

Minutes of the West Irondequoit Teachers' Association

Governing Council

April 9, 2019

- I. The meeting was called to order at 3:30 by President Scott Steinberg. Scott introduced Dr. Johnson, James Brennan, and Dr. Terranova, who spoke about the proposed West Irondequoit Central School District 2019-2020 budget.
- II. Wendy Boomer-Secretary
 - The minutes from the March 12, 2019 Governing Council meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Tammy Jaynes and seconded by Mary Theresa Boerman. The minutes were approved by all.
- III. Todd Fleming-Treasurer
 - Todd presented the March 2019 Treasurer's report. A motion to accept the report as presented was made by Mark Pringle and seconded by Cheryl Call. The motion was approved by all.
- IV. Steve Schockow-Executive Vice President
 - Scott presented the Board of Education Capsule Summary from the March 21, 2019 Board of Education Meeting. The next Board of Education Meeting will be April 11, 2019 at District Office.
- V. Kate Dobosz-Second Vice President
 - Scott announced that there are still some new hires we are in the process of signing up.
- VI. Jeff Guercio-Grievance Chair
 - Scott announced that there is currently one due process grievance at stage 2.
- VII. Julie Wolf-VOTE/COPE Chair
 - Julie announced VOTE/COPE campaign will run from May 6th-31st. Materials will be sent to Communication Reps the last week in April. Julie asked that all Reps hand deliver information to members. Julie announced that we will have a food drive competition with the East Irondequoit Teachers to benefit the Irondequoit Community Cupboard. This food drive will run from May 6th -11th, and coincide with the VOTE/COPE campaign. Communication Reps will give information about the food drive to members at the same time as VOTE/COPE campaign information.
- VIII. Tammy Jaynes-Legislative/Political Action Chair
 - Tammy reported on recent political and legislative action. We did receive an increase in State Aid, but were not able to change Tax Cap legislation.
- IX. Jane Beamish-NYSTRS Chair
 - Jane announced that she will run for the NYSTRS delegate position for 2019-2021.
- X. Maureen Bacchetta-PTSA Chair
 - Maureen announced that there is no new PTSA information at this time. Scott will share Board of Education Candidate Endorsement information with the PTSA at their May meeting.
- XI. Scott Steinberg-President's Report
 - Scott thanked Communication Reps for helping with the District United Way Campaign.
 - Scott explained proposed revisions to the WITA Constitution and Bylaws. A motion to have a referendum vote in place of a general membership vote for the Constitution and Bylaws changes was made by Maureen Bacchetta and seconded by Howard Dutton. The motion was approved by all.
 - Scott announced that WITA elections will take place on April 24-25, 2019 in buildings. Ballots will be sent after April break.
 - Scott announced that representatives from WITA, IESA, and WIMEO will interview Board of Education candidates on April 25th. Currently 3 petitions have been taken out, for 2 available spots. Postcards with endorsement information will be sent to NYSUT members living in the district. In addition, we will have phone banks to disseminate endorsement information at the NYSUT headquarters on May 8th, 9th, 15th, and 16th. Please let Scott know if you are interested in participating.
 - Scott announced that the "drop" window during which Union members can elect to cancel their membership will take place from August 1-31, 2019. To prepare for the drop window, we will be asking Building Reps to have 1:1 conversations with members in May and June about what they can expect from Anti-Union groups

prior to the drop window. Talking points will be distributed at the May Governing Council Meeting to Communication Reps to assist them with these 1:1 conversations.

- Scott announced that the Local Presidents Conference and Representative Assembly will be held May 3-4, 2019 in Albany.
- Emily Swanson announced that the next Social Committee Event will be a happy hour on April 12, 2019 at I-Square at 4:00.
- Scott congratulated all Excellence in Education award winners. Scott thanked the membership for receiving the Sandra Baxter award. Scott reminded members to please donate items for the raffle. Donations can be sent to Emily Copp-Allard at Iroquois School.
- Scott met with Dr. Johnson on March 18, 2019. Their next meeting will be April 22, 2019.
- Scott asked that members please email him or Kim Sklenar any Wedding or Birth announcements to be included in the last issue of The Scoop.

XII. Building Issues: No building issues were discussed today.

XIII. Dates and Announcements to Remember

- WITA Elections in Buildings April 24-25
- WITA Scholarship Committee meeting on April 30 at WITA Office at 3:30
- NYSUT Local Presidents Conference and Representative Assembly on May 3-4 in Albany
- WITA Logo Shirt Day for Scholarships on May 3, 2019
- WITA Executive Committee Meeting on May 7, 2019 at WITA Office at 3:30
- WITA Governing Council Meeting on May 14, 2019 at IHS Faculty Cafeteria at 3:30
- Board Election and Budget Vote on May 21, 2019
- Excellence in Education Banquet on May 21, 2019 at Glendoveers

XIV. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tami Graham and seconded by Anne Geary. The motion was approved by all. The meeting adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Boomer
WITA Secretary