

*Millard Education Association*

**Board of Directors Meeting**

**MEA Office**

**March 9, 2010**

**Omaha, NE**

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

Absent: Becky Scherbring- Elementary Director

President Molly Erickson called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

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

- A. None

**II. Routine Matters**

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

**III. Information Items**

- A. Elections Report/Delegate Assembly and Representative Assembly
  - a. Elections: Multiple nominees will be on the ballot for the open High School Director position and the one year remaining on Paul Schulte's At-Large position.
  - b. Delegate Assembly: 24 people can attend April 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> in Lincoln. Let Molly know if you're interested in attending.
  - c. Representative Assembly: Eight people can attend June 30<sup>th</sup>-July 7<sup>th</sup> in New Orleans. Let Molly know if you are interested in attending.
- B. MEA Meeting Days: Molly suggested moving the MEA Board of Directors meetings to the Fourth Monday of the month and moving the Representative Council meetings to the second Monday of the month. All attending Board members agreed to the change. The new schedule will begin in the fall.
- C. Results of BR Survey: Molly shared the results of the survey. We got great feedback on what we are doing well and what we can do better.
- D. Article VI: The school psychologists have an issue, and they gone have through the proper channels to address it. Building Reps will have the chance to discuss, debate, and vote on the issue at the March Representative Council meeting.

**IV. Action Items**

- A. Constitution Revision: Article VII and VIII: Moved to the end of the agenda without objection.
- B. Budget: Treasurer Tom Whisinnand presented the budget. Moved (Heys/Gibbs) to take the proposed budget to the BRs. Motion carried.

**V. Reports**

- A. President's Report: ProCom met last week and discussed increasing elementary hours; six options were presented to the School Board at the March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting for discussion. Learning Community update: The in-district transfer deadline was February 15<sup>th</sup>, the out of district transfer deadline is March 15<sup>th</sup>, so we should know final numbers by April 15<sup>th</sup>. Legislative update: LB 1006 involves the kindergarten age cut-off; it would move from October to July for the 2012-2013 school year. Budget issues: Millard got an increase in state aid (\$7 million) and lost money (\$6 million) to the Learning Community. Principals should be discussing results of the Gallup engagement survey

- with the teachers in their buildings.
- B. Vice President's Report: Mike Foyt reported that some teachers at his building don't feel they are getting all the information they should from their building's Gallup survey. Molly shared that building principals were trained on what to share and how to share it. Mike felt it may make more sense if someone from the Board Office went through the data rather than principals.
  - C. UniServ Report: LB 1071 is the tuition reimbursement bill. Teacher action is needed immediately; it can't go into effect until the State board acts; they can't act until 30 days after the bill is signed into law. Contact speaker Flood and your state senator to get the bill onto the floor so it can be signed by the governor. Email senators on your own time and from your personal email account. Nominations are being collected for the NSEA New Leader Institute in June.
  - D. Metro District/Communications Report: No update at this time.
  - E. GRC Report: No update at this time. NSEA is purchasing tickets for Molly and guests to attend a breakfast for American Cancer Society; state senators will be attending.
  - F. LCCC Report: Matt Heys gave us an update. Transportation may be an issue for districts. Superintendents are concerned about testing and how student growth can be measured when students move from district to district when curriculums change.

## **VI. Unfinished Business**

Molly proposed we move Constitution Revisions to our April agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Erin Shirmang-Ward, Secretary