

WA-WMEA Executive Board Meeting

Minutes from May 6, 2009

Executive Board Present: Nancy Nienhuis, Peg Oberbeck, Angela Bina, Sandy Nass, Julie Stringer, Lynn Malloy, Chad Lehman, Jeff Sikich, Ryan Rutz

Meeting called to order by President Sikich at 4:05 PM

Minutes from the April 1, 2009 Executive Board Meeting were accepted as printed.

President Jeff Sikich

- Jeff reported about the podcast on April 8, 2009 addressing concerns related to scheduling for the 2009-2010 school year.
- April 21, 2009 Jeff testified in front of the Assembly Education Committee in favor of School Finance Reform.
- May 11, 2009 School Board Meeting representative from the Executive Board is Ryan Rutz.
- April 28, 2009 was the first listening session at the elementary level– 14 people were in attendance. April 29, 2009 the second listening session for the elementary level was at Parkway - 15 people were in attendance. There are 3 more listening sessions scheduled one at West Milwaukee, Hale and Central. The session at FLW was cancelled.
- Jeff discussed deadline for waivers with Executive Board. The Board will vote on waivers at the June Executive Board Meeting.
- Jeff discussed the possibility of the Association funding 4 members to attend the Summer Academy July 26 - 29. Jeff will bring this idea forward at WSC RA to ask if WSC would possibly split the cost of funding 4 people to attend the Summer Academy in La Crosse July 26 – 29.
- A proposal was made by Jeff at the April 28th Listening Session to possibly have two Labor Management Meetings per month next year.

Vice President Nancy Nienhuis

- No Report

PR&R Chair-Secondary Peggy Oberbeck

- Graduation: Retiring teachers have been told that they will not be able to receive a \$40.00 stipend for attending/supervising graduation since it is being held after the official termination date. Other solutions are being checked into.

PR&R Chair-Elementary Jeff Sikich

- Sandy Nass and Jeff Sikich are working on a concern brought forward at the Elementary.

Negotiations Chair Chad Lehman

- The insurance rate increase for 2009/2010 school year came in at 5%. Since we based the 2009/2010 salary schedule on a 10% increase, we will have additional

money to put on the salary schedule. Deb Rouse, Sandy Nass and Chad Lehman will get together on Friday (5/8) to spread the available money equally throughout the salary schedule.

Treasurer Ryan Rutz

- Ryan updated the Executive Board on our current financial status.
- A donation of \$250 was made to The Wishing Children Fund by the Association
- Discussion ensued regarding the two scholarships the Association sponsors for a student at each high school. Jeff will follow up with the guidance department at each high school to see who will be the recipients of the two scholarships this year.

Director/Political Action/Legislative Chair Linda Wamboldt (Absent)

- No Report – Absent
- Jeff Sikich passed out informational sheets Linda had dropped off for the Executive Board to read.

Director/Membership Chair Angela Bina

- Angela shared an article about Social media 101 and the use of face book that she would like to share with our members as a “Did you Know?”

Executive Director Sandy Nass

- WEAC public relations would like an Association member who is a parent to speak about school funding.

**Director/Events & Activities/Community Outreach/Public Relations:
Chris Morrissey (Absent)**

- Reminder: May 15, 2009 is the date of the Association Spring Recognition Party at Greenfield Park. Please help our retirees celebrate this happy occasion.

Director/ Professional Development Maureen Marek (Absent)

- No Report - Absent

Communications/Parliamentarian/Elections Chair Julie Stringer

- No Report

Unfinished Business

- None

New Business

- Nancy Nienhuis would be willing to attend Labor Management Meetings next year as part of her duties.
- Sandy Nass received a request from Deb Rouse to review one the TSA vendors the District has been using. The district would like to close this account effective July 1, 2009. A motion was made by Nancy Nienhuis and seconded by Peggy

Oberbeck to eliminate First Financial Planners TSA vendor as an option as of July 1, 2009 because of noncompliance with IRS regulations. Discussion ensued. President Sikich will poll the Executive Board for a vote via email.

- Other new business items were tabled due to a lack of a quorum.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ryan Rutz and seconded by Peggy Oberbeck. Motion to adjourn the meeting passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:46 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lynn Malloy, Secretary