

Minutes of the West Irondequoit Teachers' Association  
Governing Council  
May 10, 2016

- I. The meeting was called to order at 3:45 by President Scott Steinberg. Scott passed around two cards.
- II. Wendy Boomer-Secretary
  - The minutes from the April 12, 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.
- III. Todd Fleming-Treasurer
  - Todd reviewed the treasurer's report for transactions through April 30, 2016.
  - Todd reviewed the WITA trial balance for transactions from August 31, 2015 through April 30, 2016.
  - A motion to accept the April reports as presented was made by Christine Riesenberger and seconded by Maureen Bacchetta. They were approved by all.
  - Todd presented the WITA Budget Proposal for 2016-2017. A motion to accept the budget as presented was made by Ellen Tuohey and seconded by Erin Greco. The budget was approved by all.
  - Todd presented the WITA dues for 2016-2017 and the Dues Schedule for 2016-2017. A motion to accept the dues schedule as presented was made by Maureen Bacchetta and seconded by Tami Graham. It was approved by all.
- IV. Steve Schockow-Executive Vice President
  - Steve presented the Board of Education Capsule Summary from April 14, 2016.
  - The next Board of Education Meeting will be May 12, 2016 at Dake.
- V. Joe Pelliccia-Second Vice President
  - Joe reported that we have 62 new members this year.
- VI. Jeff Guercio-Grievance Chair
  - Scott announced that there are no current grievances.
- VII. Julie Wolf-VOTE/COPE Chair
  - Julie reported that the VOTE/COPE campaign has begun and runs through the beginning of June. Julie reminded members that only checks or payroll deduction are accepted; no cash please.
- VIII. Maureen Bacchetta-PTSA Chair
  - Maureen noted that the PTSA has been busy with Teacher Appreciation activities.
- IX. Jane Beamish-NYSTRS Chair
  - Scott announced that there is no new NYSTRS information at this time.
- X. Scott Steinberg-President's Report
  - Julie reminded members that tickets for the Excellence in Education Banquet can be purchased through May 12, 2016. Julie noted that any raffle donations can still be made, contact Julie if you are interested in donating. Todd announced that over 100 tickets have already been purchased.
  - Scott reminded members that School Budget Votes and Board Elections are May 17, 2016. WITA sends Budget Vote reminder postcards to all NYSUT members residing in West Irondequoit.
  - Scott reported that the APPR Ratification Meeting and Vote will be held May 25, 2016 at the IHS Auditorium. Please make every effort to attend this important Meeting.
  - Scott reported that WITA recently found out that, since at least 2004 the District (in some cases), has been starting Health Care Coverage for members after the first date of employment. WITA has filed for Contract Reversion that states "from now on, Health Care Coverage will begin from first date of employment".
  - Scott reviewed new Teacher Registration Regulations. These new regulations apply to permanently certified teachers, professionally certified teachers, and level III teaching assistants.
  - Scott noted that edits for the new contract are still ongoing. The contract will be printed once the proof-reading process is finished.
  - Scott announced that the WITA Officer and RA Elections were an unopposed slate and were approved. Scott announced that the Constitution Revisions passed as well.

- Scott met with Mr. Crane on April 25, 2016. They will meet next on May 23, 2016.
- Scott announced that the June 14, 2016 Governing Council Meeting is cancelled.
- Scott announced that there has been revived interest in a 2016 WITA BBQ. More information will follow in September 2016.
- Scott asked members to send any wedding or birth announcements to him, to be included in the next issue of *The Scoop*.

XI. Building Issues: Several building issues were discussed today. Scott reminded WITA members that we do not evaluate other unit members.

XII. Dates and Announcements to Remember

- Tenure Recognition at Board of Education meeting at Dake is May 12 at 7:00
- Budget Vote is May 17, 2016
- Excellence in Education Banquet at Glendoveers is May 17, 2016
- APPR Ratification Meeting and Vote at IHS Auditorium is May 25, 2016 at 3:30
- WITA Logo Shirt Day for Scholarships is June 3, 2016
- WITA Executive Committee meeting at WITA Office is June 7, 2016 at 3:30
- *WITA GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING ON JUNE 14, 2016 IS **CANCELLED!***

XIII. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Maureen Monaghan and seconded by Leana Palumbo. The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Boomer  
WITA Secretary