
Warren Education Association, MEA/NEA

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Congress Minutes

Ukrainian Cultural Center
Monday

October 5, 2009
4:00 p.m.

For your information the following is a summary of actions taken by the WEA Congress at its October 5, 2009 meeting. These minutes are unofficial until approved by Congress at its next regular scheduled meeting.

Zone Caucus

Zone Reports:

1. Zone I: Members want to know who is in charge of the SYSOP duties now that the job has been eliminated. Problems with transition time between specials with no rooms. Cleanliness and curriculum problems continue. Issues with grade keeping for reading readiness students.
2. Zone II: Problems with lack of text books, computer lab time, ELL placement, social studies and science curriculums and cleanliness of rooms.
3. Zone III: There are issues with FERPA and heating and cooling in the building.
4. Zone IV: There are not enough materials for science classes and problems with Data Director and lab safety. Some classes have 38 students, which violates fire safety rules.

Adoption of Agenda: As written
Carpenter/Callender

MOTION CARRIED

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION: To adopt the minutes of September 14, 2009 as written.
Alred/Weston

MOTION CARRIED

Treasurer's Report: Building Reps received a copy of the 2009-2010 Budget and Program.

Trustees Report: Trustees reviewed and approved the 2009-2010 Budget and Program

Committee Reports

1. Grievance & Arbitration
 - a. Arbitration: The Psychologist Assignment arbitration will be held on November 6, 2009.
2. IMPACT:
 - a. Recent Legislation: The health care bill (HB5345) introduced by State Rep Andy Dillion which would lump all state employees under one health care provider resulting in a loss of collective bargaining rights was discussed. The State has not yet approved a K-12 budget.
 - b. 2009-2011 MEAPAC Drive: 70 percent of the membership has participated. Green Acres, Grissom, Butcher and the Consultants at the Ad. Bldg. all have 100 percent participation.
 - c. Bond Election: WCS is seeking a bond during the November elections. Building Reps were given enough Friend-to-Friend postcards for each member in their buildings. It is requested that every member address the postcards to a friend or relative who lives in the district, then return the cards to the WEA office for mailing.
3. Public Relations
 - a. American Education Week: This year's theme is, "Public Education: A National Treasure."
 - 1) Poster Contest: Will be held again this year. Flyers to be sent home with students should arrive in the buildings shortly. WEA PR Building Reps will receive instructions on how to proceed with the contest.
 - b. Harbinger: To be distributed this month.
4. Delegations:
 - a. MEA Board of Directors: Update of last meeting.
 - b. Region Six: Next meeting to be held on October 19, 2009 at Anchor Bay Middle School.
 - c. MEA Representative Assembly: To be held Saturday, November 7, 2009.
5. Curriculum Steering Committee (CSC): Members are reminded to follow procedures when requesting funds. Forms are to be sent to Kelly Juronoc at Susick. At least two weeks time is needed to process requests.
6. Professional Staff Development (PSD): Sue Flis reminded members to submit their requests no later than two weeks prior to a conference. Forms are to be sent to Cassandra Grande. There are still funds remaining. If principals tell members that they have no funds for conferences, members can still use PSD and CSC funds.
7. Itinerant Concerns: Problems with getting prep time was discussed.

President's Report

1. District Central Bank (DCB): We started the year with 3,193 days in the bank.
2. Open Enrollment: October 16, 2009 deadline
 - a. Health Insurance
 - b. Life Insurance
 - c. Medical or Dependent Care Savings Plan
 - d. Add or remove dependents
3. KALPA: Members must sign-up prior to attending training.
4. 2009-2010 WEA Budget and Program: Discussion of the Budget and Program.
5. October Elections: Nominations for the following positions will be taken at today's Congress.
 - a. Election Dates: October 19 & 20, 2009
 - b. Voting Rosters and Procedures: Discussion of procedures for the October WEA Election.

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New Business

1. MOTION: To approve the 2009-2010 Budget and Program.
Weston/Alred MOTION CARRIED
2. NOMINATIONS
 - a. Nominations for Zone I Elementary Trustee for a two year term.
(Elementary buildings west of Van Dyke)
MOTION: To nominate Karen Kuciel for Zone I Elementary Trustee
Taylor
MOTION: To nominate Jessica Kuhn for Zone I Elementary Trustee.
Petty
 - b. Nominations for Zone II High School Trustee for a two year term.
MOTION: To nominate Bob Callender for Zone III Trustee.
Carpenter
MOTION: To close nominations for Zone III Trustee and elect Bob Callender by acclamation.
Fielbrandt/Weston MOTION CARRIED
 - c. Nominations for IMPACT Trustees: 5 seats for a two year term
MOTION: To nominate Jon Fielbrandt for IMPACT Trustee, two year term.
Bietler
MOTION: To nominate John Cafagna for IMPACT Trustee, two year term.
Toy
MOTION: To nominate Jason Carpenter for IMPACT Trustee, two year term.
Callender
MOTION: To nominate Josh Weston for IMPACT Trustee, two year term.
Grimm
MOTION: To nominate Fern Cohen for IMPACT Trustee, two year term.
Abella
MOTION: To nominate Jean Wenner for IMPACT Trustee, two year term.
Mercier
MOTION: To nominate Christine Lewis for IMPACT Trustee, two year term.
Callender
 - d. Nominations for IMPACT Trustees: 1 seat for the remaining one year of a two year term.
MOTION: To nominate Christine Lewis for IMPACT Trustee, one year remaining on a two year term.
Flis
MOTION: To nominate Jean Wenner for IMPACT Trustee, one year remaining on a two year term.
Przybylo

Attendance:

Trustees: Jessica Kuhn, Lisa Sikoski, Bob Callender, John Cafagna, Josh Weston, Jon Fielbrandt

Zone I

Joann Klein
Jane Weyhrauch
Robin Mercier
Michelle Przybylo
Janet Langevin
Dennis Surgalski
Delphine Gallagher
Audri Szilagy
Rose Petty
Mary O'Niell
Tanya Norkiewicz
Bev Lanni
Tonya Coffin
Yvonne Razoock
Karen Kuciel
Cheryl Busquaert
Jennifer Lelli
Tih Penfil
Marian Cardamore
Kelly Juronoc
David Wilson
Dawn Jarman
MaryAnn Stowers
Sandra Brioc

Zone II

Debra Lariviere
Lisa Koziara
Stacey Ary
Norm David
Erika Tokarz
Dave Mangune
Kate Indyk
Joanna Landry
Katie Rose
Christy Stone
Marijo Belt
Sandy newell
Helen Silverstein
Karyn Kechechian
Stephanie Levine
Jan Schwarb

Zone III

Jason Swords
Andrea Bentley
Bob Callender
Michelle Herndon
Josh Weston
Jason Carpenter
Marla Otterbacher
Ryan Kay
Jill Alred
Christine Lewis
Ron Texter
Eric Walivaara
Eric Wachterhauser
Don Bietler
Marie Huggins
Linda Opipari
Thomas Thomas
Paulette Brockington
Michael Savage
Dan Barterian
Ron Stratton
Scot Acre

Zone IV

Leah Scheible
Suzette Taylor
Krintin Chudo
Jason Kuszpit
Emily Toy
Sue Flis
Holly Roper
Karen Abella
Mary Jo Kerr
Jessica Wendt
Robert Delicato
Lisa Stabile
Bob Lieberman
Danielle McLean
Heather Grimm
Marilyn Clarke

Adjournment: 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer K.N. Miller
Executive Director
Warren and Fitzgerald Coordinating Council