
Warren Education Association, MEA/NEA

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Board of Trustees

MINUTES

WEA Office
Thursday

January 28, 2008
1:30 p.m.

For your information the following is a summary of affirmative actions taken by the WEA Board of Trustees at its January 28, 2008 meeting. These minutes are unofficial until approved by the Trustees at their next regular scheduled meeting.

Present: B. Naski, J. Fielbrandt, J. Weston, L. Sikoski, J. Cafagna, B. Callender, J. Miller

Absent: J. Kuhn

Adopt Agenda:

MOTION: To adopt agenda.

Weston/Callender

MOTION CARRIED

Approve Minutes of December 17, 2007.

MOTION: To approve minutes.

Weston/Callender

MOTION CARRIED

Reports

1. Correspondence: None.
2. Grievances and Arbitration: Jennifer Miller. Update on current grievances and arbitration.
3. Political Action
 - a. IMPACT Chair: Jon Fielbrandt was elected as IMPACT chairperson on January 24, 2008. Jon Fielbrandt has developed a calendar of events through the end of the year. For the first time the WEA will have a seat at the S&R for the 9th Congressional District.
 - b. MEAPAC Voluntary Contributions: WEA currently has approximately 88 percent participation. We need 20 more members to contribute to reach a goal of 90 percent.
 - c. New Legislation
 - 1) New Education Certification requirements.
 - 2) New charter school accountability bills.
 - d. MEA Lobby Day: The WEA will not be participating this year. Instead we will host a legislative luncheon.
 - e. Common Calendar: Bargaining update.
 - f. School Board Elections: The filing deadline is February 13, 2007.
4. Public Relations
 - a. Fruit Baskets: The Good Health Committee provided a healthy snack for each building to celebrate the start of the second semester.
 - b. Building Visits. President Naski and Executive Director Miller have completed visits to all the buildings in order to speak to members about their issues and concerns.
 - c. Harbinger: The next issue is finalized and at the printers and will be distributed in February.
 - d. Teachers of the Year: Would like the WEA to have greater participation in the selection process. In past years the Trustees have been on the selection committee. Naski to take this to administration. Winners of Teacher of the Year are:
 - 1) Jonathan Gillespie — Sterling Heights High School
 - 2) Jennifer Pisha-Rude — Grissom Middle School
 - 3) Mary Przybyl — Hatherly
 - 4) Kimberly Walsh — Fillmore Middle School

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5. Delegations
 - a. MEA Board of Directors: Last meeting was held on January 24 & 25, 2008. Discussions included privatization and Right to Work. A meeting may be scheduled in March to discuss allocation towards fighting privatization.
 - b. Region 6: Region 6 endorsed the ticket of Iris Slaters/Steve Cook for MEA President/Vice President, unanimously endorsed Peggy McLellan for MEA Secretary/Treasurer, endorsed Frank Burger for the open NEA Board of Directors seat and issued a continuing endorsement to Katherine Murphy for the NEA Board of Directors. Region 6 will conduct an MEA Board of Directors election this March. There are three candidates running for two MEA Board seats.
6. MEA Bargaining/Political Action/Public Relations Conference: to be held February 7-9, 2008 at Cobo Center. Eleven members are attending.
7. CAP Training: The CAP Training schedule may not allow for Middle School coaches to attend because it may interfere with game days. WEA leadership is working with administration to provide alternate dates.
8. WEA Constitution. The vote by the membership to ratify the WEA Constitution will take place this March. Informal open house meetings will be held around the district to answer any membership questions regarding the WEA Constitution. The remaining meetings will be held on Tuesday, February 5th from 2:30-5:30 p.m. at Warren Mott High School and Monday February 11th from 3:20-5:30 p.m. at Flynn Middle School.
9. Elementary Report Cards. Problems continue with inconsistent results in printing of cards. Naski working with administration to address the situation.
10. AESOP. President Naski continues working with HR to fix problems with AESOP. Teachers are reminded they are to be paid workshop rate for any prep time lost as a result of subbing for another teacher.
11. MLPP Training: Teachers are reminded not to attend training for MLPP on weekends or evenings. They are to have release time during the school day, and it will be paid for by the administration.

New Business:

1. **Motion:** To approve the appointment of Karen Abella to IMPACT Committee.
Sikoski/Weston

MOTION CARRIED

Adjournment: 3:25 p.m.
Sikoski/Calendar

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer K. N. Miller,
Executive Director

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