Revisions/Adoption of Agenda

II. Routine Matters

- A. The minutes were approved electronically prior to the November Building Representative meeting.
- B. Treasurer's Report was approved as submitted.

III. Information Items

- A. Membership prizes – MEA/NSEA purchased door prizes for the Upstream event that were not used. So, the board suggested we do 10 prizes for building reps at the December meeting and 10 prizes for the new members that joined this year.
- B. Date Reminders – HELP Concert on December 18th, BR meeting moved up to the 14th.
- C. Rent Letter – President Erickson received a concerned letter about our support of Rent. The board discussed that we are not so much supporting Rent however we are supporting the teacher and the teacher's decision to perform this show.
- D. Wednesday Follow-Up – President Erickson met with Dr. Lutz and Angelo Passereli last week to discuss this issue. PLC Time is okay as long as that time is used for collaboration and planning. Any other meetings that are scheduled should be okayed with all of those participating. Nothing should be required unless all parties are okay with the meeting.
- E. Policy and Constitution Follow-Up – President Erickson asked if there was any further discussion about the policy and constitution after hearing the discussion at the last BR meeting. There were follow-up questions on the school psych issue and how they should go about bringing their concerns to the next BR meeting. President Erickson explained that the first reading is for clarifying questions and the second reading would be for motions to amend and a vote.
- F. Communications Committee – The second quarter Crystal Apple Award winner is Debrah Sheldon from Cody Elementary.

IV. Action Items

- A. Spring 2010 MEA Teacher Scholarship – The winners for the scholarship:
1-5 years of service: Andrea Comisar and Greg Schwanke
6+ years of service: Darren Myers and Kristen McKinney
Moved (Shannon/Weber) to accept the scholarship winners. Motion carries.
- B. Fall 2009 MEA Teacher Scholarship – Lindsay Petersen was approved for Fall 2009 scholarship but was not taking a class in the fall, she was taking a class in the spring. She had taken classes over the summer. Motion (Scherbring/Schulte) to award the scholarship to Petersen the scholarship for the classes she has already completed. Motion carries.
- C. Constitution Revisions – Moved (Gibbs/Foyt) to recommend the changes to Article XI Committees. Motion carries.
- D. Policy Changes – No policy changes to policies 2400, 2410, 2420, 2430, 2440, 2500

V. Reports

- A. President's Report: 1. NEA Webpage for Teachers (online classes)
<http://connected.waldenu.edu/>
2. Coventry Webpage – Wellness Committee
https://member.cvty.com:443/memberPortalWeb/appmanager/memberPortal/member?nfpb=true&portlet.async=false&pageLabel=external_user_registration_page
3. <http://www.nsea.org/join/benefits/nsea.htm> (NSEA benefit page)
- B. Vice President's Report: Mike Foyt has turned in his paperwork to retire at the end of the year. This will create a vacancy for the second year if his term.
- C. UniServ Report: Mike Weisen discussed that we are dealing with a few member issues at this time. HELP Concert on December 18th at the Slowdown.
- D. Metro District Report: Meets this week and has not met since last months report.
- E. NCUEA Report: Becky Scherbring attended this conference last week. Things are bad around the country so good to know things are going well in Millard. One session discussed models for bad reporting schools. There was discussion about what to do with schools that are not performing well. Many locals have a Facebook page for their local to reach younger members. There was a session on Cultural Awareness. In many states they are looking cultural awareness and what to do about closing achievement gaps. There are many locals that have a BR workshop on how to get them more involved. Some locals have Board training/BR training at a retreat on a Saturday in a hotel. Another idea was giving cash to members who can get someone to join.
- G. GRC Report: GRC – Paul will attend the Govenor's Dinner Jan 11th in Linclon, Brian Mikkelsen, NSEA Director of Political Organizing, will be getting Paul a list of Obama supporters so he can call them to remind them of the Healthcare Concert on December 18th.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Molly Erickson, President