

NEA Director Position (B) KNEA Board Position Candidates

Kimberly Howard, United Teachers of Wichita, United Teachers of Wichita UniServ is a candidate for the NEA Director (B) position on the KNEA Board of Directors.

She has been an English of Speakers of Other Languages teacher at Washington Elementary School for two years and also taught at Griffith Elementary School for nine years.

She has served as UTW Secretary, UTW Executive Board Member, UTW Building Representative, Professional Development Council Secretary, Professional Development Council Vice-Chair, UTW Constitution and Bylaws Committee, KNEA Board of Directors, KNEA RA Delegate, KNEA Membership Commission, Communications Commission Board Liaison, Negotiations Commission Board Liaison, Human and Civil Rights Advisory Council Board Liaison, KNEA UniServ Review Board Work Group, KNEA REACH Leadership Training and NEA RA Delegate.

Kimberly submitted the following position statement:

“I am running for NEA Director because I believe that in order to achieve our goal of great public schools for every child, the NEA must continue to be a powerful and informed voice to transform our nation’s policies. I believe in the importance of informing our members, families, and communities about the importance of political action to achieve the goal of great public schools. All elements together are needed to keep the NEA strong: teachers, ESP members, parents, retirees, administrators and students. I will take your concerns to the NEA Board and work to find positive solutions. I believe I offer the viewpoint of the next generation of leadership. I would appreciate your support.”

Sandra Walker, Lawrence EA, Prairie Fire UniServ is a candidate for the NEA Director (B) position on the KNEA Board of Directors.

She currently teaches Elementary Physical Education at Hillcrest Elementary School in Lawrence. She has taught in Lawrence since January 1981. She has spent her career with Lawrence Public Schools, at Hillcrest Elementary, New York Elementary, Wakarusa Valley, India School, Woodlawn and Centennial schools.

She has served Lawrence EA as: Building Representative, KNEA RA Representative (15 years), Fringe Benefit Committee (12 years), Budget Committee (2 years), Liaison to Prairie Fire Advisory Board (8 years), Lawrence EA Treasurer and KNEA as: Communications Commission Chairperson, Instructional Advocacy Commission, Professional Development Council Co-Chair, NEA RA, KNEA Canvassing Committee (2 years), KNEA Board of Directors, Western Regional Leadership Conferences (4 years) and Super Week (several).

Sandra lists her most outstanding achievement as still having a passion for making a difference in kids’ lives every day!

Sandra submitted the following position statement:

“I have served members of KNEA at the local, UniServ and state level for about 11 years, and currently represent Prairie Fire UniServ on the Board of Directors. During this time I have had the opportunity to get to know many of my fellow members around the state and have learned a great deal. I understand that each local, UniServ Ad Board, Executive Committee and Coordinating Committee has its own character, unique gifts and needs. These characteristics are what make KNEA a strong organization that is recognized around the country for its leadership. I am confident I can represent Kansas at the National level. I am dependable, dedicated, hardworking and passionate! Passionate about making sure each person’s voice is heard; dedicated to work hard and do what is necessary to keep you informed. Selecting me as NEA Director will guarantee a dependable advocate for Kansas.”