

West Allis-West Milwaukee Education Association
Representative Assembly Meeting:

February 11, 2009

Schools Represented: Central H.S., Hale H.S., FLW Intermediate School, Lincoln Intermediate School, West Milwaukee Intermediate School, Franklin, Hoover, Horace Mann, Irving, Jefferson, Madison, Mitchell, Pershing, Walker, Wilson

Executive Board: Maureen Marek, Peg Oberbeck, Sandy Nass, Chad Lehman, Julie Stringer, Lynn Malloy, Jeff Sikich, Linda Wamboldt, Ryan Rutz

President Jeff Sikich called the meeting to order at 4:37 PM at the UEP Building

The minutes of the January 14, 2009 RA Meeting were approved as printed.

Jeff Leverich spoke to the Representative Assembly about school funding prior to the start of the meeting. Wisconsin is beginning to look at a new way to finance schools.

President: Jeff Sikich

- Next USEFUL Meeting is on February 23, 2009 at UEP.
- February 15, 2009 is the next Bargaining Southwest Meeting at Bowlero.
- Saturday March 14, 2009 is a local president meeting in the Dells which Jeff will be attending.
- Jeff attended the Press Conference for SFN regarding relocating money/funding at Nathan Hale on February 3, 2009. SFN is taking on school funding concerns, addressing current funding system flaws and ensuring that all districts benefit. Changing the way schools are funded will create an effective system by aligning revenue with actual student costs and helping public schools restore important school offerings that were cut due to budget shortfalls.
- The new weac.org website should be up and running later this month.
- Professional Development Academy is putting on an online course.
- Read Across America bookmarks are available for each school representative to pick up.
- School Board Meetings: February 23th will be Peggy Oberbeck and Central HS; March 9th will be Angela Bina and Irving is the school.
- Jeff informed the RA about upcoming financial planning meetings with regards to retirement planning.

Vice President: Nancy Nienhuis

- Absent – No Report

P R & R Secondary: Peg Oberbeck

- New Teacher Evaluation Process: Support seminars have been finalized by Kristen Guertner. Please refer to email sent to all teachers for more details. You will be able to earn 0.5 units for attending. Sandy Nass stated that the district should provide information to us during our regular school days or at in-services

- regarding the evaluation process. It was suggested that we use in-service days to discuss the evaluation process. Discussion will continue regarding the evaluation process with the administration.
- Administration has not met and discussed the process for schedules for 2009-210 with high school principals yet therefore no response could be provided at Labor Management.
 - Monday, February 16, 2009 the School Board will meet to discuss start times for the 2009-2010 School Year for students. More information will be forthcoming once the School Board makes their decision on student start times for the upcoming school year.
 - When requesting a personal business day you only need to identify “personal business” as reason on form to administration. No further detail is needed.
 - Non-renewal notices have been given to teachers. Meetings have been requested with the Superintendent.
 - Teachers will be paid at the current curriculum rate for participating at the two High School Graduations on Saturday June 13th.
 - Concern was expressed that Sandy and PR&R need to know the names of individuals that are on job targets. Please keep them informed if any members are on a PIP (Professional Improvement Plan).
 - Elementary needs to make up 12 minutes for snow days. This will be handled by adding 15 minutes to the day when there is an indoor recess by cutting the recess time on that day and making it instructional time.

P R & R Elementary:

- Sandy Nass and Jeff are currently working on issues at the Elementary Level with those involved.

Negotiations: Chad Lehman

- Sandy, Jeff and Chad got together to proof the final draft of the 2007-2009 contract. It will be posted on the intranet. The district will be printing 200 hard copies. They will be getting together soon to proof the 2009-2011 contract.

Treasurer: Ryan Rutz

- Full-time teachers paid \$674.40 for dues in the calendar year. Double check on your final check for the year dated 12/23/08 to verify the amount deducted for union dues.

Director/Political Action/Legislative Chair: Linda Wamboldt

- Here are the web sites that you can visit if you want to find more information on the Superintendent race.
- Articles to look at from WEAC here is a good one for understanding school funding: <http://www.weac.org/InPrint/default.htm>
- Here is a state race for Superintendent for WI
- <http://www.ourcampaigns.com/RaceDetail.html?RaceID=491716>

- A hard copy of the list of candidate will be posted in your building with a few extra copies to take and compare. The actual race is Feb. 17th many should have gotten a ballot in the mail.
- School board race for West Allis
<http://www.westallisnow.com/story/index.aspx?id=835371>

Voters will be casting ballots in school board races in the April 7 election. WestAllisNOW.com has everything you need to know to make a decision in the upcoming races.

Below is the list of candidates in contested school races in West Allis. Incumbent candidates are designated with "(i)" next to their names. Unless otherwise noted, there is one open seat in each race listed.

Candidates

West Allis-West Milwaukee School Board (3 seats)

- Patricia J. Kerhin (i), 8711 W. Arthur Place, West Allis, (414) 545-0711
- Sue Sujecki (i), 12247 W. Verona Court, West Allis, (414) 327-5485
- Darlene Ziemendorf (i), 836 S. 91 St., West Allis, (414) 453-5408
- Edward F. Keever, 2336 S. 67 St., West Allis, (414) 321-0953

Director/Membership: Angela Bina

- Absent - No Report

Executive Director: Sandy Nass

- Sandy has scheduled Superintendent non-renewal conferences.
- April 29, 2009 will be the date for Financial Planning with WEA Trust.
- April 2, 2009 will be the date for Bob Moeller's presentation.
- There will be 22 retirees this year

Director/Events & Activities/Public Relations/Community Outreach Chair: Chris Morrissey

- Absent – No Report

Director/Professional Development: Maureen Marek

- No Report

Communications/Parliamentarian and Elections Chair: Julie Stringer

- Julie discussed the upcoming March Association elections and procedures for the election. Julie asked if there were any additional nominations to be placed on the ballot for the upcoming Association Elections. Ballot boxes will go Ben Anderson at Hale by 4:30 PM on March 13th for counting after the election.

Unfinished Business

- None

New Business

- None

The meeting was adjourned at 5:39 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lynn Malloy, Secretary