
Warren Education Association, MEA/NEA

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Congress Minutes

Carter Middle School
Monday

November 2, 2009
4:15 p.m.

For your information the following is a summary of actions taken by the WEA Congress at its November 2, 2009 meeting. These minutes are unofficial until approved by Congress at its next regular scheduled meeting.

Zone Caucus

Zone Reports:

1. Zone I: Discussions on lack of text books, no speech pathologist at Jefferson, assessment, lesson plans and Data Director.
2. Zone II: Discussion on stress and morale issues, report cards and Data Director.
3. Zone III: Discussion on district writing prompts, Data Director and Power School.
4. Zone IV: Discussion on grading. Also discussed class size in Tech Ed. and Food classes.

Adoption of Agenda: As written
Weston/Alred

MOTION CARRIED

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION: To adopt the minutes of October 5, 2009 as written.
Fielbrandt/Alred

MOTION CARRIED

Treasurer's Report: As written.

Trustees Report:

1. Election Results: Building Reps were given the October Election Results to be posted in each building.

Committee Reports

1. Grievance & Arbitration
 - a. Arbitration: Three new grievances were filed and resolved. The Psychologist Assignment arbitration will be held on November 6, 2009.
2. IMPACT:
 - a. Recent Legislation: Should the State budget cuts and removal of the 20j funds stand, WCS may lose \$8.7 million.
 - b. Election 2009: The WEA is holding a phone bank in support of the WCS Bond issue. Building Reps were given list of MEA endorsed school board candidates in other districts to post for members.
 - c. 2009-2011 MEAPAC Drive: 93 percent of the membership has participated. For the first time two high schools have 100 percent participation. They are Cousino and Warren Mott. Beer, Butcher, Carleton, Cromie, Harwood, Holden, Green Acres, Grissom, Butcher and the Consultants at the Ad. Bldg. also have 100 percent participation.
3. Public Relations
 - a. American Education Week: November 16-20, 2009. This year's theme is, "Public Education: A National Treasure."
 - b. TGIF: To be held November 20, 2009 at Rosie O'Gradys.
 - c. Parent Teacher Conferences
 - 1) Bookmark: Elementaries will receive a bookmark which lists recommended books for elementary students.
 - d. Poster Contest
 - 1) Poster Deadlines: Entries must be submitted to student's teacher by November 9th. Buildings will select **one winner at each grade level** by November 11th. Winning posters must then be turned into the WEA office by November 13th.
 - 2) Awards Ceremony: To be held December 2, 2009 at WCS Board of Education Meeting. Members are encouraged to volunteer to attend the ceremony beginning at 6:30 p.m.
4. Delegations:
 - a. MEA Board of Directors: Next meeting to be held November 6, 2009. The MEA budget will be discussed.

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- b. MEA Representative Assembly: To be held Saturday, November 7, 2009. The WEA will be sending a full delegation.
- c. Region 6: Next meeting to be held December 7, 2009.
- 5. Curriculum Steering Committee (CSC):
 - a) 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. Principals cannot deny member the right to attend a conference based on the anticipation that funds will be cut from CSC. Funds for both CSC and PSD are provided for by the contract.
 - b) An application to apply for CSC funds can be found online at <http://www.wcs.k12.mi.us/csc/>. This online application must be filled out completely, printed, signed by your administrator and sent to Kelly Juronoc at Susick Elementary.
- 6. Professional Staff Development (PSD):
 - a) 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.
 - b) To apply for PSD funds:
 - 1. Obtain a *Conference Authorization Form* from your building secretary.
 - 2. Complete the form, including your ID # (not Social Security #) and have it signed by your immediate supervisor.
 - 3. Make a copy of the conference brochure, including conferences fees, and attach to conference form.
 - 4. Send the *Conference Authorization Form* and a copy of the brochure to Cassandra Grande, c/o PSD, Admin. Building.
 - 5. Once you've received written notice of approval, you may register for the conference.
- 7. Itinerant Concerns: Discussion of issues with REED forms.

President's Report

- 1. New Member Celebration: To be held Thursday, November 12, 2009 at Buddy's Pizza in Warren.
- 2. PLC Time: PLC time is not to be used for inservice.
- 3. Assessment Calendar: The latest is dated October 26, 2009.
- 4. H1N1 Virus: The district will follow the same procedures as are used for the seasonal flu.
- 5. Report Cards
 - a. Open report card window: Monday, November 2, 2009.
 - b. End report card window: Wednesday, November 11, 2009.
- 6. Secondary Resource Room Issues: Resource Room Issues Teachers cannot tutor or test during instructional time.
- 7. Elementary Curriculum Concerns/Data Director: Members are asked to contact the WEA office with specifics on their concerns. They will then be taken to the administration.

New Business

Attendance:

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

Zone I

John Rubicz
Robin Mercier
Michelle Przybylo
Kristen Posthumus
Joe Dagnes
Delphine Gallagher
Rose Petty
Mary O'Neill
Tonya Coffin
Renee Orow
Cheryl Busquaert
David Wilson

Zone II

Debra Lariviere
Lisa Koziara
Paul Roodbeen
Dave Mangune
Christy Stone
Sandy Newell
Stephanie Levine

Zone III

Jason Swords
Nancy Wayne
Andrea Bentley Cracko
Bob Callender
Michelle Herdon
Josh Weston
Marla Otterbacher
Jill Alred
Ron Stratton
Scot Acre

Zone IV

Suzette Taylor
Kristin Chudo
Dale Knowlton
Jason Kuspit
Emily Toy
Sue Flis
Holly Roper
Karen Abella
Heather Grimm
Mike Hindee

Adjournment: 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Eisenberger,
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Warren and Fitzgerald Coordinating Council