

OEA Executive Board Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2011

High school media center 4 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Present: Mary Bischoff, President; Michelle Swenson, Secretary; JoAnn Winter, Ed MN; Kerri Doyle, SE Rep; Jared Shogren, MS Rep; Mark Vonder Haar, HS Rep; Melissa Benjamin, UNISERV Rep

Absent: Leslie O'Meara, treasurer; Gayle Jonassen, IS rep.

2. Approval of September Minutes

Approved

3. Adoption of Agenda

Adopted

4. Officer's Reports :

Treasurer's Report: Leslie was absent, but submitted a report showing check book activity, which will be posted to the oea website. Mary will send a reminder to her to start work on the annual audit.

Secretary's Report: Michelle established a list for treats: November 8: Kerri, December 13: Michelle, January 11: Jared, February 14: Gayle, March 13: Mark, April 10: JoAnn, May 8: end of year gathering. The directory has been sent out electronically.

Uniserv Report: Melissa Benjamin: Education Minnesota will grant a \$200 subsidiary for every publication that we do; Doug Dooher is the contact; November 3 is the law conference; Ed MN political conference on November 18 - 19; after we settle, we can request a school board tape of the meeting with our contract; Crystal sugar workers are still locked out - looking for people to support them; schedule C - Edina did a ton of work over the last several years, and several schools followed their schedule C; contract updates: Richfield: 0.5% increase to cover TRA, 0.5% and steps and lanes; Wayzata - 1.5%; 1.25% (insurance went up 4%).

Building Rep Reports:

Kerri: Kerri held a membership meeting in her building this morning. This is what she heard: People seem to be feeling overwhelmed; not a lot of support for the special ed kids (not enough paras), rooms could have up to 3 kids with different diagnoses; ELL students are missing a significant amount of time during the day; one teacher has 10 - 12 students out every day of her classroom (spread out throughout the day, and due to many things), which becomes hard to catch those kids up; 2nd grade teachers are meeting with Connie tomorrow to discuss things; Kelly Jeremiason gave a quick update on negotiations.

Jared: Held a meeting a couple of weeks ago - talked about changes to OEA by-laws; Kelly gave a very brief negotiations update; Some discussion of class size imbalance

and IEP imbalance.

Mark: sent an email to the high school staff in lieu of a meeting. There don't seem to be any issues; discussed the TECH Yes committee.

Negotiations Council Report/Negotiator Elections: next meeting is the 25th; recent meeting was on language issues with the contract; district team came in talking about a hard freeze.

5. Unfinished Business

No steps payment until contract is settled - remind members.

Schedule C update - need to get everyone to understand the contract with schedule C; need to add to our policy that the committee for schedule C meets at least once a year.

6. New Business:

Tech Yes committee, and donation - we could give \$555 to the committee and get refunded; gave a list of teacher supporters; 5 teachers in the district are going to host an email discussion with people in the district; we will give the \$555

Mary would like to go to the candidate's forum - will send out an email to see if anyone wants to go along with her.

7. Adjournment 5:20