



April 7, 2023

General Assembly – April 11, 2023:

The entire body of the OEA is invited and encouraged to attend the first of two all-membership meetings of 2023. This event will be filled with key information as we begin to finish up the current school year and begin preparing for the next. I highly encourage you to attend. Your voice is strong and must be heard.

It is a pleasure to announce the interim superintendent, Matt Ray, will be in attendance for a Q&A session. If you have any questions you would like Mr. Ray to answer, please send them to me (michelle.settlemyer@nsea.org) or pass them to ARs at your school.

We will also be going over key highlights of the new contract. This is the opportunity to ask questions and raise concerns so we can begin organizing around those topics.

Election Results:

In the event that you did not see the results from the election please review below. Congratulations to each that were elected.

Vice President of Advocacy: Kathy Poehling

Elementary Board Members: Terri Childers and Amanda Kloke

Middle School Board Member: Amy Smith

High School Board Members: Rae Carlson and Jim Goetz

Alternative Education / TAC: Shannon Heng

Delegate Assembly Representatives: Paula Aguirre, Katie Cameron, Rae Carlson, Diana Casey, Terri Childers, Kiera Cummings, Molly Davies, Kim Ferris, Tonja Frank, Kim Gardiner, Jim Goetz, Micole Brazell Harms, Meeghan Hartfield, Kathleen Hayden Matthews, Shannon Heng, Andrew Hillmer, Wes Jensen, Faith Johnson, Amanda Kloke, Lori Krebs, Kristy Lee, Terrell Matthews, Josh McDougall, Kim Mefford, Eric Opdahl, Amy Page, Justin Potts, Carrie Pratt, Michelle

Richards, Amy Smith, Stacie Stevens, Edward Ventura, and Jared Wagenknecht.

Representative Assembly Delegates: Edward Ventura, Kristy Lee, Faith Johnson, Jim Goetz, Meeghan Hartfield, Anne King, Katie Cameron, Paula Aguirre, Wes Jensen, Stacie Stevens, Terri Childers, Andrew Hillmer, and Diana Casey.

Resignations and Retirement

If you are planning to retire from the district, you must have your letter submitted to the district no later than April 15th. Those planning on resigning must submit their resignation no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 28, 2023. If you do not submit by this deadline, you will be considered under contract for the 2023-2024 school year. For those probationary teachers considering resignation, you must submit a resignation letter, rather than just not signing your contract.

If you are planning to retire, please let the OEA know so that we may include you in the Laurels Night event on May 7, 2023, from 2:30pm - 4:30pm at Lauritzen Gardens.

Student Advocacy Workshop

Do you have students who are struggling in your classroom? You know they may need additional support but are unsure of how to advocate for them? Reserve your spot for a workshop presented by the Educational Rights Counsel (ERC) and co-sponsored by the OEA. The information presented will cover how to appropriately advocate for your students, language to use for student advocacy and how to advocate for yourself as an educator. The workshop will be Saturday, April 22, 2023, from 9:00am until 11:00am. Use the following link to register, Successful Student Advocacy. More details will be sent to those who register.

Laurels Night Event

The OEA will celebrate those members retiring and who have achieved the 25-year milestone in their career. The event will be held at Lauritzen Gardens on Sunday, May 7, 2023, from 2:30pm until 4:30pm. If interested in attending, please reach out to Michelle Settlemyer (michelle.settlemyer@nsea.org) and she will provide you with further details.

Upcoming Committee Meetings (all held at OEA office and start at 4:45pm):

Governance – April 11, 2023

NewGen – April 12, 2023

Compensation & Benefits – April 18, 2023

Membership – April 19, 2023

PACE (Political Action Committee for Education) – April 20

EMAC – April 27, 2023

Upcoming Events:

Retirement Workshop – March 28, 2023 (virtual 6:30pm)

OEA Board Meeting – April 5, 2023 (5:00pm)

OEA General Assembly Meeting – April 11, 2023

(in person / virtual starting at 4:30pm with secondary concerns)

Successful Student Advocacy – April 22, 2023 (9:00am-11:00am)

Laurels Open House – May 7, 2023 (Lauritzen Gardens 2:30pm-4:30pm)

Good work is happening! For those who celebrate - Happy Easter, Happy Passover, Ramadan Mubarak and to everyone else - wishing you a lovely and relaxing weekend.

In Solidarity,
Michelle

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