

NUEA

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4:00 P.M.

NUEA/IEA Office

REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY --DRAFT

1. Ken Swanson (President IEA) and Audrey Soglin (Executive Director/IEA)

Overview: Why does it feel like we are marked?

There are pressures around educational practices due to what is happening in Chicago Public Schools. Stand for Children is an organization that went into Colorado and made the state kowtow to their premises. They did this by dividing the large local unions.

They are now here in Illinois trying to use Chicago money from deep pockets (both Republican and Democrat)to conquer CTU. Chicago has one of the shortest school days anywhere. They will not change. Therefore Stand is after them. They feel that it is hopeless trying to change them, so the Stand and Advance Illinois (organized to promote quality education in Illinois) is going to attack by pushing what was pushed in Colorado. They are ready--Dec. testimony, Lame Duck discussion, ready to couple with the revenue piece. They assumed IEA, CTU and AFT would not have time to rebut. They were wrong. We were able to write a counterproposal to present January 3rd. The ideas were taken seriously and

- No to changing collective bargaining
- We have ideas that we can bring to the table to counter their ideas.
- We NEED to rally or we will have no voice in what is done to teachers in Illinois.

Educational Reform Legislation

January 21-22, 2011

IEA BOARD OF DIRECTORS * refer to the power point from IEA for further

School Management Alliance closely follows “Performance Counts”

Dec. 22 meetings to give input and reaction to PC--This meeting was what made it clear that the Teacher unions in Illinois needed to organize to develop new proposals for reform, gather data regarding the non renewals and dismissals of teachers in Illinois. We are paying the price of administrators not doing their job. See results in the power point.

There will be Educational Reform regardless of the fact that we kept it out of the Lame duck.

Suggested: redefine or remove the term “tenure”

Answer: We are trying to do this. This has been discussed at Executive Committee.

The summary of our Proposal was passed out to our Representatives of NUEA. The guests explained each of the slides for better comprehension.

Revenue Issues refer to the power point from IEA for more.

Income Tax rate is increased. The current 4.8% rate to 7%

Drops to 5.25%, etc. Our state is still lower than most states.

Keep an eye on the Advancement of Education fund. There is still no idea what this will be.

Cigarette Tax was not passed.

SB336 - -sale of bonds to make payments for unpaid bills and general operation did not pass.

Be ready to support this:

***TABOR

Taxpayer Bill of Rights- constitutional amendment would have imposed artificial spending restrictions regarding who the state spends its money.

IEA Strategy--we need to participate in:

- Outreach to legislators at the local level--Talk to our colleagues and make them aware!
- Calls to Action!!!
- Grass Roots initiated targeted local communications
- Spring Break; March 21-25 and April 18-22
- Lobby Day; May 4, 2011

Comments:

Go to IEA website: get an app that will allow you to contact your congressmen to promote our points. Keep pressing your point and get your colleagues to call, too. It is alright to let them get irritated by our persistence!

Talking points to address will be coming soon. Watch the IEA website for the exact message to convey.

Get all colleagues signed up on the INSIDER so all new concerns may be made available to you.

Ahead of the issues being made, you can definitely contact legislators with the following comments.

- Listen to the voice of the teachers, IEA, CTU, AFT
- Be responsible to the pensions. Do not walk away from the teachers.

Why would you listen to advisors from outside the state making legislations regarding OUR concerns?

Meeting continued at 5:45 p.m.

1. Grievance Training will be pushed to February as is building type issues. If there is an issue to discuss. Email it to Kathy Angelos-elementary

Carol Higgins-middle school

Tina Dohm- high school

1. Motion to suspend secretary and treasurer's report until next meeting and approved.
2. Midwest Leadership conference--was successful--report upon request at the next

meeting.

3. Uniserv Report tabled

4. Elections: Call for candidates is open now!!! We need to elect the following:

First vice president

Recording Secretary

Junior high exec.

Association Reps to all buildings

**NUEA delegates to the National Education Association- Representative
Assembly -**

In Chicago June 30-July 5, 2011 Look to the NUEA website for
electronic version of this.

Please be sure to send in your candidate statement to John Cole by **February 24th**.

5. Joyce Bailey was announced as NEA Director!!! Congratulations to her and to us as we
now hold a voice in Washington, too.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.