

Members of MSBA's 2009 Delegate Assembly established the following resolutions (20 passed of the 30 submitted):

I. SCHOOL FINANCE

1.1 - STATE AID FUNDING

RESOLUTION NUMBER ONE

REPAY UNALLOTTED SHIFT
(PASSED: YES - 116; NO - 1)

(Submitted by La Crescent-Hokah and Minneapolis School Boards)

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE MINNESOTA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION URGES THE LEGISLATURE TO CODIFY THE 2009 AND FUTURE EDUCATION AID AND PROPERTY TAX SHIFTS THAT CLARIFY THE SHIFTED AID AND PROPERTY TAX REVENUE WOULD BE REPAYED TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN THE FUTURE.

RESOLUTION NUMBER TWO

FUND FULL COST OF SCHOOL READINESS PROGRAMS
(PASSED AS AMENDED: YES - 101; NO - 16)

(Submitted by Roseville School Board)

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE MINNESOTA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION URGES THE LEGISLATURE TO PROVIDE PUBLIC SCHOOLS THE NECESSARY FUNDING TO COVER THE FULL COST OF A VOLUNTARY COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL READINESS PROGRAM ~~DESIGNED TO,~~ IN ADDITION TO OTHER K-12 FUNDING IN ORDER TO INCREASE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT. A SCHOOL READINESS PROGRAM WOULD PREPARE AT RISK CHILDREN AGES THREE TO FIVE TO ENTER KINDERGARTEN - INCLUDING SUFFICIENT FUNDING FOR TRANSPORTATION COSTS, RELATED PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMPONENTS, AND ALLOWANCES SO THAT ALL CHILDREN FROM FAMILIES WHO QUALIFY FOR FREE OR REDUCED LUNCHES AND/OR ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER PROGRAMS WOULD BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE AT NO CHARGE AND ALL OTHER FAMILIES WOULD PAY ACCORDING TO A SLIDING FEE SCALE BASED UPON FAMILY INCOME.

1.1 - STATE AID FUNDING

RESOLUTION NUMBER THREE

SIMPLIFY AND ADEQUATELY FUND SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

(PASSED: YES - 76; NO - 40)

(Submitted by Richfield School Board)

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE MINNESOTA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION URGES THE LEGISLATURE TO SIMPLIFY AND ADEQUATELY FUND SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, TREAT SPECIAL EDUCATION COSTS SIMILAR TO HUMAN SERVICES COSTS THAT ARE BUILT INTO THE STATE BUDGET FORECAST, SINCE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THESE SERVICES ARE ALL MANDATED BY STATE OR FEDERAL LAW; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, CHANGE THE SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDING FORMULA WITH THE GOALS OF SIMPLIFICATION, PREDICTABILITY, AND REDUCED REPORTING BURDEN. AN EXAMPLE WOULD BE REPLACING THE COST REIMBURSEMENT BASED FORMULA WITH A PUPIL-DRIVEN FORMULA. ANY CHANGES SHOULD ENSURE THAT DISTRICTS RECEIVE A GREATER PORTION OF THE COSTS INCURRED FOR THE MANDATED SERVICES.

RESOLUTION NUMBER FOUR

SIMPLIFY AND REPLACE PARTS OF FUNDING FORMULA

(FAILED: YES - 9; NO - 111)

(Submitted by Richfield School Board)

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE MINNESOTA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION URGES THE LEGISLATURE TO SIMPLIFY OR REPLACE PORTIONS OF THE SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA THAT ARE EXCESSIVELY COMPLICATED, SUCH AS SPECIAL EDUCATION EXCESS COST AID AND TRANSPORTATION COST ALLOCATION; AND

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED, ELIMINATE THE PENSION SUBTRACTION, IN THE INTERESTS OF BOTH FAIRNESS AND SIMPLICITY.

1.1 - STATE AID FUNDING

RESOLUTION NUMBER FIVE

RE-ESTABLISH GENERAL EDUCATION LEVY

(FAILED: YES - 56; NO - 62)

(Submitted by Cambridge-Isanti School Board)

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE MINNESOTA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION URGES THE LEGISLATURE TO RE-ESTABLISH A GENERAL EDUCATION LEVY TO BE APPLIED AT AN EQUAL RATE ACROSS ALL SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN MINNESOTA.

1.2 - SPECIAL FINANCING

RESOLUTION NUMBER ONE

REPEAL MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT MANDATE IN SAFE SCHOOL LEVY

(PASSED: YES - 106; NO - 12)

(Submitted by New London-Spicer and Richfield School Boards)

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE MINNESOTA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION URGES THE LEGISLATURE TO REPEAL FROM THE SAFE SCHOOLS LEVY STATUTE (M.S. 126C.44) THE MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT (MOE) COMPONENT OF THE SAFE SCHOOLS LEVY THAT INCLUDES LICENSED SCHOOL SUPPORT STAFF FOR GUIDANCE COUNSELORS, SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS, SOCIAL WORKERS, NURSES, AND ALCOHOL/CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY COUNSELORS.

RESOLUTION NUMBER TWO

DISCRETIONARY LEVY FOR CROSS-SUBSIDY

(FAILED: YES - 20; NO - 95)

(Submitted by Matthew Lemke, Fergus Falls School Board Member and a Member of the Delegate Assembly)

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE MINNESOTA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION URGES THE LEGISLATURE TO PERMIT SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO LEVY, WITHOUT A REFERENDUM, THE AMOUNT UP TO THE CROSS-SUBSIDY OF SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS BY GENERAL EDUCATION FUNDS.

1.2 - SPECIAL FINANCING

RESOLUTION NUMBER THREE

DISCRETIONARY LEVY
(FAILED: YES - 19; NO - 101)

(Submitted by South St. Paul School Board)

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE MINNESOTA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION URGES THE LEGISLATURE TO ALLOW LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS TO LEVY ON THEIR OWN, WITHOUT VOTER APPROVAL, A LOCALLY FUNDED OPERATING LEVY CAPPED AT \$1700.00 BEGINNING WITH THE 2011-12 SCHOOL YEAR.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS BE ALLOWED TO RAISE THIS REVENUE FOR STUDENTS IN INCREMENTS OF \$300 PER YEAR CAPPED AT \$1700.

RESOLUTION NUMBER FOUR

DISCRETIONARY AUTHORITY FOR EXPIRING LEVIES
(NO MOTION MADE)

(Submitted by Anoka-Hennepin School Board)

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE MINNESOTA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION URGES THE LEGISLATURE TO PROVIDE SCHOOL BOARDS WITH DISCRETIONARY LEVY AUTHORITY TO RENEW EXPIRING REFERENDUM LEVIES PLUS INFLATION FOR A PERIOD OF TIME NOT TO EXCEED THE TIME PERIOD OF THE ORIGINAL LEVY. A CONDITION OF THIS AUTHORITY IS THAT A SCHOOL BOARD WILL CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING NOTIFYING ALL TAXPAYERS OF THE DISTRICT OF SAID MEETING PRIOR TO APPROVAL OF THE LEVY.

RESOLUTION NUMBER FIVE

MORE THAN ONE OPERATING LEVY PER CALENDAR YEAR
(PASSED: YES - 79; NO - 38)

(Submitted by Rockford School Board)

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE MINNESOTA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION URGES THE LEGISLATURE TO ALLOW DISTRICTS THAT HAVE HAD A FAILED OPERATING LEVY ATTEMPT AND HAVE A POSITIVE FUND BALANCE OF THREE PERCENT OR LESS TO HOLD AN ELECTION THAT MEETS CURRENT STATE ELECTION LAWS IN ORDER TO SEEK VOTER APPROVAL OF AN OPERATING REFERENDUM UP TO THREE TIMES PER CALENDAR YEAR.

1.2 - SPECIAL FINANCING

RESOLUTION NUMBER SIX

UPDATE OPERATING CAPITAL FORMULA

(FAILED: YES - 26; NO - 90)

(Submitted by Richfield School Board)

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE MINNESOTA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION URGES THE LEGISLATURE TO UPDATE THE OPERATING CAPITAL PER PUPIL ALLOCATION, THAT HAS NOT INCREASED SINCE 1992, TO 2010 DOLLARS (AVERAGE OF \$330 PER PUPIL UNIT) AND IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS TO KEEP PACE WITH THE COST OF MAINTAINING AGING FACILITIES.

RESOLUTION NUMBER SEVEN

EXPAND HEALTH AND SAFETY PROGRAM

(PASSED AS AMENDED: YES - 109; NO - 6)

(Submitted by Richfield School Board)

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE MINNESOTA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION URGES THE LEGISLATURE TO EXPAND THE HEALTH AND SAFETY PROGRAM OR PROVIDE SEPARATE PROGRAMS TO ADDRESS ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS. ~~AND ADA IMPROVEMENTS FOR SCHOOL BUDGETS.~~

RESOLUTION NUMBER EIGHT

EXPAND HEALTH AND SAFETY LEVY TO COVER H1N1 PREPARATION COSTS

(PASSED: YES - 111; NO - 5)

(Submitted by Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton School Board)

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE MINNESOTA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION URGES THE LEGISLATURE TO ALLOW SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO COVER YEARLY INFLUENZA (FLU) RELATED COSTS THROUGH THE HEALTH AND SAFETY LEVY.

1.2 - SPECIAL FINANCING

RESOLUTION NUMBER NINE

INCREASE DEFERRED MAINTENANCE REVENUE

(PASSED: YES - 70; NO - 44)

(Submitted by Richfield School Board)

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE MINNESOTA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION URGES THE LEGISLATURE TO INCREASE DEFERRED MAINTENANCE REVENUE BY RAISING FUNDING FROM \$60 TO \$100 PER PUPIL UNIT.

RESOLUTION NUMBER TEN

INCREASE EQUALIZATION FOR ALL LEVIES

(PASSED AS AMENDED: YES - 107; NO - 7)

(Submitted by New London-Spicer School Board)

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE MINNESOTA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION URGES THE LEGISLATURE TO INCREASE THE EQUALIZATION FACTORS FOR ALL LEVIES, ESPECIALLY THE REFERENDUM LEVY EQUALIZATION FACTOR FROM \$476,000 TO \$800,000.

RESOLUTION NUMBER ELEVEN

EXPAND LEASE LEVY USE

(PASSED: YES - 70; NO - 45)

(Submitted by Anoka-Hennepin School Board)

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE MINNESOTA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION URGES THE LEGISLATURE TO MAKE THE LEASE LEVY AVAILABLE TO SCHOOL BOARDS TO UTILIZE FOR REPURPOSE OR RETROFITTING CLOSED SCHOOLS FOR OTHER EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES FOR THREE FISCAL YEARS AFTER THE SCHOOL BOARD HAS CLOSED A PUBLIC SCHOOL.

1.3 - REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

RESOLUTION NUMBER ONE

SIMPLIFY REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

(FAILED: YES - 51; NO - 68)

(Submitted by Richfield School Board)

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE MINNESOTA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION URGES THE LEGISLATURE TO REQUIRE THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (MDE) TO MINIMIZE OVERLAP AND DUPLICATION AMONG SIX MAJOR FINANCE-RELATED REPORTING SYSTEMS, BY REDUCING THE NUMBER OF SYSTEMS TO UFARS, MARRS AND STAR AND ACCEPTING CURRENT PERIODIC UPDATES FROM THOSE THREE SYSTEMS.

1.4 - RETIREMENT

RESOLUTION NUMBER ONE

STABILIZE THE BASE OF TRA

(PASSED: YES - 92; NO - 28)

(Submitted by MSBA Board of Directors)

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE MINNESOTA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION URGES THE LEGISLATURE TO RESTORE FINANCIAL STABILIZATION TO THE TEACHER RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION (TRA) PENSION FUND, FOR LONG-TERM SUSTAINABILITY.

II. SCHOOL BOARD-EMPLOYEE RELATIONS

2.1 - BARGAINING

RESOLUTION NUMBER ONE

SUPPORT STRUCTURAL BALANCE

(FAILED: YES - 30; NO - 87)

(Submitted by Matthew Lemke, Fergus Falls School Board Member and a Member of the Delegate Assembly)

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE MINNESOTA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION URGES THE LEGISLATURE TO SUPPORT STRONG, DEFINED LEGISLATIVE STATUTE REQUIRING STRUCTURAL BALANCE MARGINS IN ALL COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS.

RESOLUTION NUMBER TWO

INSURANCE ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES INSURANCE PROGRAM (PEIP)

(PASSED: YES - 110; NO - 8)

(Submitted by Fertile-Beltrami School Board)

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE MINNESOTA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION URGES THE LEGISLATURE TO SUPPORT STATUTORY CHANGES TO THE CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES INSURANCE PROGRAM (PEIP). THE CHANGES TO THE CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION IN PEIP SHOULD INCLUDE A REQUIREMENT FOR REPRESENTATION BY ALL INSURANCE ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT ALL INSURANCE ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES WILL JOIN PEIP.

2.2 - EMPLOYMENT

RESOLUTION NUMBER ONE

AMEND VETERAN'S PREFERENCE STATUTE

(PASSED: YES - 98; NO - 17)

(Submitted by MSBA Board of Directors)

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE MINNESOTA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION URGES THE LEGISLATURE TO REINSTATE "TEACHER" INTO THE LIST OF EMPLOYEES NOT COVERED BY THE VETERAN'S PREFERENCE LAW.

2.2 - EMPLOYMENT

RESOLUTION NUMBER TWO

PARAPROFESSIONAL CONTINUING CONTRACT RIGHTS

(PASSED: YES - 113; NO - 4)

(Submitted by MSBA Board of Directors)

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE MINNESOTA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION URGES THE LEGISLATURE AND THOSE BODIES WITH RULEMAKING AUTHORITY TO CLARIFY THAT ANY REQUIRED PARAPROFESSIONAL CREDENTIAL IS NOT CONSIDERED TO BE A LICENSE FOR PURPOSES OF M.S. 122A.40 AND 122A.41.

RESOLUTION NUMBER THREE

SUPPORT TEACH FOR AMERICA

(PASSED: YES - 96; NO - 19)

(Submitted by MSBA Board of Directors)

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE MINNESOTA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION SUPPORT THE TEACH FOR AMERICA PROGRAM IN ORDER TO PROMOTE TEACHER RECRUITMENT, INCREASE DIVERSITY AMONG TEACHERS AND IMPROVE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT THAT INCLUDES CLOSING THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP.

III. GOVERNANCE-EDUCATION PROGRAMS

3.1 - STATE POLICY

RESOLUTION NUMBER ONE

SUPPORT ESTABLISHMENT OF MN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

(FAILED: YES - 40; NO - 76)

(Submitted by Kathy Green, Austin School Board Member and a Member of the Delegate Assembly)

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE MINNESOTA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION URGES THE LEGISLATURE TO SUPPORT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MINNESOTA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROPOSING PUBLIC POLICY RELATED TO EDUCATION.

3.2 - SPECIAL EDUCATION

RESOLUTION NUMBER ONE

CLARIFY AGE FOR SERVICES

(PASSED: YES - 106; NO - 8)

(Submitted by MSBA Board of Directors)

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE MINNESOTA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION URGES THE LEGISLATURE TO ENACT A LAW WHICH CLARIFIES THAT SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE TO MAKE A FREE APPROPRIATE PUBLIC EDUCATION AVAILABLE TO A CHILD WITH A DISABILITY, WHO BECOMES 21 YEARS OLD DURING A SCHOOL YEAR, BUT HAS NOT RECEIVED A REGULAR HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA.

IV. OTHER

4.1 - TRANSPORTATION

RESOLUTION NUMBER ONE

CLARIFY CHILD RESTRAINT LAW

(PASSED: YES - 109; NO - 6)

(Submitted by MSBA Board of Directors)

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE MINNESOTA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION URGES THE LEGISLATURE TO AMEND THE PASSENGER RESTRAINT SYSTEM FOR CHILDREN LAW TO SPECIFICALLY EXEMPT SCHOOL DISTRICT BUSES WHETHER LEASED OR OWNED.

4.2 - SHARED SERVICES

RESOLUTION NUMBER ONE

SUPPORT VOLUNTARY APPROACH

(PASSED: YES - 110; NO - 2)

(Submitted by MSBA Board of Directors)

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE MINNESOTA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION URGES THE LEGISLATURE TO ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT VOLUNTARY COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AND SHARED SERVICES PROGRAMS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.

4.3 - CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

RESOLUTION NUMBER ONE

OPPOSE STATE FUNDING DEDICATION

(PASSED: YES - 115; NO - 2)

(Submitted by MSBA Board of Directors)

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE MINNESOTA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION URGES THE LEGISLATURE TO OPPOSE ANY CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS THAT DEDICATE STATE FUNDING FOR A SPECIFIC PURPOSE THAT WOULD OTHERWISE BE AVAILABLE FOR K-12 FUNDING.

4.4 - ELECTIONS

RESOLUTION NUMBER ONE

OPPOSE JUNE PRIMARY

(PASSED: YES - 108; NO - 7)

(Submitted by MSBA Board of Directors)

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE MINNESOTA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION URGES THE LEGISLATURE TO OPPOSE LEGISLATION THAT WOULD MOVE THE STATE PRIMARY ELECTION FROM THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER TO JUNE.

4.5 - SOCIAL POLICY

RESOLUTION NUMBER ONE

SUPPORT PRO-LIFE LEGISLATION

(NO MOTION MADE)

(Submitted by Glenn Gruenhagen, Glencoe-Silver Lake School Board Member)

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE MINNESOTA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION URGES THE LEGISLATURE TO STRONGLY SUPPORT PRO-LIFE LEGISLATION AND URGE OTHER PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES AND ORGANIZATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH PUBLIC EDUCATION, SUCH AS PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES, SCHOOL COUNSELORS, THE MEA, ETC., TO TAKE A SIMILAR STAND. THE GOAL IS TO DRAMATICALLY REDUCE OR ELIMINATE ELECTIVE ABORTIONS IN MINNESOTA.