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# Warren Education Association, MEA/NEA

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## Congress Minutes

Carter Middle School  
Monday

March 3, 2008  
4:15 p.m.

*For your information the following is a summary of affirmative actions taken by the WEA Congress at its March 3, 2008 meeting. These minutes are unofficial until approved by Congress at its next regular scheduled meeting.*

**Zone Reports:** Vote counters are needed after school on March 6, 2008 for the WEA March General Elections and Region Six Election.

### **Adoption of Agenda:**

MOTION: To adopt agenda as written.

Bietler/Sikoski

MOTION CARRIED

### **Approval of Minutes:**

MOTION: To adopt the minutes of February 4, 2008 as written.

Weston/Cafagna

MOTION CARRIED

**Treasurer's Report:** As written.

**Trustees Report:** Josh Weston

1. Trustees discussed the WEA March General Elections and the Region Six Election.

### **Committee Reports**

1. Grievance & Arbitration: Step II grievance has been resolved. No new grievances. Arbitration moving forward, setting date for hearing with selected arbitrator.
2. IMPACT:
  - a. Recent Legislation: Legislation brought forward to raise the drop-out age to 18.
  - b. MEAPAC Drive Update: We are currently at 89 percent participation. 16 more contributions are needed to reach our goal of 90 percent participation. Contribution by payroll deduction is no longer available for this school year. Building reps were given a list of members in their building who have not contributed. Building reps asked to contact non-contributors at their buildings.
  - c. School Board Election: IMPACT has endorsed incumbent John Green and Cliff Terry in this year's school board race.
3. Public Relations:
  - a. Bowling for Scholars: The PR Committee is organizing a bowling fundraiser to benefit a new scholarship program that is currently in the process of being set up by the WEA. Reserve April 25, 2008 for bowling fun.
4. Delegations
  - a. MEA Board of Directors: J. Fielbrandt. The next meeting will be held March 13 & 14, 2008. The main topics of discussion will be the MEA budget and fighting privatization.
  - b. Region Six: Election to be held March 4, 5 & 6. Two Board of Director seats are open.
  - c. MEA Spring Representative Assembly: To be held April 25 & 26, 2008.
5. Curriculum Steering Committee (CSC): Funds are depleted.
6. Professional Staff Development (PSD): Few funds remain. Members may receive \$300 for conferences. Six or seven slots remain.

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7. Student Proficiency Advisory Board (SPAB): The sub-committees continue to meet.
8. Building Issues: Members are experiencing difficulties with copy equipment, paper shortage and classroom maintenance.

### **President's Report**

1. March Elections: President Naski reviewed procedures for the WEA March General and Region Six Elections.
2. Board Paid Annuity: President Naski advised that **all** members must inform the district of their choice of carrier before June 30, 2008. The forms to do so were sent by email to every member. If they have not completed the form by June 30, 2008, they will forfeit the 1.0% contribution for this year.
3. Common Calendar: Local MEA leaders continue to discuss this issue with the MISD superintendent.
4. NCLB: Highly Qualified Teacher: All members must re-certify their Highly Qualified status, due to revisions in the state's application form.
5. New Teacher Reception: Building reps will be emailed the names of new members who have not responded to an invitation by the WEA office, and are asked to encourage these members to attend.
6. Coaches Advancement Program (CAP): A second offering of CAP I sessions is scheduled for April 21 & 23. Members who sign up for these sessions will not have to pay registration fees.
7. Elementary Report Cards: President Naski requested that problems with the report card system be reported to him by email. Details of the problems should be sent to office@warrenea.org.
8. District Central Bank (DCB): Due to high usage of the DCB, all tenured members will have an additional sick day taken from their personal account to fund the bank. These days will then be matched by the district per the contract.

### **New Business**

#### **Attendance:**

*Trustees:* Lisa Sikoski, John Cafagna, Josh Weston, Jon Fielbrandt

*RA Delegates:*

#### **Zone I**

Brent Grawburg  
Robin Mercier  
Michelle Przybylo  
Audri McEnaney  
Beverly Lanni  
Nancy Kozlowski  
Cheryl Busquaert  
David Wilson  
Sandra Brioc

#### **Zone II**

Paul Roodbeen  
Dawn Jenkins  
Christy Stone  
Sandy Newell  
Delphine Gallagher

#### **Zone III**

Don Bietler  
Ryan Kay  
Kevin Bullis  
Michelle Herndon  
Josh Weston  
Eric Walivaara  
Dawn Brodi  
Eric Wachterhauser  
Dan Barterian  
Christine Dewey

#### **Zone IV**

Suzette Taylor  
Marilyn Clarke  
Sue Flis  
Karen Abella  
Frank Marberg  
Heather Grimm  
Liz Zachary

Adjournment: 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Eisenberger,  
WEA Office Secretary