

West Allis-West Milwaukee Education Association
Executive Board Meeting
January 5, 2005

Present: Herbst, Miller, Stewart, Ludeman, Wall, Key, Knafllic, Mistele, Nass, Geboy-Helfenstein, Lehman, Popa, Westcott.

The January Executive Board meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m. at the UEP.
The December minutes of the Executive Board were approved as printed.

President's Report: Lynn Herbst

- .Welcomed back Laurel Key and Gary Stewart.
- .Thanked Michelle Knafllic for assuming the new responsibility of Membership Chair.
- .Has asked WEAC to waive late payment fees due to Association computer theft.
- .Upcoming dates: January 10: School Board Meeting; January 11: Tom Reynolds listening session; January 12: New Members RA.
- .Upcoming School Board Meetings: January 10: Herbst and Wilson; January 24: Wall and West Milwaukee; February 14: Westcott and Lincoln.
- .February 25-27: WEAC Winter Conference at Four Points Sheraton, Milwaukee. Valuable training on a variety of topics.
- .January 27: Tax Tips for Educators presentation by John Sage at UEP. RSVP to attend by January 21.
- .January Unit Training Sessions scheduled for three faculty nights. All members are highly encouraged to obtain this valuable training. Receive .5 units for attending and preparing a unit proposal. Actual completion of unit proposal would result in additional unit(s). Members must work in buildings if not attending unit training classes.
- .Linda Ziefle has planned a workshop on "Regaining the Progressive Voice in Government & Taxes" on February 15.
- .Herbst is featured in a health insurance article appearing in local newspapers across Wisconsin.
- .Popa moved, second by Lehman, to move into Executive Session at 4:25 p.m. Moved out of Executive Session at 4:50 p.m.
- .Herbst will not run for any elected Association position. Will consider involvement in some capacity.

Vice President: Jill Miller

- .Attended Burmeister forum.
- .Will attend January 5 PTA Council meeting tonight.

Political Action: Laurel Key

- .School Board candidates: Incumbents: Carol Garrison, Robert Kitchen, Peggy Miller and new candidates: Rich Dekeyser and William Zubach. No primary will be held. Interview process will take place later.
- .Thanked Association for get-well flowers.

P R & R Secondary: Cathi Probst -- Lynn Herbst Reporting

.Sent list of problems to Tina Dayne. Some issues answered, others will be addressed at the January 7 meeting.

.Noted necessity of precise scheduling for teachers who are assigned to duties at two different levels.

P R & R Elementary: Gary Stewart

.Building reps are following the communications model.

.Two employee issues from last year have been settled.

Negotiations: Beth Ludeman

.Unit training sessions are scheduled for January. Some schools have not rsvp'd.

.On December 14 the Association and the District exchanged bargaining issues. January 7 is an all-day bargaining meeting. Bargaining dates are set through March.

.Will survey members on specific issues, as needed, in the future.

Treasurer: Greg Wall

.Distributed Treasurer's Report.

.Discussion regarding computer purchases for Association. Stipend discussion will be held at the February Executive Board meeting.

Public Relations: Monique Mistele

.Will obtain new WEAC brochures for distribution during parent teacher conferences.

Membership: Michelle Knaflic

.Working on updating membership information.

.Will ask Head Building reps to verify building lists.

Executive Director: Sandy Nass

.Distributed "Leave No Sales Pitch Behind" press release.

.Southwestern Wisconsin School Alliance (SWSA) will meet January 13 at Wauwatosa West.

.Preliminary non-renewal notice date for probationary teachers is the end of January.

Non-renewal of non-probationary teachers is the last day of February. PR&R should sit in on those conferences, if possible.

Director: Bridget Geboy-Helfenstein

.Attended Burmeister forum.

.Worked on Doyle postcard writing campaign.

.Distributed final draft of letter to School Board re: Revenue caps resolution.

Director: Chad Lehman

.Friends of Education information will be sent out in February.

Director: Kathy Popa

.Newsletter was published.

.No newsletter name yet.

Director: Laura Westcott

.Attended a WAES meeting for Jill Miller, who had a conflict.

.Helped to work on letter to School Board

.Plans to speak to Jeanne Ricci soon to begin planning for the Spring Recognition Party

Unfinished Business

.We still plan to purchase at least one good laptop for the use of our Association secretary. A second computer will not be needed because our new Membership Chair has a computer at home.

New Business

.Anyone who has gathered postcards to send to Doyle for preserving funding for public education should submit postage costs on a voucher form to be taken out of the Legislative budget.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Barbara Rosenthal, Secretary