

*Millard Education Association*  
**Board of Director's Meeting**  
**MEA Office**  
**October 30, 2012**

Attending: Paul Schulte, President; Marsha Edquist, Vice-President; Erin Shirmang-Ward, Secretary; Tom Whisinnand, Treasurer; Melissa Brendel, Elementary Director; Chris Janovec, Elementary Director; Jason Boatwright, Middle Level Director; Kendra Kortus, Middle Level Director; Tim Royers, High School Level Director; Cama Charlet, At-Large Director; Reynee Shanahan, At-Large Director, Jackee Wise, UniServ

Unexcused: Connie Mills, High School Level Director

Vice-President Edquist called the meeting to order at 5:22 p.m.

- I. Adoption of the Board of Directors September 25, 2012 minutes
- II. Information Items
  - a. Membership Update (Marsha and Melissa)
    - i. There are currently 1095 members; we are down 41 from last year.
    - ii. Prizes will be given to buildings that increased membership.
    - iii. Lowest membership is among teachers with 1-5 years of service.
    - iv. People can continue joining MEA but will not have access to legal services.
    - v. New hires have 60 days to join and receive full coverage.
    - vi. Members of the Board of Directors should wear their shirts on BR meeting dates and Board of Directors meeting dates so staff in their buildings can see who they are.
    - vii. The Membership Committee will survey members to determine what activities they are interested in participating in.
    - viii. We need to figure out how to better advertise and recruit members to participate in MEA activities.
  - b. ProCom agenda items for December
    - i. RTI+I equity: differences between elementary and secondary
    - ii. Social Studies curriculum cycle
    - iii. Talk to buildings to see what issues need to be addressed.
  - c. Crystal Apple Award
    - i. Tom is going to chair this committee.
    - ii. MEA needs to acknowledge and publicize the good things teachers are doing.
    - iii. Coordinate with the Millard Business Association
  - d. First National Bank (Kendra)
    - i. The Nebraska Educational Savings Trust has student scholarships available.
    - ii. Kendra will invite the representative to speak at the December Board of Directors meeting.
  - e. Negotiations Conference
    - i. Compared to other districts, Millard is sitting pretty due to the fact we have protocol regarding negotiations.
    - ii. A number of other metro districts don't have VSP in their contracts; instead it's in board policy and can be changed without negotiation.
- III. Reports
  - a. President
    - i. Paul participated in mock interviews for students at Millard South.
    - ii. Senator Kerrey's town hall meeting is tonight at MWHS.
    - iii. Rick Kolowski is having a rally at Boulder Creek on Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Volunteers are needed to walk neighborhoods on Saturday and Sunday.
    - iv. MEA secretary, Mary Jo Warren, and UniServ Director, Jackee Wise, will be retiring August 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - b. Vice-President
    - i. Marsha, Paul, Cama, and Reynee met with State Board of Education members.
  - c. Treasurer (Financial Statement)

- i. Tom suggested we move our funds from US Bank to First Nebraska Educators Credit Union or First National Bank. He'll do some homework to see which would be the best deal for us.
- d. UniServ
  - i. October issue of The Voice
    - 1. There is information on the Children's Fund.
    - 2. There is an article on being recorded in building classrooms and halls (the district can do this).
- e. NSEA/Metro District
  - i. NSEA:
    - 1. Molly Erickson resigned from the NSEA Board of Directors so her position is open.
  - ii. Metro District
    - 1. The next meeting is Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at the MEA office.
    - 2. There will be a discussion on charter schools following the meeting.
- f. LCCC/Legislative Report
  - i. LCCC
    - 1. None
  - ii. Legislative Report
    - 1. None
- g. Committee Reports
  - i. Membership
    - 1. See above.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Erin Shirmang-Ward, Secretary