

Minutes of the West Irondequoit Teachers' Association

Governing Council

March 8, 2016

- I. The meeting was called to order at 3:34 by Executive Vice President Steve Schockow. Steve announced that President Scott Steinberg was away attending the Committee of 100 in Albany. Steve announced that Superintendent Jeff Crane would be making a brief presentation about the 2016-2017 Budget Proposal at today's Governing Council Meeting.
- II. Wendy Boomer-Secretary
 - The minutes from the February 9, 2016 Governing Council meeting were reviewed.
 - A motion to accept the minutes was made by Leana Palumbo and seconded by Wendy Passero. The minutes were approved by all.
 - After the minutes were approved, Mr. Crane presented information about the 2016-2017 Budget Proposal to the Governing Council.
- III. Todd Fleming-Treasurer
 - Todd reviewed the treasurer's report for transactions through February 29, 2016.
 - A motion to accept the February report as presented was made by Tammy Jaynes and seconded by Robert Sanchez. It was approved by all.
- IV. Steve Schockow-Executive Vice President
 - Steve presented the Board of Education Capsule Summary from February 25, 2016.
 - A motion to accept this summary was made by Mary Theresa Boerman and seconded by Maureen Bacchetta. The summary was approved by all.
 - The next Board of Education Meeting will be March 17, 2016 at District Office.
- V. Joe Pelliccia-Second Vice President
 - Joe thanked Governing Council members for their help with the February 9, 2016 New Member Event.
 - Joe reported that there are currently 6 new hires to sign up for membership in WITA.
- VI. Jeff Guercio-Grievance Chair
 - Steve announced that there are no current grievances.
- VII. Julie Wolf-VOTE/COPE Chair
 - Steve announced that there is no new VOTE/COPE information at this time.
- VIII. Maureen Bacchetta-PTSA Chair
 - Maureen announced she will be sharing the WITA Opt-Out letter with the PTSA tonight, March 8, 2016.
- IX. Jane Beamish-NYSTRS Chair
 - Steve announced that there is no new NYSTRS information at this time.
- X. Scott Steinberg-President's Report
 - Steve thanked Joe Pelliccia for all the effort he put into making the February 9, 2016 New Member Event such a success.
 - Steve presented the WITA Opt-Out letter to the Governing Council.
 - Steve presented the WITA Constitutional Revision Committee Recommendations to the Governing Council. Steve thanked the Committee for their hard work. Steve explained that in order to advance the recommendations to a general membership vote, we would need 2/3 of the present Governing Council members to direct the executive committee to hold a referendum vote rather than a general membership meeting to approve the recommended changes. A motion to do so was made by Leana Palumbo and seconded by Robert Sanchez. The Constitutional Revision referendum was approved by all. The Constitutional Revision Recommendations will now be put to a vote by the general membership as a referendum on the WITA Election ballot which takes place April 27-28. At least 30 % of the general membership must vote on this item, and at least 2/3 of those voting must approve the recommended revisions for the referendum to pass.
 - Steve announced that the next APPR Committee meeting will take place on March 22, 2016.
 - Steve thanked Kate Dobosz and Jeff Lancy for working on the committee to update the Coaching Evaluations. Those updates have now been completed.

- Steve announced that the MCFT Legislative Forum on February 20, 2016 was attended by Scott Steinberg, Joe Pelliccia, and Todd Fleming. Todd noted that Assemblyman Harry Bronson was particularly supportive of Public Education.
- Steve announced that the ED 5/6 meeting on March 22, 2016 will be attended by Joe Pelliccia.
- Steve announced that the NYSUT Presidents Conference will be held on April 7-8, 2016. The NYSUT Representative Assembly will be held on April 8-9, 2016.
- Steve announced that the WITA Elections and Constitution Revisions Referendum vote will be held in members' buildings April 27-28, 2016. Postcards and nominating information will go out March 15, 2016. The Elections nominating deadline is April 15, 2016. Thank you to Colleen Vay for chairing the Nominations and Elections Committee.
- Donna Hanning announced that the first invite to the May 17, 2016 Excellence in Education Banquet will be sent out before Spring Recess. The Excellence in Education Award Nomination deadline is March 24, 2016.
- Steve announced that Scott met with Mr. Crane on March 1, 2016. They will meet next on March 21, 2016.
- Steve asked members to send any wedding or birth announcements to Scott Steinberg, to be included in the next issue of *The Scoop*.

XI. Building Issues: Several building issues were discussed today. Maureen Monaghan thanked the Governing Council for their donation to the Goin' Bald for Bucks campaign. Maureen reported that Dake has raised \$3000.00 for the Goin' Bald for Bucks cause.

XII. Dates and Announcements to Remember

- District 25 Year Staff Recognition at IHS Campus Center is March 10, 2016 at 3:30
- APPR Subcommittee meeting at WITA Office is March 22, 2016 at 3:30
- ED 5/6 meeting at Burgundy Basin Inn is March 22, 2016 at 4:00
- WITA Executive Committee meeting at WITA Office is April 5, 2016 at 3:30
- NYSUT Presidents Conference and Representative Assembly is April 7-9
- WITA Logo Shirt Day is April 8, 2016
- WITA Governing Council meeting at IHS Faculty Cafeteria is April 12, 2016 at 3:30
- APPR Subcommittee meeting at District Office is April 19 at 3:30
- Excellence in Education Banquet at Glendoveers is May 17, 2016

XIII. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mary Theresa Boerman and seconded by Maureen Bacchetta. The meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Boomer
WITA Secretary