

**New Haven Teachers Association
Representative Council Meeting
Wednesday, September 3rd, 2008**

- I. Call to Order** Charmaine Kawaguchi, President
4:05pm
- II. Additions to the Agenda**
A. *Motion:* Adopt the Agenda. Moved: Vince Rosato, seconded: Pace Lash, all in favor.
- III. 4:15 Special Orders:** Richard Valle, Union City, City Council Member
Proposition UU – keeps current parcel tax at current rate, plus an additional \$19 per year to use towards preventing youth violence. This would be an 8 year parcel tax. *Motion:* that the Representative Council of NHTA endorses Measure UU. Moved: Don Heinsohn, seconded, David Haight. Discussion. All in favor with 4 abstentions.
- IV. Approval of the Minutes** Jennifer Carini
A. *Motion:* Approve the minutes of June 4th, 2008. Moved: Mary McGinnis, seconded: Pace Lash, all in favor.
- V. NHTA Executive Director** Sam DeHaven
Sam is not here, he is at a regional meeting re: the state budget.
- VI. Information/Action Items** Charmaine Kawaguchi
- A. Quick Review Parliamentary Procedures
Lime green handout
- A. State Budget
There is no budget, and there is no leadership at the state level either. On Friday 9/5 there is a statewide protest regarding the budget.
- B. State Budget Information Leafleting
leafleting event for parents, please pass out flyers at your site on Friday.
- C. Phone activity
Called State Legislature regarding the Budget
- D. Reverse Dues Check-Off
This was passed by the CTA State Council in June. This will mean an extra \$20 from yearly dues will go towards two categories: \$10 for scholarship programs, and \$10 for advocacy programs. If a member chooses not to have this money given for one or both of these programs, they can exempt themselves from these deductions, online or by mail. If a member would like to make larger deductions towards CTA programs, there is a form online so that money can be deducted from their paycheck.
- E. Proposition UU
See IV. above
- VII. School Reports**
AE- getting organized at the beginning of the year and still hiring teachers and no paper.
EA- media and science prep classes are too large per contract. If not fixed by Friday a grievance will be filed.

EM- smooth opening. Large prep classes.
HVC- large prep classes, adding K, 1, and 3 classes, API went up 71 points
KIT- prep numbers are over in K, 1, 2, and 4 classes
PIO- central enrollment is not telling students which school their children should attend, 2nd and 3rd are over
SEA- gearing up for site rep meeting, figuring out how to use their Literacy Coach position,
AMS- all computers are down, attendance is being done by hand
CCM- tech help is not coming at all, not enough textbooks, mold in B20
LOG- most classes are huge, math program needs to be changed back to what it was last year re: Algebra, classes must be balanced by the 18th school day, (9/22/08) if they are not, grievances will be filed

VIII. Officer Reports

A. President

Charmaine Kawaguchi

1. Grievances/arbitrations
There is one current grievance about a discrimination.
2. Election 2008 - Very important for our nation's and our students' future
3. School Board/Community Outreach
Continue to meet with violence prevention groups
4. CTA Disability Insurance
Everyone needs paycheck protection. There are two plans: the CTA plan (The Standard) and the district plan (American Fidelity.) The Standard has better benefits than the district plan. You can apply on the CTA website, or we have application packets here.
5. NHTA Calendar - Handed out
6. California Challenge Workshops
Eight classes on diversity will be held at the NHTA office. They are free, and Charmaine is working on getting district credit for them. They will be on Tuesdays from 4pm – 7pm.

B. Vice-President

Pace Lash

Please organize a leafleting activity for Friday

C. Treasurer

Jeff Ustick

Motion: to accept the Treasurer's report. Moved: Pace Lash, seconded: Jennifer Carini, all in favor.

IX. Committee Reports

A. Contract Tidbit

Rodana Breen

New contract item: high school classes are to be balanced by the 18th day of school, per article 7.2.1.1.

X. Announcements

Job related duties logs for members' 40 hours should be passed out at school sites.

XI. Adjournment

At 5:43. Moved: Pace Lash, seconded: Don Heinsohn, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Carini
NHTA Secretary