

New Haven Teachers Association/CTA/NEA  
Representative Council Meeting  
Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014

I. Call to Order Paul Stickland, President

3:40pm

II. Additions to the Agenda

A. *Motion:* Adopt the Agenda. Add item V.F. Moved: Bob McGinnis;  
seconded: David Haight, all in favor.

III. Approval of the Minutes Jennifer Carini

A. *Motion:* Approve the September 3<sup>rd</sup> minutes. Moved: Gavin Smith,  
seconded: Pace Lash; all in favor.

IV. NHTA Executive Director David Hernandez

Please continue to turn in pink campaign sheets to Paul.

Tomorrow will be a press conference announcing 75,000 preschool spots.

The mandatory Kindergarten bill was vetoed by the Governor.

Support Tom Torlakson for Supt. of Education

V. Information/Action Items Paul Stickland

A. Measure M –

*Motion:* to endorse Measure M. Moved: Pace Lash; seconded: Joni  
Gilbertson. Discussion. 3 naves, the rest in favor. The motion passes.

B. Mutt Strut - There is a flier in your packet about the Mutt Strut.

- C. CTA Voter Guide – There is a flier in your packet about the CTA voter guide.
- D. Member Benefits Info – there is a flier in your packet about CTA/NEA member benefits.
- E. NHTA Scholarship Drive                      Teri Gruenwald and Vickie Jackson  
  
Fliers are being handed out for members to sign up for the NHTA scholarship drive. Please put them in teacher's boxes.
- F. Bill Quirk endorsement  
  
*Motion:* to endorse Bill Quirk for Assembly District 20. Moved: Pace Lash, seconded: Jennifer Carini; 1 nay, 8 abstentions; the rest in favor. The motion passes.

VI. School Reports

- AES - nothing to report
- EAS – nothing to report
- EM - not here
- HVC - when will we receive PAC letters? In the spring.
- KIT - teachers are not getting a prep during training days – we will be filing a grievance about this.
- PIO - nothing to report
- SEA - nothing to report
- AMS - can we take a vote of the union members to get rid of RTTT until we get our healthcare? Paul will bring this to Executive Board. The younger teachers need to be educated about what has gone on in our bargaining history and getting them on board.
- CCMS – do teachers HAVE to participate in curriculum development? Go to the principal and say that you choose not to participate in this activity until we have a contract.

CCHS – concern over when info from NHTA gets to them; their staff did not feel that handing out the flier about no healthcare was appropriate to hand out to their parents

LOG - nothing to report

DEC – nothing to report

## VII. Officer Reports

A. President Paul Stickland

1. School Board Election – it is very important that we support Sarabjit Cheema and Lance Nishihara, our endorsed candidates. Right now, the school board is 4 – 1 in favor of capping our healthcare. We need to get people to sign up to phone bank and precinct walk. Walks are scheduled for 10/11 and 11/1.

B. Vice-President Pace Lash

Nothing to report

C. Treasurer vacant

*Motion:* to approve the June treasurer’s report. Moved: Pace Lash; seconded: David Haight, all in favor.

## VIII. Committee Reports

A. Contract/Bargaining Rodana Breen

Bargaining is failing with the district. Every offer they have is capping healthcare. There have been modest increases, but nothing substantial. We are going towards impasse. We need reps to go back to their sites and get their members on board. The Bargaining Team will be going to school sites to discuss the situation with our members. A timeline of the bargaining process will be sent out to sites.

B. Organizing Team Pace Lash

Thank you to those people who participated in the Monday activities.

Tuesday Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>: be outside the ESC picketing beginning at 6:30pm; go inside at 7:15pm to get speakers signed up and to get seats. Hopefully we will have purple surgical masks for people to wear to the meeting.

Your organizing team members should have talking points to share with you

A sign making activity should be happening at your site soon.

A meeting should happen about, what are you willing to do?

If you can assist your organizing team member in any way, that would be great. Please ask them if they need help.

People need to wear purple on Tuesday, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>, and all Fridays.

C. State Council Report vacant

Nothing to report

D. Minority-At-Large Kimberly DeBono

Nothing to report

E. Human Rights Joe Angeles

There are fliers in your packet about Human Rights awards. There is also a pamphlet about the Guy DeRosa GLBT grant in your packet.

F. School Board Liaison Cte. Members

Jennifer Carini spoke with Michael Ritchie on Friday morning. Mr. Ritchie is very committed to capping our health care. David Haight spoke with Sarabjit and she is supportive of paying for our healthcare, but David has heard that she is supportive of charter schools as well.

G. Women's Issues

vacant

Nothing to report

IX. Announcements

X. Adjournment

Moved and adjourned at 5:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Carini  
NHTA Secretary