

MEA MONITOR

Moline Education Association

April 2021

President's Report - Susan Hafner

Happy Friday-

The month of April is going quickly, which means fourth quarter will be ending before we know it. There seems to be so much to do with so little time. The ending of this year is unlike any other--we are having Homecoming at our football game on a Friday in the middle of April. That is definitely different than the normal year. Somehow, we have all managed to adapt and rise to the occasion that this year has afforded, and many of our students have too.

Unfortunately, some of our students have not adapted as well as we would like, and next year we will need to address their various needs. Fortunately, the federal government has provided funds to help in that endeavor and Dr. Savage outlined how those funds will be spent at the last board meeting. If you missed the meeting, the following points are a summary:

- The funding is part of the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER)
- We will be receiving a total of three installments:
 - ESSER I - 1.9 million dollars, which needs to be allocated by 9/30/2022
 - ESSER II - 7.5 million dollars, which needs to be allocated by 9/30/2023
 - ESSER III - 17.5 million dollars, which needs to be allocated by 9/30/2024 (20% of this fund must be focused on learning loss and SEL support)
- The District will be hiring additional temporary staff to help in addressing the needs of our struggling students
 - Elementary Level - 11 Academic Recovery Co-Teachers (1 for each building; 2 for Hamilton)
 - Middle Level - 8 Academic Recovery Co-Teachers (1 for each core discipline at both buildings) and 2 Special Needs Teachers (1 for each building)
 - High School - 5 Temporary Teachers (1 for each core discipline and PE) and 1 Special Needs teacher

Some of the above information may be altered, and it may be a struggle to find people to fill all of these positions; however, it is a great start and the positions are already posted.

In regards to Remote Learning in the fall, the District is planning on having stricter requirements for students to choose remote, which will look much different in the future. The District will have a Remote Academy at all levels and will be hiring temporary teachers to staff it. The plan is as follows:

- Elementary - 4 Full Remote Teachers (1 for K-1, 1 for 2-3, 1 for 4-5, 1 Special Needs)
- Middle - 4 Full Remote Teachers (1 for each core discipline)
- High School - 4 Full Remote (1 for each grade level)

Once again, some of this may change due to need or lack thereof--so much depends on the number of students who choose to be fully remote in the fall. I think most families have seen the importance of in-person learning this year, so, hopefully, the number will be small.

Besides hiring additional teachers, the ESSER funds will also be used to update our buildings--AIR CONDITIONING! The current plan is:

- Year 1 (summer of 2022) Jane Addams / Logan (It may be one or both of these), Butterworth
- Year 2 (summer of 2023) Jane Addams / Logan (If one of these is not completed the previous year, it will be this year), Lincoln Irving, Washington, Jefferson
- Coolidge and Willard will NOT be updated due to the fact that they are not part of the long term plan for facilities

On another note, the end of this year also brings negotiations, and we appreciate all of you for taking the time to complete the survey we sent. We are summarizing the information and beginning to meet as a committee. We will then begin meeting with our Administration in May. It will definitely be a busy end of the year.

As the end of the year approaches, I know that many of us think it can't come soon enough. However, I think it will be here before we know it, and we will look back on this year as a triumph in that we survived it--remote learning; school closings; tiny, silent classes; mask wearing, and all of the other challenges that occurred. It is a beautiful day today, and it gives me a much more optimistic outlook than I had in the long, cold days of winter. I think we all have a greater appreciation for sunny days after the gloom that seemed to hover over us this past year.

Enjoy these beautiful days and Take care-
Susie

Student Data Privacy Regulations

Moline-Coal Valley School District

Student Online Personal Protection Act (SOPPA)

Effective July 1, 2021, school districts will be **required** by the Student Online Personal Protection Act (SOPPA) to provide additional guarantees that student data is protected when collected by educational technology companies, and that data is used for beneficial purposes only (official statute **105 ILCS 85**).

DISTRICT REQUIREMENTS: Below is a high-level overview of the new requirements. Please refer to our [SOPPA website](#) for more specific information regarding each element.


School districts must:

1. Annually post a list of all operators of online services or applications utilized by the district.
2. Annually post all data elements that the school collects, maintains, or discloses to any entity. This information must also explain how the school uses the data, and to whom and why it discloses the data
3. Post contracts for each operator within 10 days of signing.
4. Annually post subcontractors for each operator.
5. Post the process for how parents can exercise their rights to inspect, review and correct information maintained by the school, operator, or ISBE
6. Post data breaches within 10 days and notify parents within 30 days.
7. Create a policy for who can sign contracts with operators.
8. Designate a privacy officer to ensure compliance.
9. Maintain reasonable security procedures and practices. Agreements with vendors in which information is shared must include a provision that the vendor maintains reasonable security procedures and practices.

AR Secretary's Report - Emily Roberts

Moline Education Association
Association Representatives Meeting
Thursday, March 11th, 2021

The MEA Association Representatives met via Google Meets on Thursday, March 11th, 2021. President Susie Hafner called the meeting to order at 2:31pm. There were 27 ARs and 15 Executive Board members in attendance; a quorum was present.



A motion was made by Liz O'Hern, seconded by Raegan Jones, to approve the minutes of the February 17th, 2021, AR meeting. **Motion** approved.

Treasurer Steve Sundberg reported balances in all accounts. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Liz O'Hern, seconded by Kari Dies. **Motion** approved. It was voted (January 2015) to not publish the dollar amounts in the MEA budget in neither the minutes nor the Monitor. Members with questions regarding the MEA account balances are asked to contact Treasurer Steve Sundberg.

Committee Chair Reports:

- Membership - In the absence of chair Heidi Norcross, President Hafner reported membership stands at 459.
- Elections - Marigrace Alonso noted that ballots from the March 3rd elections were reported to the Regional Office.
- Legislative - Raegan Jones reminded members of the April 6th municipal elections for Moline Mayor and three Board of Education candidates. The vote-by-mail deadline is April 1st.
- ***This report was inadvertently missed during the AR meeting. Kim Anderson sent an email report to President Hafner and Secretary Roberts: Public Relations - Kim Anderson reported newly designed Years of Service pins had arrived at the Trophy Shop and that 200 pins would be engraved.
- Social - Aubree Krol drew names for \$5.00 Lagomarcino gift cards. Winners in attendance were: Chris McKenzie, Matt Perkins, Angela Florence, and Kara Banfield.
- Grievance/Negotiations - Chief Negotiator Colette Guerdet and President Hafner have met several times to discuss the negotiations plan. The negotiations team is fairly well assembled, but could still use an elementary level member. Anyone interested is asked to contact Colette Guerdet or President Hafner. A negotiations survey will be sent to members after spring break.
- Region 18 - Lori Wesemann reported the IEA/RA Convention would be held this coming weekend; election ballots had been counted and it was an uncontested win for the Region. She noted the proposed IEA/RA dues increase would be voted on during the convention.

Old Business:

- President Hafner noted the elementary schedule change had occurred, with A/B students mixed and a 12:10 dismissal time.

New Business:

- Vice-President Christine Watts reported on the SOPPA (Student Online Personal Protection Act) Law that would begin July 1st. School districts in Illinois will be required to prove that student data is protected. Companies for the apps and extensions used by the district must provide a privacy agreement. MSD #40 has started the confirmation process and has hired an outside company (Learned Platform) to obtain these agreements. Teachers will eventually receive a list from Learned Platform of approved, pending, and denied companies. More information concerning these changes will be included in the Monitor.
- President Hafner reported that administrators are discussing what the fourth quarter schedule will look like, noting that each educational level would be different. There is a lot of flexibility for teachers at the secondary level to determine what is needed for credit recovery for students. There were A.R. questions and concerns regarding the fourth quarter changes. President Hafner and Vice-President Watts will check with administration and provide answers/confirmation to the ARs after this meeting.

A.R. Concerns:


- It was voted (2010-2011) to not publish the AR concerns in the Monitor. ARs were reminded to communicate concerns discussed at the meeting with the other MEA members they represent. President Hafner will discuss most issues in the "President's Corner" of the Monitor or send superintendent's responses directly to the ARs for dissemination to members.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Kathleen MacLennan, seconded by Val Hayes. **Motion** approved. The meeting adjourned at 3:21pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Roberts
MEA Secretary

Moline Education Association
Association Representatives Meeting
Wednesday, February 17th, 2021

The MEA Association Representatives met via Google Meets on Wednesday, February 17th, 2021. President Susie Hafner called the meeting to order at 3:01pm. There were 29 ARs and 15 Executive Board members in attendance; a quorum was present.



A motion was made by Marlene DeLong, seconded by Debbie Sturges, to approve the minutes of the January 14th, 2021, AR meeting. **Motion** approved.

Treasurer Steve Sundberg reported balances in all accounts. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Heidi Norcross, seconded by Raegan Jones. **Motion** approved. It was voted (January 2015) to not publish the dollar amounts in the MEA budget in neither the minutes nor the Monitor. Members with questions regarding the MEA account balances are asked to contact Treasurer Steve Sundberg.

Committee Chair Reports:

- Membership - Heidi Norcross reported membership stands at 459.
- Elections - Marigrace Alonso reported that although neither she nor Leslie Kahler at the IEA office had received any nominations for delegates to the virtual NEA/RA Convention, there would be an election on March 3rd for other positions.
- Legislative - Raegan Jones attended the virtual GPA training. She also reminded members to vote in the April 6th election for Moline Mayor and three Board of Education candidates.
- Region 18 - no report.
- Public Relations - Kim Anderson reported newly designed Years of Service pins had been ordered.
- Social - no report.
- Grievance/Negotiations - President Hafner noted information was included in the Monitor and asked members interested in being on the negotiations team to contact her or Colette Guerdet.

Old Business:

- President Hafner commended teachers on live teaching on google meets, and noted that addressing failing students was an on-going conversation with administration.
- President Hafner reported that Dave McDermott would try to allow teachers to purchase their own laptops at the school auction.

New Business:

- President Hafner reported that ideas for possible changes to the student attendance schedule were being discussed and would be voted on by the community and staff. She noted the issues of safety, what was in the best interest of students, if the schedule changes complied with the MEA contract, and addressing at risk/failing students, were all being considered.

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- President Hafner noted that Jane Addams Elementary was currently combining A/B students, and there could possibly still be 2000 remote only students. She also reported that the state of Illinois may require the remote option for the fall of 2021.

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There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Matt Perkins, seconded by Heidi Norcross. **Motion** approved. The meeting adjourned at 3:58pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Roberts
MEA Secretary

MEA Member News

Congratulations to.....

- Brenda Bussard (Washington) on her appointment as principal of Washington
 - Calesia House (WMS) on her participation as a panelist for the virtual discussion "The Student Experience in K-12 Music Education," presented by the QCSO in partnership with the United Way of the Quad Cities African American Leadership Society.
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Condolences to.....

- Jenny Densberger (Franklin) on the death of her mother-in-law
- Laura Hoover (Franklin) on the death of her sister
- Becky Kennelly (Willard) on the death of her grandfather
- Nancy Lavin (Logan) and Chris Lavin (Jane Addams) on the death of her mother and mother-in-law
- Lincoln-Irving staff and students on the death of Mrs. Cervantes

*Please send any member news to
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