

New Haven Teachers Association/CTA/NEA

Representative Council Meeting

Wednesday, May 5th, 2010

I. Call to Order Charmaine Kawaguchi, president

4:02 pm

II. Additions to the Agenda

A. *Motion:* Adopt the Agenda. Moved: Jeff Ustick, seconded: Vince Rosato, all in favor.

III. Approval of the Minutes Jennifer Carini

A. *Motion:* Approve the Minutes of April 14th, 2010. Moved: Vince Rosato, seconded: Penny Johnson, all in favor.

IV. NHTA Executive Director Nicole Love

In our packet - an analysis of SB955; it is VERY important to call your legislators about this horrible bill! There is also a commitment card that some legislators have signed off on. There is information about the Supt. of Public Instruction, and RIF information in the packet as well.

V. NEA Director Marc Sternberger

Marc is our local NEA director. Nationally - an education jobs bill in the Senate, S. 3206, the Keep Our Educators Working Act. - \$23 billion for jobs for teachers, it is being held up because it requires money. We need to contact our senators that we need this jobs bill passed. If it passes, CA will get 2 billion, which we could definitely use. There are 21,000 teachers with layoff notices in CA right now. NCLB - competitions instead of formulas to fund schools. CTA and NEA are fighting this. Also discussed giving to the NEA PAC and the social security offset problem. This is the first year since 1982 that the NEA membership has gone down. It is expected that between 100,000 - 150,000 layoffs will happen nationally this year.

VI. Information/Action Items (30 minutes) Charmaine Kawaguchi

A. Day of the Teacher Donation - rather than giving our members trinkets, the Executive Board thought that it would be best to make a donation to the

Alameda County food bank. The food bank says they can turn \$1 into \$7 worth of food.

Motion: that NHTA donate \$1500.00 to the Alameda County Food Bank in lieu of teacher presents to honor The Day of the Teacher. Moved: Paul Stickland, seconded: Penny Johnson, all in favor.

- B. Community Outreach Activities - we are thinking about a backpack drive for our elementary schools.

Motion: that NHTA support a backpack/school supply drive for qualifying needy students at elementary schools that would be before the beginning of the 2010 - 2011 school year. Moved: Jennifer Carini, seconded: Pace Lash. Discussion. All in favor.

VII. School Reports

AE: morale is low; school visit on the 18th; inventory happening

EAS: star testing prep issue, SBDM; budget

EM: book inventory

HVC: vote on modified schedule for collaboration days

KIT:

PIO: transfer

SEA:

AMS:

CCMS: learning from each other

LOG:

VIII. Officer Reports

- A. President

Charmaine Kawaguchi

1. Grievance and arbitrations - same
2. State Budget - same
3. RIF Update - same
4. School Board/Community Outreach - same
5. State Legislation - same

6. Retiree Trust Update - no update

B. Vice-President Pace Lash

C. Treasurer Jeff Ustick

1. Presentation of 2010 - 2011 budget -

Motion: to accept the Treasurer's report. Moved and seconded, all in favor.

IX. Committee Report

A. Bargaining Chair Rodana Breen

B. Elections Colleen Conley

C. Upcoming activities

X. Announcements

XI. Adjournment

Moved and seconded.

Respectfully,

Jennifer Carini

NHTA Secretary