

West Allis-West Milwaukee Education Association
Representative Assembly Meeting
March 9, 2005

Schools Represented: Central H.S., Hale, H.S., West Milwaukee M.S., Franklin, Hoover, Irving, Jefferson, Lincoln, Longfellow, Madison, Mitchell, Pershing, Walker, Wilson, Adm Bldg.

Executive Board: Herbst, Miller, Stewart, Ludeman, Wall, Key, Knafllic, Mistele, Geboy-Helfenstein, Lehman, Popa, Westcott, Stringer.

President Lynn Herbst called the meeting to order at 4:09 p.m. at the UEP Building.

The minutes of the February RA were approved as printed.

President: Lynn Herbst

.The Association membership computer has been located and returned to the Association. It was not stolen. There is no security threat to Association members' personal information.

.Superintendent Wachholtz announced that next year will be another guided practice year for units. Everyone will automatically advance on the salary schedule this year. If a teacher has acquired units, those units will carry over and can be used next year. If no units were earned this year, then no units carry over. A full explanation will be printed in the Labor Management minutes.

Vice President: Jill Miller

.Miller attended the WEAC Midwinter Conference and learned about the Quality Educator Initiative. The Quality Educator Initiative (QEI) is an interactive computer portfolio website that can help teachers develop a PDP to meet PI 34 licensure requirements. Miller suggested that New Teacher in-service include an explanation of the QEI.

P R & R Secondary: Cathi Probst (Lynn Herbst reporting)

.There are discrepancies with graduate coursework approval/Masters programs approval by Human Resources.

P R & R Elementary: Gary Stewart

.Addressing issues related to approval of coursework/Masters program. Would like Association input into approval process. An appeals plan is needed.

.One faculty meeting per month is dedicated to working on Schmocker goals. There are no additional mandatory meetings.

.Seniority list delay is due to teacher failure to send copies of renewed licenses to Human Resources.

Negotiations: Beth Ludeman

.The District has announced an amnesty period for turning in approval forms in order to get credit for courses taken back to 2000. All paperwork must be submitted to Human Resources by April 4, 2005.

.Negotiations has begun work on bargaining issues. Bargaining dates are set for March, April, May and June.

.Ludeman's report in the newsletter will include an explanation of the most recent information about Units, as it was announced by Superintendent Wachholtz at the March 7 Staff Development meeting.

Treasurer: Greg Wall

.Buildings should hold a discussion about what the appropriate number of building reps is per building relative to building size and grade level representation.

.Wall will take his recommendation for a Negotiations team members' stipend increase to the Executive Board.

Political Action: Laurel Key

.Key and her committee interviewed the School Board candidates and have chosen to endorse Robert Kitchen, Peggy Garrison and William Zuback. An Association lit drop will not be held due spring break. However, teachers are highly encouraged to donate their time and money to help candidates. Volunteer cards are in the building rep packets and should be completed and returned to Key by next week. Zuback will do his own lit drop and teachers may contact him if they wish to assist. Garrison may also do a lit drop.

.Teachers are reminded to vote for Elizabeth Burmaster for Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Public Relations: Monique Mistele

.Governor Doyle visited Mitchell Elementary. There was good press coverage.

.The Star covered District school programs for Read Across America.

.Tina Raduege collected \$1600 for the Red Cross Tsunami Relief program.

.Milla Louhelainen's artwork was selected and honored for Youth Art Month.

Membership: Michelle Knaflic

.Knaflic has completed updating membership information for this year.

.If any information on the voting rosters needs to be changed, contact Knaflic.

Executive Director: Sandy Nass

.Email Governor Doyle in support of his budget proposal.

.Email legislators to indicate opposition to Assembly Bill 58.(Republican tax freeze)

Directors:

Director: Bridget Geboy-Helfenstein

.Discussed 1st Annual "Dawg" No Limit Hold 'Em Poker Tournament to be held April 8, 2005. \$30 recommended donation goes to Scholarship Fund. Brian Lussier is the Pit Boss. Jill Miller and Korie Wishart helped plan the event.

Director: Chad Lehman

The Friends of Education Awards recognize the following volunteers: Kim and Mike Daly, Irving School; Tammy Imme, Wilson; Pauline Church, Longfellow; Mary Ann Alberti, Hoover; Beulah Jeske, Franklin; Scott Waarvik, Madison; and Pam Lindgren, Mitchell. The Friends of Education Recognition Dinner will be held on April 27 at Nathan Hale High School.

Director: Kathy Popa

.The newsletter is being printed and will be distributed before spring break.
.The newsletter is also available on the website.

Director: Laura Westcott

.Distributed the Spring Recognition Party flyer. The Spring Recognition Party will be held on May 13 at Greenfield Park from 4:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Elections Chair: Julie Stringer

. The Association Elections take place this week. All ballots must be brought to Stringer at Walker Elementary by 4:30, Friday, March 11.

WSC President: Linda Ziefle (Michelle Knaflic reporting)

.Reminder to vote for Elizabeth Burmaster for Superintendent of Public Instruction in Spring Election on April 5.

The meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Barbara Rosenthal, Secretary

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