

E-Mail to District 11 Teachers
Monday, May 21, 2007

You may be concerned and confused by the events of the last few weeks. This communication is to help clarify the issues surrounding these events. On May 11th in a vote of 8-0, the CSEA Board of Directors called for the President of CSEA's resignation because of the following:

Financial Improprieties

1. The President's expense account was exceeded by 56%. \$6,000 was budgeted and \$9,341 was spent.
2. The President's total compensation for this school year was to be \$107,837 which is a 27% increase over the previous President's compensation. District 11 teachers received a 1% salary increase.
3. The President spent \$17,000 on shirts and water bottles for members without board or Uniserve director approval.
4. For the first time since 1997 money had to be transferred from savings to balance the CSEA operating budget.

District Investigation

1. The CSEA President submitted a ProGrad expense voucher to the District that had a forged signature.
2. The president requested \$1000 from ProGrad when CSEA had already paid for the trip.
3. The president received the \$1000 from ProGrad in June 2006 and kept the \$1000 until April 2007 when the CSEA board directed her to return it to the district.

In order to protect the members of this organization and the association's financial well being, the CSEA Board of Directors voted on May 11th to:

1. Ask the President to resign
2. Revoke the President's credit card privileges
3. Cancel the remaining balance of the President's \$39,000 supplemental pay

As a result, in a retaliatory action recall petitions have been circulated against CSEA board members who have spoken up and taken positions to protect the membership of CSEA. After being informed of the above details, members have gone back and crossed their names off of the recall petitions. Should you?