

TEACHERS ASSOCIATION OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY  
2521 Riva Road, Suite L-7, Annapolis, Maryland 21401

MINUTES – Special Board of Directors Meeting  
Tuesday, July 14, 2020

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by the President, Russell Leone, at 6:03 p.m., by a Zoom virtual meeting.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Beers, Brininger, Carr, Córdoba, Cronin, Delph, Heintz, Mauro, Miller, Ruddy, and Snyder.

Also present were Ken Page, Keith Wright, Jephtha Nguherimo and Debbie Lanham.

Absent was Tami Thumbtzen.

**ADOPTION OF ORDER  
OF BUSINESS**

Upon a motion by Jan Delph, seconded by Kate Miller, the Order of Business was approved with flexibility.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon a motion by Jorge Córdoba, seconded by Dyana Cronin, the Minutes of the July 8, 2020 meeting were approved.

**MSEA STATEMENT**

President Leone shared the statement about reopening schools from MSEA, MD PTSA, and BTU. They are calling for the 2020-21 school year to begin with virtual learning and instruction for at least the first semester. It does call for some exceptions.

President Leone reported that he has started drafting a statement from TAAAC to put out on the reopening of schools. The draft was shared with the Board of Directors.

It was moved by Kate Snyder, seconded by Jorge Córdoba, that TAAAC sends out the edited letter supporting the position of MSEA, PTA's, and BTU on returning to school for the 2020-2021 school year. The motion was approved.

**TAAAC ACTION ON  
REOPENING SCHOOLS**

President Leone opened the discussion for other ideas for actions.

Jan Delph stated that she liked the idea of the car rally and horn honking.

Jorge Córdoba stated that the caravan can go up and down Riva Road. He suggested calling the media and maybe get MSEA to video.

Vice President Snyder stated that we can't do anything outside in person. She stated that she liked the idea of getting as many people as we can to take pictures holding signs, coming up with a slogan, wear red shirts, masks, and get the pictures sent in for the media.

Betsy Brininger stated that she felt a lot of our members want to do something but don't want to venture out yet. She suggested starting a petition/poll. Also, maybe we could make a sign like the ones that were used for the students that had promotions.

President Leone reported that he had some chats with some members and some suggestions were to do visual types of actions like lights strung from the house or books in the windows.

Jorge Córdoba stated that he would like to call the question on the caravan. The vote tied between Board members.

President Leone reported that he has concerns about gathering people in public. At this moment, his vote would be a no.

President Leone reported that perhaps something just beyond the virtual space. He believes something visual in the community has to happen.

President Leone reported that the letter from TAAAC will be cleaned up and sent out as soon as possible. He stated that member involvement is the key. He stated that he feels that there is an agreement to use social media and also something members can do at their homes to increase the visual in the community. Before the end of the night, we will figure out volunteers.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

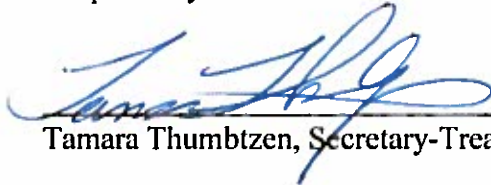
Kate Miller thanked all of the Board members and said that this is not a goodbye but see you around.

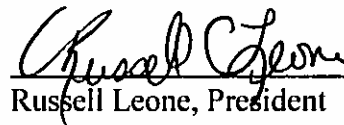
**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Kate Snyder, seconded by Rob Mauro, to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved:

  
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Tamara Thumbtzen, Secretary-Treasurer

  
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Russell Leone, President

Minutes approved BOD meeting September 2, 2020  
(Date)