



REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY

16 November 2011

MINUTES

I. Welcome and call to order

The following schools and departments signed in:

Abbott, Bartlett H.S., Canton, Center House, Channing, Clinton, Coleman, Creekside, CSP – Moving on/SWEP, Eastview, Elementary Art, Elementary PE, Elgin H.S., Ellis, Garfield, Glenbrook, Hanover Countryside, Harriet Gifford, Hawk Hollow, Health Services, Heritage, Hillcrest, Hilltop, Horizon, Huff, Illinois Park, Independence, Kenyon Woods, Kimball, Larkin H.S., Larsen, Lord's Park, Lowrie, McKinley, Nature Ridge, Ontarioville, Otter Creek, Prairieview, Ridge Circle, Sheridan, Social Workers, South Elgin H.S., Spring Trail, Streamwood H.S, Sunnydale, Sycamore Trails, Tefft, Timber Trails, TMP – ESC, Washington, Wayne and Willard.

II. Approval of Agenda

Meeting was called to order and the agenda was approved.

III. Approval Of Minutes

Minutes from the October 19th, 2011 RA were brought forward. There were no changes and the minutes were considered approved.

IV. Leadership Reports

Kathy Castle, President

Maryellyn Friel, 1st Vice-President

Kathy Heikkinen, 2nd Vice-President

Jane Besch, Treasurer

Sarah Madson, Secretary

Joyce Houston, UniServ Director

Jack Janezic, UniServ Director

A. District Committee Reports

There is an SEC meeting tomorrow. The official minutes should be posted on the district website and abbreviated minutes will be forwarded by ETA.

Instructional Council was cancelled this month. ETA leadership has communicated the belief that these meetings should not be arbitrarily cancelled by administration. Regularly scheduled meetings should resume in December.

The U46 District Staff Development Committee has launched a survey for teachers on what they feel is important in their professional development.

Susan Collins shared some info from her meeting with Beth in HR regarding certification. There is going to be a recertification meeting for teachers at the ESC in December for teachers who are up in June 2012.

The District Elementary Report Card Committee is sending out a survey to teachers to solicit information on how to improve the online report cards.

B. Those Who Excel

April 25th is Scholarship Bowl and May 21st is Those Who Excel. There are two Blackhawk tickets left for sale. January and February are going to be "Pass the Pin" at the RA. ETA is organizing a showing of "American Teacher" narrated by Matt Damon in February at South Elgin High School.

C. Bargaining: Joint Statement, TAP

Kathy Castle is releasing a joint communication with Tony Sanders pertaining to bargaining. Kathy related some information about bargaining and the progress being made. There has been no filing of an Intent to Strike notice. All the issues have been brought to the table and options are being generated at this time. There has been some progress at the bargaining table regarding the SB7 and PERA laws that are coming into play Sept 2012. Jack presented a power point outlining the work done thus far and the steps that will be taken in the future.

V. Region 24

Steve Olofson, Region Chair

Sarah Madson, Region Vice Chair

Judi Arman, Grassroots Political Activist

Judi shared some information about pension reform going on in Springfield. November 29th is when the legislature is being called back into session. If you want to know more about what is happening that effects education, visit IEANEA.org.

VI. New Business Items

None this evening.

VII. Questions/Bam

The district did not pay for Dr. Torres trip to China.

The monthly BAM drawing was held. Carol Bushong from Kimball won. ETA leadership will be arranging a visit to that site.

The Body Adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah R. Madson
Secretary