

WEST SUBURBAN COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

November 5, 2007

President Linda Weaver called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

Present: Linda Weaver, Mary Butkus, Tom Zigan, Beth Ludeman, Sandy Nass, Beth Stoskopf, Art Fiet, Julie Stringer, Kathy Kaltenbach, Debbie Brent

Minutes of September 10th and Agenda of November 5th were approved as written, noting that flexibility with the agenda is allowed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Linda Weaver

1. Birthdays - Julie and Anita were bestowed with birthday wishes.
2. Wisconsin Way - Beth and Debbie signed up for the meeting in Waukesha November 8th.
3. Osthoff -Linda shared that this resort, over the upcoming holidays, has a special package deal just for educators. Located in Elkhart Lake. Visit www.osthoff.com for further details.
4. WEAC Awards – The Awards and Elections subcommittee of the WEAC Board is looking to improving participation/nominations for awards. Discussion ensued regarding various options. Linda will take ideas back.
5. Midwest Regional Leadership Conference January 18-20 - handout was distributed. **MOTION** - Tom moved and Debbie seconded that WSC sponsor 4 participants from WSC, 2 from each district to attend the Midwest Regional Leadership Conference, to include registration fees and only if done by the early deadline of December 7, 2007.
6. USEFULL Update - group that was in attendance at the last workshop was very appreciative. Reminded that Medical Issues workshop is coming up on Nov. 27th, a PDP workshop will be held for experienced teachers on Jan. 22nd, and PDP reviewer training will be held February 9th at the UEP office.
7. January R.A. - speaker suggested is Bob Burke to speak on state elections, which was identified at the summer strategic planning meeting. Anita will continue to watch and collect information for both school districts for school board elections.
8. The Source - deadline for upcoming issue is December 19th to be distributed the week of January 7th. We will continue with hard copy for each member and it will be put on the WSC website as well. Linda will look into as to whether or not we can garner the number of hits before we go to an electronic copy of this paper.
9. Retirement Forums - December 10th is the next workshop. Sandy will present on local contract language for retirement, as well as answer questions about the WRS. Registration will strictly be made electronically, by emailing Anita.
10. Council 10 is participating and sponsoring Action Labor Training - this program is a grass roots organization, the cost for training is \$750.00 and then \$25.00 per trainee (includes manual, T-

shirt, DVD). At this time it was decided that we would tell Council 10 that we are interested and will wait for more information.

11. New Member Handbook - Sandy, Mary, and Debbie offered last year to take this up and will follow up with its completion due in June of 2008.
12. Executive Director Evaluation - met and went through the competencies that are to be accomplished this year. Will meet next month and look at the outcomes and activities to accomplish these competencies.

TREASURERS REPORT - Mary Butkus

Report was distributed, but nothing new to add as we are still in audit mode.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT - Sandy Nass

Report was distributed.

Highlights include the following:

- *Retirement Forum flyers will be out and also be linked on the website.
- *Southeast Regional conference set for January 12th from 9-3 p.m. Focus will be on Healthy Wisconsin, Career Earnings, Alternative Compensation, and PI-34 assistance.
- *Survey Monkey - officially we now have Survey Monkey for our use.

UEPBC REPORT - Ed Doemland

*No report as Ed is absent, nothing new to report since RA meeting.

WSC RETIRED - Art Fiet

- *Forum was held in August on supplemental insurance options.
- *On October 3rd a new retiree luncheon was held. Three people accepted invitation for the lunch.
- *Future events include a possible wine testing in February.
- *Currently there are 89 members.
- *Next meeting will be on November 7th from 11:00-1:00 p.m.

WEAC BOARD REPORT - Beth Ludeman

Board of Directors met the weekend of October 19th. The following was highlighted:

- *Bob Burke reported to Congress the ESEA is on the wrong track. A vote is unlikely in 2007 for re-authorization.
- *State Superintendent Elizabeth Burmaster talked about closing the achievement gap, stressing that parents and employers do not want just good test takers. Public education is obsessed with testing and it is running us into the ground. Board members helped outline WEAC's priority around closing the achievement gap.
- *Research as led to updating the WEAC messaging strategy as follows:
Great Schools Benefit

Everyone will be the anchor line. Every Kid Deserves a Great School and Wisconsin Takes
Pride in Great Schools rounds out the three legs of the new message.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS - None

ADJOURNMENT - moved by Beth and seconded by Debbie to adjourn at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Brent
WSC Secretary