

To: Executive Board

from W.E.A. Secretary

Re: Board Meeting/March 2, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Lori Hovey. The following members were present:
(see attached).

A motion to accept the January Minutes was made by Heather McIntirre and seconded by Pam Tesko. A vote was taken and the minutes were accepted.

REPORTS

MTA

MEMBERSHIP

We are still looking for a few new hires. Please let Matt know if you have someone in your building.

TREASURER

Greg presented the budget through Feb. Aimee Blair moved acceptance. Paula Ancelli seconded and the report was accepted.

PROFESSIONAL RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

There are no grievances currently. Some issues have arisen but were deflected. Things are "busy but quiet" according to Kristin.

NEW BUSINESS

1. A motion to retain the WEA Scholarship for one more year was made by Pauline McClafin and seconded by Aimee Blair. A vote was taken and was 24-7 in favor of retaining. A committee will be formed to further discuss. Forms are due April 2.
2. A motion to file a grievance to have the city comply with the 1% Professional Development funding part of Ed Reform and the contract was made by Jeff Gelinas and seconded by Heather McIntire. After discussion a vote was taken and it failed with a vote of 5 yes and 24 no.
3. Transfer letters must be in by April 15.
4. Holyoke teachers may be looking for our help in the near future as they fight against a state takeover.
5. We have been asked to switch ERSD to Good Friday. The association has no interest to bargain at this time.
6. Two versions of a calendar for next year will be presented at the SC on March 2. The superintendent would like to eliminate Feb. and April breaks and have a break in March instead. There would be more extended weekends added.
7. At present if you have to move schools you are responsible for packing on your own time but the city will move you.
8. Unit D members pay is now divided over vacations.

A motion to adjourn was made by Kristin Biancuzzo and seconded by Jeff Gelinas. The meeting adjourned at 4:43.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Furkey

WEA Secretary