

Minutes of the West Irondequoit Teachers' Association
Governing Council
May 9, 2017

- I. The meeting was called to order at 3:35 by President Scott Steinberg.
- II. Wendy Boomer-Secretary
 - The minutes from the April 11, 2017 Governing Council meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Mary Theresa Boerman and seconded by Tammy Jaynes. The minutes were approved by all.
- III. Todd Fleming-Treasurer
 - Todd presented the treasurer's reports for the month of April 2017 and the Trial Balance through April 30, 2017. A motion to accept the reports as presented was made by Maureen Monaghan and seconded by Beth Ford. The motion was approved by all.
 - Todd presented the WITA Budget Proposal for the 2017-2018 year. A motion to pass the budget as presented was made by Wendy Passero and seconded by Lauren Reinert. The motion was approved by all.
 - Todd presented the 2017-2018 Dues Schedule. A motion to approve the Dues Schedule as presented was made by Beth Ford and seconded by Andrea Spallina. The motion was approved by all.
- IV. Steve Schockow-Executive Vice President
 - Steve presented the Board of Education Capsule Summary from April 13, 2017.
 - The next Board of Education Meeting will be May 11, 2017 at Dake.
- V. Kate Dobosz-Second Vice President
 - Kate announced that there are only five new hires yet to join WITA.
- VI. Jeff Guercio-Grievance Chair
 - Scott announced that there is currently one class action grievance concerning health care.
- VII. Julie Wolf-VOTE/COPE Chair
 - Scott announced that the VOTE/COPE drive has begun. Scott asked that Building Reps make one-on-one contact with each WITA member to encourage contributions. The suggested donation is \$5.00 per paycheck for Teachers and \$2.00 per paycheck for Paraprofessionals.
- VIII. Maureen Bacchetta-PTSA Chair
 - Scott announced that there is no new PTSA information at this time.
- IX. Jane Beamish-NYSTRS Chair
 - Scott announced that there is no new NYSTRS information at this time.
- X. Scott Steinberg-President's Report
 - Scott thanked Colleen Vay for coordinating the recent WITA elections. Scott thanked all members for their generous contributions to the Irondequoit Food Cupboard. Scott also thanked all VPs and Communications Reps for their work in getting completed ballots to Colleen Vay in a timely manner.
 - The Excellence in Education Banquet Committee announced that there are 110 people signed up to attend. If you have any last minute raffle items, please contact Erika Guetti or Lindsay Shaughnessy.
 - Scott announced that the School Budget vote is May 16. Scott urged members to vote, no matter which district you live in, and encouraged members to vote YES. Scott spoke about our recent Board of Education candidates' night. Ann Cunningham, Dave Long, and John Vay are running for two available seats. Candidate interviews were sent to members via home email.
 - Scott announced that the Technology Subcommittee is done meeting for the current school year.
 - Scott announced that the Substance Abuse Counselor is now a WITA member. This position was recently accreted into the union.
 - Scott announced that Constitutional Convention car magnets would be distributed before the end of the school year. Building reps are asked to make one-on-one contact with all members regarding the purpose of the car magnets. Included with magnets will be information about the Constitutional Convention. If members do not want the car magnets, please return them to the WITA Office. Constitutional Convention pins will be distributed in the fall. Scott reminded members that this is not a Peoples' convention, but a Politicians' convention, that will cost taxpayers \$350,000,000, as well take away our rights.

- Scott announced that he has asked all Communication Reps to attend the June 6, 2017 Executive Committee meeting. At this meeting, NYSUT Regional Political Organizer Paul Hypolite will be providing Constitutional Convention training. Paul will assist us in building an action plan to address the upcoming Constitutional Convention Vote.
- Scott announced that the June 13, 2017 Governing Council Meeting is cancelled.
- Scott announced that we are still in need of a Legislative/Political Action Chairperson.
- Scott met with Mr. Crane on April 24, 2017. Their next meeting will be on May 22, 2017.
- Scott asked members to send Wedding and Birth announcements to Kim Sklenar at the WITA Office. The last issue of The Scoop will be at the end of May 2017.

XI. Building Issues: There were no building issues discussed today.

XII. Dates and Announcements to Remember

- School Budget Vote is May 16, 2017
- Excellence in Education Banquet at Glendoveers is May 16, 2017
- WITA Logo Shirt Day is June 2, 2107
- WITA Executive Committee (with Communications Reps) at WITA Office is June 6, 2017 at 3:30
- **WITA Governing Council Meeting on June 13, 2017 is cancelled**

XIII. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Emily Swanson and seconded by Mark Pringle. The meeting adjourned at 4:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Boomer
WITA Secretary