

Millard Education Association

Board of Directors Meeting

MEA Office

March 28, 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, Tim Royers- High School Director, Kim Secora- At-Large Director, Sheryl Shannon- At-Large Director

Absent: Mike Wiesen- UniServ Director

Ann Giebler and John Smith from AFLAC shared highlights from their program.

Vice- President Paul Schulte called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

I. Agenda Revisions/Adoption of Agenda

A. None

II. Routine Matters

A. The minutes from the February meeting were approved electronically.

B. The Treasurer's Report was approved as submitted.

III. Information Items

A. President's Dinner Awards (Rookie, Friend of Ed, BR, Teacher of the Year):

a. Rookie: Henry "Hank" Plugge, 6th grade Reading/English at Kiewit

b. Friend of Education: Dr. Vicki Kaspar

c. Building Rep: Reps from MWHS

d. Teacher of the Year: Bonnie Skaff

B. Negotiations Update (Executive Session):

a. Moved (Weber/Royers) to go in to Executive Session at 5:50 p.m. Motion carried.

b. Moved (Weber/Royers) to exit Executive Session at 6:57 p.m. Motion carried.

IV. Action Items/Unfinished Business

A. Proposed Policy 2310: Moved (Whisinnand/Shannon) to take the language regarding the President's phone policy to the BRs. Motion carried.

B. STRIDES: Moved (Shannon/Scherbring) to use \$5000 to be a presenting sponsor for the 2011 STRIDES 5K Walk/Run. Motion carried.

C. Proposed Building Committee: Moved (Whisinnand/Weber) to create an Ad-Hoc Committee do research to look into purchasing office space for MEA in Millard. Motion carried.

- D. Proposed 2011-2012 Budget: Moved (Whisinnand/Brendel) to take the budget to the BRs. Motion carried.

V. Reports

A. President's Report:

- a. NEA Vice-President Lily Eskelson's husband passed away. The Board of Director's approved contributing \$25 to a scholarship fund.
- b. Molly sent thank you notes to state senators Steve Lathrop and Rich Pahls for attending a meeting with the Board of Directors on March 21st.

B. Vice-President's Report: The DA Metro Caucus meeting is on Thursday, April 7th at 6:00 p.m. at Lo Sole Mio.

C. UniServ Report:

- a. Beginning April 1st we can start our early enrollment membership period. We can contact those non-members in our buildings before school gets out for the summer. Since it will be for the 2011-2012 membership year, we can apply for funds from the NEA membership grant to support our efforts. We are down 200 members state-wide for this year. This has a financial impact on the NSEA. In tough economic times, our most valuable asset is our job and our membership helps to protect that asset.
- b. NSEA is supporting the CIR compromise bill. More specifics will be released when it leaves committee. We may be asking for members to contact their senators on this issue.
- c. LB235 is the state aid bill. The education committee is recommending state aid of \$822 million, the appropriations committee is recommending \$812 million, and the governor asked for \$810 million. We need to keep that number as high as possible. Contact your senator.
- d. LB 84 was advanced on the floor late last week. This bill would divert \$120 million per year for the next 20 years to be used for highway construction. The NSEA will begin a campaign this week to inform Nebraskans why this is not the time for this. Nebraska ranks in the top 10 for state highway funds, but ranks 50th in funding for K-12 education. It is urgent that members contact their senators on this bill.

D. Metro District:

- a. There was a discussion on transparency that will be brought to delegates at Delegate Assembly.
- b. Other issues discussed consisted of the UniServe raise last year that members didn't have much input on and putting the Metro District agenda online before meetings.

E. LCCC/Legislative Report:

- a. District 4 met on March 24th.
- b. Ted Stilwell is the new CEO of the LCCC and attended the meeting.
- c. Elkhorn and Millard gave updates on what their Elementary Learning Centers will look like this summer.
- d. Elkhorn and Millard stated they would not be able to support the truancy bill (LB 463) if it meant that the LCCC would have more power. The main issue

is that the truancy bill is an unfunded mandate that the Douglas and Sarpy County taxpayers are being asked to pay for through the LCCC.

F. Communications Committee:

- a. The Crystal Apple winner is Tim Lucien at Millard South.
- b. The Committee selected Bonnie Skaff as Teacher of the Year.
- c. Molly ordered books from Scholastic for “Spring in to Reading”.
- d. May 7th is the Omaha Storm Chasers night out.

G. Membership Committee: The all member picnic is scheduled for Saturday, April 30th at Chalco Hills.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Erin Shirmang-Ward, Secretary