

Memorial (2012-02): Minnesota River Valley Conference
(Pre-district Convention- 6-05-12)

Reference: Southwestern Minnesota Principals' Conference Recommendation
Subject: Administrative Release Time (ART) for School Principals of the
Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

- WHEREAS 1) WELSSA recommends 1 hour/week for every 7.5 students; and
- WHEREAS 2) the WELS self-study recommended amount is 1 hour / week for every 8.6 students; and
- WHEREAS 3) according to the 2009 Gregg Schmill paper titled, "Administrative Release Time (ART) for School Principals of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod," *Very Satisfied* principals have 85% of ART standard, *Satisfied* have 84% of standard, *Dissatisfied* 46%, *Very Dissatisfied* 19% (pg. 2); and
- WHEREAS 4) 85% of the principals surveyed indicate that the satisfaction with ART *Greatly Affects* or *Affects Somewhat* their attitude as a principal. (pg. 4); and
- WHEREAS 5) average hours per week spent by the principals on all school-related activities is 61 hours per week (pg. 7); and
- WHEREAS 6) small schools are having an especially difficult time providing sufficient administrative release time; therefore be it
- RESOLVED 1) that the calling body specify how many hours during the school day the administrator will have for Administrative Release Time; and be it finally
- RESOLVED 2) that the District President review and recommend any changes to fit the school's need.

Rev. David Bendix, Chairman
Rev. Michael Gorte, Secretary