

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – OCTOBER 11, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Giacomozzi at 3:35 pm.

MINUTES – The Minutes of September 20, 2011 were amended under Sick Leave Bank to read: It has been brought to the attention of the Board that each member will be assessed one sick day when the bank gets down to fifty days. The Minutes were then accepted as recorded.

MEMBERSHIP – Lisa Pacino asked the Board's help in locating several people who have not yet filled out forms for her. The Board was able to identify most names.

TREASURER - The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

MTA – President Giacomozzi reminded the Board the MTA is asking all members to send an e-mail NOW to their representative to oppose efforts to reduce pension benefits for future employees. Cutting pension benefits for future employees is unjustified and unfair. She also told the Board that she would be attending a meeting next Monday when the Field Representatives would be discussing their contract which has not yet been settled. She will keep you updated.

NCTA – Ginny Tobin was unable to be present but there was nothing new to report.

PR&R – Holly had nothing to report.

SCHOOL CONCERNS – Several concerns arose relative to some computers not working and also two bathrooms out of order which made for a difficult time during lunch break. Christine asked that a work order be made out and a copy sent to her. She will discuss this with Dr. Kurzberg during the monthly executive meeting. A question about retirement was asked relative to what to do when a person submits his/her retirement papers and then changes his/her mind. In this case the person must submit his/her name again when they are planning to retire. A concern was also raised relative to the large class sizes in Math and English at South and the impact it would have on test scores. Also mentioned was a very large Physical Education class at South. Christine will look into this matter.

ROAD SHOW – A date and time was set for each school for the President and Vice President to meet, greet, and pass out the new Guide to Membership in the BEA.

SICK LEAVE BANK – The Sick Leave Bank consists of four members: Two BEA members, one School Administrator, and the Assistant Superintendent. VP Belmosto wanted to get a sense from the Board as to roughly how much sick leave should be granted per person. The Bank looks very closely at a lot of criteria such as how much sick leave the person has already used, the length of service and the seriousness of the illness. Her question was merely to get a sense of how people felt since the decision of the Bank is not grievable.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm.