

Metro West Governing Board Meeting

Thursday, April 22, 2021

**Virtual Metro West Uniserv
Meeting – Zoom**

Those of Attendance:

Kay Carlson, SLP, President

Rose Korst, SLP, Secretary

Megan Lhotka, Treasurer

Melissa Benjamin, Orono VP

Chris Commers, ECCS

Shelly Sutherland, ECCS

Chris Watkins, St. Louis Park

Dave Clark, Richfield

Monica Byron, Richfield

Marc Doepner-Hove, Westonka

Ann Hersman, Minnetonka

Mark Broten, Minnetonka

Paula Klinger, Hopkins

Anne Naumann, Wayzata

Cory Knudtson, Wayzata

Dennis Fischer, EdMN Field Staff

Adam Janiak, EdMN Field Staff

**The meeting was called to order at 5:09 pm by Kay
Carlson.**

You are all heroes for what you are doing .

Approve the agenda with some modifications. APPROVED.

1.MOTION TO APPROVE FEBRUARY MINUTES.

Moved: Marc Doepner-Hove Seconded: Chris Watkins

MOTION APPROVED.

2. Treasurer's Report, Megan L.

Balance: \$19,494.39 Savings: \$39,628.74

Proposal to rebate \$5 per member to locals who pay dues to Metro West since our meetings have been by Zoom and haven't incurred the usual costs.

MOTION TO REBATE \$5 PER MEMBER FOR THIS YEAR.

Moved: Anne Naumann Seconded: Ann Hersman

MOTION APPROVED. Rebates will be mailed out as soon as possible.

Megan will have a budget proposal for next year at our May meeting. Look over the document she sent out.

Chris has a question about the vouchers. Please get your

stipend requests in to Megan as soon as possible.

3. Kay will have a report for us at May 27th IO meeting.

4. Monica. They have a meeting tomorrow . They will be looking ahead to RC on Saturday. Looking ahead to July. There will be a governing board meeting to set next year's agenda.

5. Council Chairs:

Melissa Benjamin. Communications. Website is up to date.

Marc Doepner-Hove. Negotiations. Each month in the negotiations folder Marc has added new items.

Counselors. How do your districts handle summer work and pay for Counselors? Go on and see what other districts do for this.

Dave Clark. Legislative. He has a link to EdMN Omnibus

bill. See comparison. If you live in a district with a Republican Senator, please give them a call.

The House Bill went to vote. 3 GOP members voted for it.

A 2 and 2 isn't really enough, but it's something.

The 1065 Omnibus Bill? Equity and people of color. The

Layoff Bill. It allows for negotiation of agreement as to

who is to be retained to meet the equity needs of the district.. Not to exceed 5% Locally negotiated and decided at a committee level. Has not been voted on yet.

It does not do away with tenure or continuing contract.

6. Lobbying before the meeting. Wayzata had 8 teachers attend. Successful turnout. Minnetonka also had several go lobby. Richfield also had 11 participate. Chris Commers said his group was ready to

lobby, but there legislators weren't there. EdMN is organizing for retired teachers to lobby next week.

7. Adam Janiak, EdMN

We need more teachers to contact their legislators. Lobby, call. The RC is this Saturday.

SAVE THE DATE: May 15 Rally at the Capitol in conjunction with allies and partners. More info to come.

Superintendents need to have their summer school plans in to MDE by tomorrow, April 23.

8. Kay asked about an update with the Ethnic Studies Coalition. There is a feeling that the bill is making progress. Will check and let everyone know.

9. Open Forum:

Next month at our May 27th meeting we will have officer elections. If you want to nominate someone, please let Kay or Melissa know.

10.MOTION TO ADJOURN.

Moved: Ann Hersman

Seconded: Marc Doepner-Hove

MOTION PASSED.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55pm.

Respectfully,

Rose Korst

Secretary