

West Allis-West Milwaukee Education Association
Representative Assembly Meeting:

March 10, 2010

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

Executive Board: Maureen Marek, Nancy Nienhuis, Jim Kurovsky, Angela Bina, Sandy Nass, Heather Swenson, Chris Morrissey, Chad Lehman, Julie Stringer, Lynn Malloy, Jeff Sikich, Linda Wamboldt, Ryan Rutz

President Jeff Sikich called the meeting to order at 4:15 PM at the UEP Building

The minutes of the February 10, 2010 RA Meeting were approved as corrected to change \$1300 to \$1389 for the stipend for NEA Convention.

President: Jeff Sikich

- Lincoln Intermediate School is scheduled to attend the School Board Meeting on March 22nd with Linda Wamboldt and Heather Swenson as Executive Board Representatives.
- Madison Elementary School is scheduled to attend the School Board Meeting on April 12th with Angela Bina as the Executive Board Representative.
- Anita will be on vacation from March 22nd through March 29th
- March 16th is the date the district goes over retirement benefits with those individuals that are planning on retiring this year.
- March 24th is the date scheduled to explain retirement benefits at Hale sponsored by Wisconsin Retired Educators' Association. Sign up by March 19th (see previous flyer sent out by Jeff)
- Jeff suggested that the Executive Board Meeting in April be changed to April 14th and the RA Meeting be changed to April 21st due to Spring break. A motion was made by Jessica Thimm and seconded by Mary Kay VanDeraa to have the April Executive Board Meeting changed to April 14th and the RA Meeting changed to April 21st due to Spring break. Motion passed.

Vice President: Nancy Nienhuis

- Nancy would like to get feedback from the membership on how school funding is affecting us. She has a questionnaire that could be distributed through building representatives. The questionnaires would need to be back by March 31st.

P R & R Secondary: Jim Kurovsky

- Jim updated the Representative Assembly on current issues at the secondary level.
- A meeting with administration regarding Central High School's grievance was on March 9th. Jim will keep us posted on the outcome.

P R & R Intermediate: Heather Swenson

- Heather updated the Representative Assembly on current issues at the Intermediate level.
- It was suggested to have a question and answer session to clarify concerns and issues at all levels after Spring Break. Send Secondary questions to Jim, Intermediate questions to Heather and Elementary questions to Jeff so questions can be presented at the Question and Answer Session.

P R & R Elementary: Jeff Sikich

- Jeff updated the Executive Board on current issues at the Elementary level.
- Let Jeff know if anyone is interested in being the Elementary PR & R Chair.

Negotiations: Chad Lehman

- Monday March 15th is the day that contracts come out. The dollar amounts will not be on the contract. The salary amount won't be available until after May 1st when the insurance rate is known. Contracts need to be turned in by April 15th.
- Question was asked regarding start and end times for schools. The Association has no say on the start and end times for schools. The district decides the start and end times for schools.

Treasurer: Ryan Rutz

- Ryan updated the Representative Assembly on current financial status.

Director/Political Action/Legislative Chair: Linda Wamboldt

- Linda is working with her committee on interviewing school board candidates in order to make endorsements. The committee decided to do phone interviews with school board members. This will happen at 4:30 PM on Monday (3/15) at the UEP Building in the Board Room. Please consider coming to participate in the interviewing process.
- Remember to vote during Spring break. If you will be on vacation consider getting an absentee ballot to make your vote count.

Director/Membership: Angela Bina

- Keep Angela informed about any membership status changes.

Executive Director: Sandy Nass

- All probationary non-renewals have been successfully dealt with.
- The District is considering a policy that married couples will not be able to work in the same building. They would also like to include family members in the policy.
- If you are hit, kicked or bit by a student you should file an accident report.

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

- Friends of Education form will be distributed through building representatives. Only one person per building can be nominated. The forms are due by March 31st and need to be in Chris Morrissey's possession by that date. No exceptions regarding deadline date.

Director/Professional Development: Maureen Marek

- No Report

Communications/Parliamentarian and Elections Chair: Julie Stringer

- Ballots for the Association Election should be returned by Friday March 12th to FLW by 4:15 PM if they were not returned to Julie at the RA Meeting on March 10th.

Unfinished Business

- None

New Business

- None

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Heather Swenson and seconded by Jessica Thimm. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lynn Malloy, Secretary