

**WEST SUBURBAN COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

Present: Art Fiet, Mary Butkus, Beth Stoskopf, Sandy Nass, Debbie Brent, Linda Weaver, Kathy Poppa, Beth Ludeman

President Linda Weaver called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Minutes of 12/04/06 were approved as written, as well as the nights' agenda with flexibility.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT-LINDA WEAVER**

- A. Dan Burkhalter's Memo/Update- Linda reported that Dick Terry and Mike McNett have now retired.
- B. Associate Staff Sick Leave Proposal needs Uniserv approval. MOTION was made by Debbie Brent that per our ability to participate in this program we will follow the guidelines set up. Kathy Poppa seconded. Motion carried
- C. Bargaining goals and Strategies- These have been approved by WEAC. Reminder of meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> of February at the UEP office at 4 p.m.
- D. Government Relations Program Specialist- handout in mailings regarding this posting.
- E. WIN Radio invitation-possibility of subscription to their daily news broadcasts (will investigate costs and discuss at next meeting)
- F. April WSC Board meeting. Linda and Beth are needed at the RA meeting and that meeting conflicts with WSC board meeting. It was decided to change the WSC board meeting to April 16<sup>th</sup> with a 4:30 p.m. start time.
- G. WSC website-www.weac.org/wsc is up and running, some things have been changed around. We are encouraged to log on, visit and see what we like/dislike etc.
- H. Ruling- was made in favor of the Madison Teachers Association against WEAC (as to who is responsible for legal defense) .The ruling stated that the 1978 agreement is still valid.
- I. The Source- want to distribute prior to May 16<sup>th</sup> RA, which will have a focus on the memorial service for Evan Brickner. The newsletter will highlight this as well. All articles need to be to Kathy by the 20<sup>th</sup> of April.
- J. Request for campaign in the Waukesha City Council- Linda received a request from Chris Hutchins for \$200 to support his campaign to this office. This opened the discussion for PAC guidelines and what we have in place etc. Linda will email Presidents of both associations as well as putting something in the newsletter to get a committee together. Tom Zigan will coordinate.
- K. WESP Funding Request-Beth approached Linda on sending representatives to the ESP conference in Nashville. Linda contacted Stan at WEAC and due to some people dropping there were some funds available, conference fees, lodging and meals will be covered from WEAC. MOTION- Art Fiet moved and Mary Butkus seconded that we fund up to \$400. Motion carried. Linda will inform Beth of the board's decision, which will require them to report back to the WSC board and submit an article for The Source.

- L. NSUE Scholarship Request- invites us to place an ad in the awards booklet to help support this. MOTION- Beth moved and Debbie seconded that we place a ¼ page ad for \$50.00 Motion carried Beth will coordinate the ad.
- M. Wisconsin Citizen for Action-asking for membership at a cost of \$195.00 MOTION- Mary moved and Kathy seconded that we renew our membership. Motion carried.
- N. Council 10-21<sup>st</sup> Century Leadership Skills workshop to be held here at the UEP office February 20<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m.
- O. Employee evaluations and the use of the Uniserv building as licensing Centers have been tabled for discussion/action at our next board meeting.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT-MARY BUTKUS

Report was distributed and highlights are as follows.

- A. WEA dues have been turned in.
- B. Account 5053 had corrections, there will be a credit next month of \$92.25

Mary noted that WEA is looking for a treasurer; seem to have found one in Jeanne Bril.

#### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT-SANDY NASS

Report was distributed and highlights are as follows.

- A. Early retirements: 18 from WAWMEA and 6 from WEA—both significantly below the maximum allowed

#### UEPBC-ED DOEMLAND

Cleaning Services for the building have been changed. We are saving money and the replacement company appears to be doing a better job. The management of this new company visits the site one to two times a month.

Our telephone contract stays with the same company, McCloud Company. Their contract has recently been re-bid and we are saving a little money.

Our carpet will be cleaned in the spring.  
Jim the maintenance man continues to do a good job.

Mr. Milroy does not anticipate any dramatic increase in the rent each Uniserv pays next school year.

The board of Directors for the building meets next on Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>

#### WSC RETIRED-ART FIET

They have allocated money to the Wisconsin Alliance for Retired convention. Currently will have 7-8 in attendance from WSC. This will take place in Madison on March 5<sup>th</sup>.

The Executive Director, Bill Fileze will come to speak to the WSC retired board.

WSC retired wants a fulltime staff member at WEAC, now only part time.

#### WEAC BOARD REPORT-BETH LUDEMAN

Health Care Reform: WEAC is working to reform health care; Wisconsin has 8 of the 10 highest health care markets in the country. WEAC is collecting data about members' concerns and then working to change them to engage members in taking action.

Local President Release Time Program: Three locals were granted WEAC funding to start a three-year phase-in half time release program. Sun Prairie EA; Milwaukee Educational Assistants' Association (subgroup of MTEA); and West Allis-West Milwaukee will start the release program in 2007-08 if NEA endorses their applications.

Awards: Dennis Eisenberg and the Kaukauna Education Association were awarded the Paul Bierbrauer Award for bargaining. A new award, the Tenia Jenkins Activist Award, is to honor an individual's significant contribution to activism among our WEAC members for the benefit of students and members.

NEA Directors' Report: NEA is investing an initial \$ 1 million in its positive agenda for the campaign to lobby Congress, initiate grassroots organizing, building affiliate support and engagement, coalition building, and a media component in an effort to "fix and fully fund" ESEA, the so-called "No Child Left Behind" legislation.

Political landscape: A panel comprised of Marc Eisen, Isthmus editor; JR Ross, editor of WisPolitics.com; Jessica McBride, WTMJ talk radio host; and Gregory Stanford, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel editorial writer discussed the Wisconsin political landscape as they see it. They summarized that: 1). conservatives think there is a lot of spending for public schools without accountability; 2). increases in school funding would impact property taxes; 3). overhauling the school funding formula would require the joint efforts of both parties; and 4). a large achievement gap along racial lines still exists.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Addressed under President's Report

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