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# Warren Education Association, MEA/NEA

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Carter Middle School  
Monday

## Congress Minutes

September 11 2006  
4:15 p.m.

*For your information the following is a summary of affirmative actions taken by the WEA Congress at its September 11, 2006 meeting. These minutes are unofficial until approved by Congress at its next regular scheduled meeting.*

**Zone Reports:** No report.

**Adoption of Agenda:** As written.

**MOTION:** To adopt agenda.

Weston/Carpenter

MOTION CARRIED

**Approval of Minutes:**

**MOTION:** To approve minutes of June 5, 2006.

Fielbrandt/Callender

MOTION CARRIED

**Treasurer's Report:** No report. You will receive the year end audit report and the proposed budget at the October Congress.

**Trustees Report:** No report.

### **Committee Reports**

1. **Grievance & Arbitration:** A grievance has been filed regarding the first paycheck for the 2006-07 school year. The WEA maintains that the start of the school year is the first week that the teachers return. The administration maintains that the first week of school is when the students return.
2. **IMPACT:**
  - a. **Recent Legislation**
    - 1) **Macomb PAC FunFest:** To be held Friday, October 6, 2006, at Freedom Hill starting at 3:30 p.m. All members and their families are welcome. There will be refreshments, music, and the opportunity to meet with local political candidates.
  - b. **Recent Legislation:** No report.
  - c. **MEA-PAC Voluntary Contribution:** WEA leadership will approach members who did not contribute last year to ask for a contribution.
  - d. **November Elections:** Building Reps were asked to find one volunteer from each building to distribute information regarding the November Elections. Volunteer cards need to be returned to the WEA office by Friday, September 15, 2006.
3. **Public Relations**
  - a. **PR Building Reps:** Each building should choose one member to act as the PR Building Rep. The names should be turned into the WEA office as soon as possible.
  - b. **PR Core Committee Meeting:** To be held Thursday, September 14, 2006.
4. **Delegations**
  - a. **MEA Board of Directors:** Next meeting will be held October 6, 2006.
  - b. **Region 6:** Next meeting to be held on October 23, 2006.
  - c. **MEA Fall Representative Assembly:** To be held Saturday, November 11, 2006.
5. **Curriculum Steering Committee:** The CSC has \$67,500 available. Members are encourage to apply for funds as early as possible.
6. **Professional Staff Development:** PSD has \$47,500 available. Members are encourage to apply for funds as early as possible. Requests are to be sent to Cassandra Grande at the CPC.
7. **Building Rep Dinner:** To be held on October 9, 2006 at Cranks on Hoover. All building reps and alternates are invited.
8. **Student Proficiency Advisory Board (SPAB):** No meeting has been set.
9. **Building Issues:** Discussion of Rewards Day at Beer Middle School.

### **President's Report**

1. **October Elections:** The following seats are up for election:

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- a. Zone II Elementary Trustee for a two year term. (Elementary buildings east of Van Dyke.)
- b. Zone IV Middle School Trustee for a two year term.
- c. IMPACT Trustees: 2 seats for a two year term.
2. Seniority, Surplus, Involuntary Transfer, Lay-off, Recall: Members are asked to contact the WEA office if they feel they have been improperly transferred or laid off.
3. District Central Bank (DCB): The bank has 3,848 days available for the 2006-07 school year.
4. Building Renovations: Currently underway at Warner and Butcher.
5. Harbinger: To be distributed to members in October.
6. Congress Dates for 2006-07: October 9, 2006, November 6, 2006, December 4, 2006, January 8, 2007, February 5, 2007, March 5, 2007, April 2, 2007, May 7, 2007, June 4, 2007.
7. Open Enrollment: The 2006/2007 Open Enrollment period began on Tuesday, September 5, 2006 and ends on Friday, September 29, 2006. Open Enrollment allows you to change your health insurance option, enroll in health, dental or vision coverage, change your life insurance option (for those individuals who want only \$50,000), enroll in the Medical or Dependent Care savings plan (must reapply every year), and /or add eligible (or remove ineligible) dependents. If you wish to make any changes or enroll in a plan, please contact the Employee Benefits Department for the necessary forms. **In answer to the question raised at Congress: No, you cannot use the medical savings plan to pay employee contribution (\$75/month) for Traditional BC/BS. Also, you may not use the medical savings plan for COBRA premiums.**
8. Elementary Specials: Elementary specials teachers are asked to send their schedules to the WEA office. Please include: name, grades, times, and buildings.

### **New Business**

1. MOTION: To appoint to the following people to the Board of Reference: John Gomola, Victor Kolpak, and Jessica Kuhn (for the remaining 1 year of a 2 year term).  
Alred/Carpenter MOTION CARRIED

### **Attendance:**

*Trustees:* Carolyn Moon, Lisa Sikoski, Bob Callender, John Cafagna, Josh Weston, Jon Fielbrandt.

*RA Delegates:* Don Bietler.

#### **Zone I**

Lisa Koziara  
Robin Mercier  
Mary Jo Kerr  
Cathy Butterfield  
Bev Ianni  
Jay Holtvluwer  
Jennifer Lelli  
Karen Kuciel  
Kristin Dundas  
Fern Cohen  
Carolyn Moon  
Sandra Brioc

#### **Zone II**

Christine Dewey  
Christine Lewis  
Bob Callender  
Jason Carpenter  
Jill Alred  
Josh Weston  
Kevin Bullis  
Michelle Herndon  
John Gomola  
Ron Texter  
John Foradoir  
Elizabeth Iljkoski  
Lori Rice  
Eric Wachterhauser  
Dan Barterian

#### **Zone III**

Rebecca Hunt  
Sherri Ventimeglia  
Katie Rose  
Emily Murphree  
Christine Stone  
Sandy newell  
Elaine Palazzolo  
Marilyn Eperjesy  
Delphine Gallagher

#### **Zone IV**

Kelly Juronoc  
Marcia Adamek  
Sue Venticinque  
Anne Richmond  
Sue Flis  
Karen Abella  
Mike Volchko  
Barbara Jones  
Heather Wasmuth

Adjournment: 5:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Eisenberger  
WEA Office Secretary