
Warren Education Association, MEA/NEA

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Board of Trustees

MINUTES

WEA Office
Monday

April 24, 2006
1:00 p.m.

For your information the following is a summary of affirmative actions taken by the WEA Board of Trustees at its April 24, 2006 meeting. These minutes are unofficial until approved by the Trustees at their next regular scheduled meeting.

Present: Jon Fielbrandt, Josh Weston, Bob Callender, John Cafagna, Carolyn Kiertanis, Lisa Sikoski, Judy Locher.

Absent: Bob Naski.

Adopt Agenda:

MOTION: To adopt agenda as presented.

Weston/Callender

MOTION CARRIED

Approve Minutes

MOTION: To approve minutes of March 20, 2006 as written.

Weston/Callender

MOTION CARRIED

Reports

1. Correspondence: None.
2. Grievance and Arbitration Update: No new grievances have been filed.
3. Political Action
 - a. Update on Legislation
 - 1) High School Graduation Requirements: The Governor signed into legislation increased high school graduation requirements.
 - 2) Pupil Protection Laws: The Governor signed into law amendments. One of the new amendments now requires that the only names that can be disclosed to the public are those convicted for physical and/or sexual abuse and felonies.
 - b. MEAPAC Voluntary Contribution Drive: The Warren EA and Fitzgerald EA Coordinating Council is the only one in the state to receive the MEA Golden Apple Award for achieving at least a 60% enrollment of its members in MEAPAC. Our coordinating council had an 86% enrollment. The WEA is one of 15 locals in the state to receive also the Crystal Apple Award for achieving at least 80% enrollment. We had an 88% enrollment.
 - c. Interview of Board Candidates: IMPACT interviewed the six candidates for the WCS Board of Education on March 29, 2006. IMPACT voted to endorse incumbent Lisa Murchison and Brendan Wagner.
 - d. School Board Election: May 2, 2006.
4. Public Relations:
 - a. WEA Shirt Sale: About 40 members purchased shirts with a WEA logo. They will be available for sale again next year.
 - b. WEA Retirement Party: Because only 2 members are retiring, the WEA is looking at alternative options to a party.
 - c. Teacher Day, May 9, 2006: The WEA PR Committee will distribute a small token to honor WEA members.

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- d. WCS Teachers of the Year: The following were chosen: Elementary: Christie Warchol-Cromie; Middle School: Sylvia Buck-Grissom; High School: Matthew Mutschler-Warren Mott. The Board of Education will hold a reception to honor them on May 17, 2006.
- e. Harbinger: There will be a summer issue.
5. Delegations
 - a. MEA Board of Directors, April 27, 2006: The Board will ready a revised budget to send to the Spring Representative Assembly.
 - b. Region Six, April 10, 2006: A new Region 6 Secretary was elected, Cindy Golden.
 - c. MEA Spring Representative Assembly: April 28 & 29, 2006 in Lansing. WEA will be sending a full delegation.
 - d. NEA Representative Assembly: June 30-July 5, 2006, Orlando, Florida.
6. WEA Website - www.warreneia.org: It is now up and running.
7. SPAB: Many buildings are writing programs to improve student achievement. Members need to be cautioned that nothing should be implemented that would be in violation of the contract.
8. Contract Committees: There will not be any meetings scheduled with administration until President Naski returns to work.
9. WEA Elections
 - a. March Election Results: Posted to members by total counts.
 - b. Congressional Trustee Election: To be held at the May 1, 2006 Congress meeting.
10. NCLB: Highly Qualified: June, 2006.
11. Calendar: WEA is waiting for a counter proposal from the administration.
12. Building Renovations: The buildings that are being renovated have not called with complaints.
13. Bid Session: May 15, 2006 at 4:30 p.m. in the Ad. Bldg. Board Room. Members must submit Unspecified Transfer Forms by May 10, 2006.
14. Exchange Session: May 10, 2006 at 4:30 p.m. in the Ad. Bldg. Board Room.
15. Board Paid Annuity: WEA members must designate a carrier by June 30, 2006 or they will forfeit the board paid contribution for this year.
16. Mentor Training: WEA and administration have reached clarification on the following:
 - a. If the Mentor continues to mentor the same Mentee they did the previous school year, the Mentor can opt out of training.
 - b. If the Mentor gets assigned a new Mentee or an additional Mentee, then the Mentor must minimally attend one session with their new Mentee during that year.
 - c. If the Mentor was not trained during the 2005-06 school year, then the Mentor shall be required to attend three training sessions during the first year they are a Mentor.
17. ELPA: There has been only 1 complaint about the implementation.
18. Overage Pay Submission Deadline: June 1, 2006.
19. Special Education Itinerant Logs: WEA is assessing the impact of the logs and why they are necessary.
20. DCB: All requests for days from the 2005-06 school year must be submitted by August 1, 2006.
21. Elementary Computerized Report Card Pilot: No info or comments heard since the last Congress meeting.

New Business:

MOTION: To pay a \$600 stipend for NEA Representative Assembly delegates.
 Weston/Callender MOTION CARRIED

Adjournment: 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith L. Locher,
 Executive Director

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