

*Millard Education Association*

**Board of Directors Meeting**

**MEA Office**

**April 25, 2011**

**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, Kim Secora- At-Large Director, Sheryl Shannon- At-Large Director, Mike Wiesen- UniServ Director

Absent: Tim Royers- High School Director

Vice- President Paul Schulte called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

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

- A. Move UniServ Report to the start of the Agenda.

**II. Routine Matters**

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

**III. Information Items**

- A. Proposed Meeting Dates for 2011-2012
  - a. Building Representative
  - b. Board of Directors
- B. Delegate Assembly Report:
  - a. The budget was passed and it included a \$5 dues increase. A \$10 special assessment also passed.
  - b. There were a number of contested races. Winners: President: Nancy Fulton, Vice-President: Leann Wildhelm, NEA Directors: John Heineman and Jenni Absalon
  - c. There was a proposal from the NSEA-Retired to have a voting position on the NSEA Board of Directors. It was defeated.
- C. Instructional Time Update:
  - a. Elementary hours will increase because they are currently one of the lowest in the state.
  - b. The middle school day will likely increase 15 minutes.
  - c. The high school day will most likely stay the same but there may be changes to flex hours.
  - d. Molly doesn't anticipate that more student days will be added.
- D. Budget Update:
  - a. Minus the STRIDES money, we are close to a zero balance.
- E. Ad-Hoc Building Committee Update:
  - a. This committee will be started in the fall.

- b. We plan on making a list of pros and cons of owning our own space before moving forward.
- F. Negotiations (Executive Session):
  - a. Moved (Weber/Shanahan) to go into Executive Session at 5:25 p.m. Motion carried.
  - b. Moved (Whisinnand/Gibbs) to exit Executive Session at 5:53 p.m. Motion carried.

#### **IV. Action Items/Unfinished Business**

- A. Teacher Summer 2011 Scholarships
  - a. 1-5 Years: Anna Butler, Amanda Gentry, Jessica Zavadil
  - b. 6+ Years: Julie Jernstrom
  - c. Moved (Whisinnand/Scherbring) to accept the scholarship winners. Motion carried.
- B. Instructional Time Response
  - a. Moved by the Board of Directors to have Molly share the following at her meeting with the district on April 28<sup>th</sup>: “Best educational practices indicate that these changes would be optimum for student achievement: Add 30 minutes at the beginning of the Elementary day; add 15 minutes at the end of the Middle School day; and maintain the High School day. Teacher hours would not change as a result of adding instructional time.” Motion carried.

#### **V. Reports**

- A. President’s Report:
  - a. The MEA picnic is on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at Chalco Hills Recreation area from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
  - b. The President’s Dinner is on Sunday May 1<sup>st</sup> at Shadow Ridge Country Club.
- B. Vice-President’s Report (Paul Schulte): No report
- C. UniServ Report (Mike Wiesen):
  - a. The state aid bill advanced to the governor.
  - b. School groups met with the governor to discuss the Commission of Industrial Relations. Governor Heineman doesn’t think enough concessions have been made.
  - c. Mike spent two weeks in Wisconsin trying to keep their members engaged and active as they lose collective bargaining rights.
  - d. The MEA needs to increase membership to help combat the issues potentially facing us as we deal with the changes in the CIR.
- D. Metro District (Tom Whisinnand): No report
- E. LCCC/Legislative Report (Matt Heys):
  - a. The LCCC voted to use funds taken from the Elementary Learning Centers budget to combat truancy.
  - b. District 4 is meeting on Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>.
- F. Communications Committee- Spring into Reading Update:
  - a. We were able to purchase 1900 books for \$1700 from Scholastic.
  - b. The Storm Chasers game is on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>.
- G. Membership Committee- New Teacher Lunch/Membership Drive

- a. The New Teacher Lunch is on August 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- b. The next Membership meeting is Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 at the MPSF office.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Erin Shirmang-Ward, Secretary