

Region 6 Board of Directors
January 6, 2010
Conference Call

Minutes

Members & Visitors Present

Dan Sakota, *IEA Region 6 President*
Lane Owen, *IEA Region 6 Vice President*
Michelle Sakota, *IEA Region 6 Secretary*
Virginia Jones, *IEA GR/PACE Committee*
Sue Kindred, *IEA Board of Directors*
Madelaine Love, *IEA Board of Directors*
Ken Sare, *IEA Board of Directors*
Wendy Carroll, *Bonneville Education Association President*
Eva Ochoa, *Firth Education Association President*
Chris Hoover, *Mackay Education Association President*
Howard Kimmel, *Ririe Education Association President*
Donna Hill, *Shelley Education Association President*
Kim Bermensolo, *ESP Task Force*
Esther Henry, *Jefferson Education Association President*
Barbara Agnew, *Teton Education Association Co-President*
Lourene Anawalt, *IEA HCR Committee*
Janette Tolman, *Sugar-Salem Education Association*
Peggy Park, *IEA Region 6 Director*

Excused members: Lane Owen (leaving early) Sue Kenny, and Chris Van Dam

Welcome & Introductions - Dan Sakota

Dan called meeting to order at 6:30pm

Adoption of Minutes - Dan Sakota

Correction- Esther Henry asked to omit Jr. on JCEA's local report.

Budget Report - Dan Sakota

Members commented on the difficulty opening the report. Peggy will ask JoEll to send older version. Dan made the motion to accept the budget.

Region President's Report - Dan Sakota

Esther and Dan attended PSC meeting the first of December. PSC is concerned about back log of cases.

Local Association Reports

Firth- Eva talked to superintendent. The board is unsure about signing the Race to the Top MOU, but feels somewhat safe with the 90-day opt out option. She is meeting with members tomorrow and then with the superintendent. If an agreement can't be made with bargaining team, then they will opt out.

Shelley- SEA President Donna Hill met with the superintendent after Tom Luna's hearing. The Superintendent is suspicious. He does not like the concept of an "electronic backpack", along with the possibility of student information going to the federal government. He agrees that the parties will need to make a decision soon. No views from members at this time.

Jefferson- JCEA President Esther Henry has had several conversations with the superintendent. Dr. Tolman wanted Esther to check with teachers before the Christmas break. There was a small turnout, but those responding said no. Members have received information via email concerning the MOU. The Superintendent asked JCEA to check again and mention the 90-day opt out provision. There is a split decision at this time. Esther will let him know on Friday.

Ririe- REA President Howard Kimmel will not sign without a majority of members supporting. He visited with Superintendent Ron Pernoud, who said that most of the members of the Board are hesitant to sign. However, the Superintendent doesn't want a bad name, so he is leaning toward signing and then withdrawing later. Members have been contacted twice through email. REA will have a count and feedback by Jan. 12th.

Teton- Barbara Agnew called a member meeting on Dec. 11th, and invited the superintendent. Eight people attended, and after discussion, most teachers did not have a problem with the MOU. TCEA Co-Pres. signed MOU Jan. 5th. The superintendent and Barbara called the SDE to ask if the pay for performance bonus could go to the entire district, as opposed to a sub-group. She was told that it would not be acceptable, but that the district could determine subgroups to receive the money. The Board is very much in favor. It may be complicated, however, as TCEA does not have a master agreement.

Mackay- MEA President Chris Hoover is overwhelmed and confused. The Superintendent feels like it is an awful lot to undertake at this time. The MEA is having a difficult time getting members to attend meetings, so communication will occur through email.

Rexburg- Several conversations have occurred with the Superintendent. The Board had discussions at its last meeting. The Superintendent is not pushing for signing the MOU. One board member is in full support. The REA will hold a building rep meeting on Monday to discuss the grant. The Superintendent will be invited to attend. Tomorrow an email will be sent to all members concerning Race to the Top. At this time, there is no decision from REA - members still have significant questions.

Bonneville- The Board signed the MOU, but their support is lukewarm. The BEA emailed members before Christmas, but has received no feedback from members. There will be a building rep meeting on Monday to discuss the MOU, and determine whether or not sign.

Idaho Falls - IFEA president Michelle Sakota met with the IFEA executive board to discuss the MOU, and also met with the superintendent. The Board will sign the MOU on Friday. The Board and superintendent have no problem signing the MOU, but are relying on the 90-day opt-out clause. The IFEA emailed reps information about the grant and asked them to forward this information to members. The reps will meet on Monday to vote to sign or not sign.

Sugar- Sugar will meet Friday to decide if signing MOU.

Governance Reports

1. Board of Directors:

- a. Ken Sare reported that the Board met in November and adopted preliminary RA zones. Local Association should have received a timeline for nominations for RA. Region 6 has been divided in two zones. One delegate will be elected from locals entirely within Region 6, and the other comes from locals in both Region 6 and 5. This was due to membership numbers. All nominations will need to be postmarked by January 22nd, 2010. Visit the IEA website for more information.
- b. The Board also discussed their concerns with the Race to The Top grant.
- c. Nominations for Awards at DA need to be in the IEA office by January 22nd.

2. GR/PACE

- a. Virginia Jones reported that a "Pick Up the PACE" training will be held on Thursday, January 14th. Two people from Jefferson have registered to attend, along with Virginia. Each local can send two people. Following the training, the region will put together and implement a plan to increase PACE contributions.
- b. The IEA Board made a decision to have only PACE members who donate \$24.00/year attend the PACE training and Grassroots Lobbying.
- c. Legislative meetings – Virginia asked members for suggestions and will work on setting breakfast meetings with legislators on February 20th and 27th.
- d. Grassroots Lobby day – March 24th.

Region Director's Report – Peggy Park

Peggy canceled bargaining training due to lack of response. Members said that perhaps December was too early for the locals to put together bargaining teams. Peggy will reconfigure the training, and reschedule for February, March, and April.

Old Business

1. **Delegate Assembly** – names of delegates must be submitted to the IEA office by March 15th.
2. **Election of Delegates** – Reminder to hold elections soon
3. **Housing reminder** – presidents should be making reservations for Delegate Assembly now. You can block rooms for DA, which will be held April 16th -17th
4. **Shirts**- Ken made a motion to have the Region 6 executive board to make a decision on shirts for DA. Madelaine seconded the motion. Motion passed.

New Business

1. **IEA Awards nominations** – nominations to IEA office by January 22nd.
2. **Region 6 Friend of Education Award**- Be thinking of the people who help with public education.
3. **Children's Fund**- Ken Sare made a formal motion for Region 6 to contribute \$500 to the Children's Fund. Esther seconded the motion. Motion passed.
4. Dan reported all the locals who contacted new members for the months of November and December. Idaho Falls, Jefferson County, Sugar-Salem, Firth, and Bonneville will receive money from an IEA grant. Locals are asked to report to Dan by the end of January of what they have done to reach out to new members this month.

Howard made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Madelaine seconded the motion. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:49