

*Millard Education Association*

**Board of Directors Meeting**

**MEA Office**

**August 30, 2010**

**Omaha, NE**

Attending: Molly Erickson- President, Paul Schulte- Vice-President, Tom Whisinnand- Treasurer, Erin Shirmang-Ward- Recording Secretary, Melissa Brendel- Elementary Director, Becky Scherbring- Elementary Director, Reynee Shanahan- Elementary Director , Kathy Gibbs- Middle School Director, Jason Weber- Middle School Director, Chris Carroll- High School Director, Tim Royers- High School Director, Kim Secora- At-Large Director, Sheryl Shannon- At-Large Director, Mike Wiesen- UniServ Director

Vice- President Paul Schulte called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

**I. Agenda Revisions/Adoption of Agenda**

A. None

**II. Routine Matters**

- A. The minutes from May's meeting were approved electronically.
- B. The Treasurer's Report was approved as submitted.

**III. Information Items**

- A. Review of Retreat Notes: Molly suggested we review the notes at the beginning of each of our Board of Directors meetings to see what we have accomplished and what we need to continue to work on.
- B. NSEA/MEA Lease Agreement: We just signed a new five-year lease with NSEA to rent the MEA's space at the office; the lease agreement allows for a 2 % increase every year until July 1, 2013.
- C. Business Cards: Paul found a website that allows us to get cheap business cards. Tom suggested we use leftover Communications money we had set aside for outreach to cover the cost of the cards. We'll give another gift in the spring during Teacher Appreciation Week. Molly will bring the total cost of the cards to the Representative Council/Building Representative meeting in September.
- D. NEA Conferences, Dates and Locations: NCUEA (National Council for Urban Educations) is December 1-4 in Tulsa, OK; Western Region is January 14-16 in Salt Lake City, UT; Women's Leadership Conference is January 20-22 in Minneapolis, MN. The names of those who want to attend will be drawn next month.

**IV. Action Items/Unfinished Business**

- A. Constitution Revision – Article IX – Elections
  - a. Add Section 6: In the event that one candidate does not receive the majority of the vote (over 50%) there will be a run-off election. The run-off election will include the top two candidates from that race. The run-off election will occur after the elections results have been certified but he representative council. Moved (Whisinnand/Gibbs) to table this allow us time to clarify additional language. Motion carried.

- B. Constitution Revision – Article XI – Committees
  - a. Remove MEA Website and Insurance from Ad Hoc Committees and add Learning Community. Moved (Whisinnand/Carroll) to accept the Constitutional changes. Motion carried.
- C. Drop Requests (Executive Session): Moved (Shannon/Shanahan) to move into executive session at 5:07 p.m. to discuss member drop requests. Moved (Whisinnand/Weber) to return to regular session at 5:20 p.m. Moved (Scherbring/Gibbs) to deny the first drop request and accept requests 2, 3, and 4. Motion carried.
- D. Fall Scholarship: Winners are Jamie Seeman, Katie Hohnstein, Rachel Witt, and Nicole Berryman.
- E. Staff Memorials/Contingency Fund: Member Nancy Vojtech, PE teacher at Rowher, passed away over the summer; we will donate \$25 to Habitat for Humanity in memory of her. Former MEA member Becky Torrens was diagnosed with breast cancer over the summer. Moved (Shirmang-Ward/Brendel) to purchase a plant for Becky. Motion carried.

## **V. Reports**

- A. President's Report: Molly shared that 365 people preregistered for the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Millard Public Schools Foundation STRIDES Walk/Run on August 21<sup>st</sup>, 88 registered the day of, and there were 49 volunteers (35 of which were MEA members); the Foundation hoped to net \$11,000. We will meet in contingency groups at the September BR meeting from 4:15-4:30. Send Molly agenda items for the Professional Committee (ProCom) meeting on Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. Molly is going to start building visits in September.
- B. Vice President's Report: Paul attended the NSEA Alternative Compensation Committee meeting on Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup>. NSEA will collect some data about compensation models and send to locals. There will be a WEB X meeting at 7:00 p.m. on October 6<sup>th</sup> and another meeting is in Grand Island on November 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. Paul congratulated Molly on helping chair the STRIDES walk/run.
- C. UniServ Report: Mike is going to keep track and share how he spends his time in relation to MEA business. Nonmembers need to be contacted by BRs and they must join by October 1<sup>st</sup> to receive legal services.
- D. Metro District/Communications Report: Tom shared that Lindsey Sharon is going to be the new head of the Communications Committee. The Crystal Apple Award nomination form has been shortened significantly; encourage members to nominate their colleagues. The Metro District is working on getting more members involved in the Learning Community Coordinating Council; they are also interested in tracking membership trends. The MEA participated in the Millard Days parade; seven members attended and handed out 800 boxes of crayons and markers.
- E. GRC Report: The committee met to tweak and approve the survey for school board candidates. They will be interviewed on Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup>.
- F. LCCC/Legislative Report: Elementary learning centers are up and running in Districts 2 and 5. They voted on August 26<sup>th</sup> to approve budget and common levy of 95 cents.
- G. Membership Report: Melissa shared that the Membership Committee will be meeting after the September 13<sup>th</sup> BR meeting at Sam and Louie's at 180<sup>th</sup> and Q. Our current

membership is 1158 which includes seven Cadre members. We had 150 new hires, 61 have joined. 10 nonmembers with two years or more experience have joined. We had 1194 members last year.

**VI. Future Agenda Items**

A. Constitution Revision Article IX

The meeting was adjourned at 6: 30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Erin Shirmang-Ward, Secretary