



Minnetonka Teachers Association

Members of Education Minnesota, NEA, AFT, Minnesota Local #7173

Governance Board Meeting District Service Center – May 17, 2017

In Attendance

Officers: Pres. Mary Benson, VP Ann Hersman, Treas. Maggie Velasco, Sec. Connie Kusche
Bldg Reps: David Olson, Julie Rothman, Mary Gabriel, Christine Denson, Brendan McCashin., Sandy Gosen, Jennifer Furness, Clint Fenner, Matt Gens, Linda Morantez, Sonia Labs
Guests: Jonathan Nelson, Lynda Ihlan (EdMn)

Absent

Patricia Cespedes-Schueller, Sandy Katkov, Jeri Goodspeed-Gross, Tim Felty,

Call to Order

Time - 4:34 Presiding: President Benson.

Adoption of Agenda

Agenda was adopted with alterations:

Secretary's Report

Minutes of April 19 meeting submitted for approval.
Motion by Sandy Gosen second by Maggie Velasco to approve. Motion Carried.
Minutes of May 3 meeting submitted for approval.
Motion by Sandy Gosen second by Maggie Velasco to approve. Motion Carried.
Member Rights Kelly Pederson - no report

Treasure Velasco reported -
Profit & Loss vs Actual budget and Check Register were handed out.

President's Report

President Benson reported

Building Concerns

MME - NWEA and MCA testing - fell apart, no leadership, band width was inadequate, tech department fell short on responding in a timely manner and in resolving the issues.
EXC - Harassment training June 9, substitutes for the May training cancelled and teachers are being required to attend June 9 training, - President Benson addressed the issue - they do not have to go on June 9, they can go on June 16 or in August. No matter when they go, they will get paid for attending.
MMW - frustration with different expectations for students and staff
CS - questions on how staff positions are being filled,
Retirement speeches at district retirement celebration - many retirees don't want their principal to give the speech; they would rather select someone else. Response from President Benson is that Dr. Peterson stands firm in that the principal gives the speech.
GR - 20 people showed up at meeting to call legislatures!

Old Business

Personally invite and encourage members to attend Rally for Public Education.

New Business

Negotiations

- Survey was given to staff, data was compiled. The information received was filtered into general topics.
 - District wanted to put negotiations off until after Governor Dayton approved the budget.
 - The first meeting between negotiators and the district was May 16.
 - Negotiators have current data from our district: contracts, travel expenses, etc.....
 - Negotiations will take place in June & August, not July. The district would like a settlement before school starts.
 - Edina has settled.
 - District fund balance is 21 million up 3 million from last year.
 - Health care is in good shape
 - Negotiators list: salary, schedule, more matching funds for 403, increase for in-house reserve pay, Health benefits, retirement benefits, health care for retiree, making some of the MOUs part of the contract, workload days- ensure that all buildings and levels have equal access. Improve language about involuntary transfers and leaves.
 - Motion Jennifer Furness, second Julie Rothman to go into closed session for negotiation items.
 - Moved out of closed session
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Field Rep Report

Future Agenda Items

For consideration at future meetings

Adjournment

Motion by Sonia Labs second by Ann Hersman to adjourn. Motion Carried.
Time – 6:00

Submitted: June 5, 2017 Connie Kusche, MTA Secretary Approved : June 5, 2017
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