

Minutes of the West Irondequoit Teachers' Association  
Governing Council  
December 10, 2019

- I. The meeting was called to order at 3:34 by President Scott Steinberg. An agenda amendment to add RTA Support before Building Issues was made.
- II. Wendy Boomer-Secretary
  - The minutes from the November 12, 2019 Governing Council meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Emily Swanson and seconded by Beth Ford. The minutes were approved by all.
- III. Todd Fleming-Treasurer
  - Todd presented the November 2019 Treasurer's report. A motion to accept the report as presented was made by Howard Dutton and seconded by Betsy Walther. The motion was approved by all.
- IV. Steve Schockow-Executive Vice President
  - Scott presented the Board of Education Capsule Summary from the November 21, 2019 Board of Education Meeting. The next Board of Education Meeting will be December 19, 2019 at District Office.
- V. Kate Dobosz-Second Vice President
  - Kate announced that we have 2 more new hires to sign up. Please let Kate know of any membership changes or new hires in your building. Kate informed Governing Council Members that Kim Sklenar is currently updating membership lists.
- VI. Jeff Guercio-Grievance Chair
  - Scott announced that there are currently no grievances.
- VII. Julie Wolf-VOTE/COPE Chair
  - Scott announced that there is no update at this time.
- VIII. Tammy Jaynes-Legislative/Political Action Chair
  - Scott announced that he will attend the Annual Labor Recognition dinner on December 12, 2019 with Tammy. Scott announced that Alex Yudelson will be challenging Harry Bronson in the primary for the New York State Assembly seat. NYSUT has endorsed Harry Bronson.
- IX. Jane Beamish-NYSTRS Chair
  - Scott announced that Jane Beamish would like any members interested in attending a NYSTRS workshop to email her. We currently have 16 people interested and we need 20 to hold the workshop. Scott asked that any member interested in filling the NYSTRS Representative position contact him, as Jane is retiring at the end of this year. Scott will fill the position through the end of Jane's 2-year term.
- X. Maureen Bacchetta-PTSA Chair
  - Maureen announced that there is no update at this time. Scott thanked Alex Croll and the PTSA for their work coordinating the SRP Day event.
- XI. Scott Steinberg-President's Report
  - Scott thanked members for helping with the recent SRP Day event. Suggestions were made on how to improve the event in the future. Please contact Scott if you have additional suggestions.
  - Scott announced that the Negotiations Team will meet with the District for the first time on January 28, 2020. The team has 3 meetings scheduled before that date to develop our proposal.
  - Scott announced that the Joint Action Committee consisting of WITA, WIMEO, and IESA will proactively be working on the following proposals: WITA Members will be asked to wear logo shirts and buttons on January 28, 2020 in support of the first day of negotiations with the District. There will be an ERS presentation for WITA, WIMEO, and IESA members within that retirement system. Our Board of Education Candidate endorsement process will be implemented as elections draw nearer. Scott asked any members that know of West Irondequoit residents who may be interested in running for the Board to contact him or provide his contact information to the potential candidate.
  - The Social Committee announced that our next event will be at Radio Social on January 31, 2020. More information to follow.
  - Scott announced that winter lunch visits will begin in late January 2020.

- Scott announced that he will attend the AFT Northeast Regional Presidents Meeting on January 25-26, 2020 in Saratoga Springs.
- Scott announced that the Excellence in Education Banquet will be held on May 19, 2020. Dake is hosting this event. The event will take place at Glendoveers.
- Scott asked that members please email him or Kim Sklenar any Wedding or Birth announcements to be included in the next issue of The Scoop.
- Scott met with Dr. Johnson on December 2, 2019. The meeting focused on the direction of the District. They will meet next on December 16, 2019.
- Kate Dobosz announced that a rally to support the Rochester Teachers will be held on December 19, 2019 at 131 West Broad Street at 4:30. RTA asks anyone attending to wear red in support of Rochester Teaching Staff facing lay-offs.

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

XIII. Dates and Announcements to Remember

- WITA Negotiations Team Meeting on December 17, 2019 at IHS PCR at 3:30
- WITA Executive Committee Meeting on January 7, 2020 at WITA Office at 3:30
- WITA Logo Shirt Day on January 9, 2020
- WITA Governing Council Meeting on January 14, 2020 at HIS Faculty Cafeteria at 3:30
- WITA Negotiations Team Meeting on January 16, 2020 at HIS PCR at 3:30
- WITA Negotiations Team Meeting on January 22, 2020 at HIS PCR at 3:30
- AFT Northeast Regional Presidents Meeting on January 25-26, 2020 at Saratoga Springs
- Negotiations Meeting on January 28, 2020 at 3:30 (location TBD)

XIV. A motion to adjourn was made by Barb Florack and seconded by Patrick Duffy. The motion was approved by all. The meeting adjourned at 4:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Boomer  
WITA Secretary