

TEACHERS ASSOCIATION OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

20521 Riva Road, Suite L7
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

MINUTES - Representative Assembly Meeting

Wednesday, January 24, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the President, Nicole Disney-Bates, at Arundel Middle School, at 5:23 p.m.

Reading of Mission, Vision, and Month Acknowledgment - President Disney-Bates read the Mission, Vision and the Acknowledgment for Mental Wellness Month and Poverty Awareness Month.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Russell Leone requested adding Synchronous Learning and Communication with the Superintendent before Budget Hearing.

It was moved by Russell Leone, seconded by Cathy Flanders, to adopt the agenda with the amendments. The motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Chris Lerch, seconded by Holly McDermott, to approve the December 13, 2023 Minutes. The motion was approved.

LOCAL

SPEECHES

MSEA and NEA Positions - Candidates running for MSEA and NEA positions addressed the group:

Jacob Zebley - running for NEA Director
Nikki Woodward - running for MSEA Vice President
Michelle Alexander - running for NEA Director
Theresa Dudley - running for MSEA President
Felix Lazaro - running for MSEA Board of Director
James Henderson - running for MSEA Board of Director Region 6
Cindy Sexton - running for MSEA Board of Director Region 6
Paul Lemle - running for MSEA President

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TAAAC Positions - Candidates running for TAAAC positions addressed the group:

Will Johnson - running for President
Nicole Disney-Bates - running for President
Kristina Korona - running for President
Marissa Raimond - running for Vice President
Jorge Córdoba - running for Vice President
Russell Leone - running for Vice President
Charis Cephas - running for Board of Director
Keanuú Smith-Brown - running for Board of Director
Cathy Flanders - running for Board of Director
Jessica Roth - running for Board of Director
Chris Lerch - running for Board of Director
Karina Zotti - running for Board of Director
Logan Wilson - running for Board of Director
Dawn Austin - running for Board of Director
Elizabeth Ruddy - running for Board of Director
Melissa McHarg - running for Board of Director

Nominating - Holly McDermott, Chairperson of the Nominating Committee, stated that a Frequently Asked Question sheet was sent out to all the candidates. She encouraged every member to participate in the voting process. In the envelopes is everyone's membership number. There is a ton of campaign literature on the tables. Please take the literature back and post on bulletin boards or put it in the work rooms. Under no circumstances should they be placed in Anne Arundel County Schools' boxes. It is a violation of the Anne Arundel County Public School contract. If you have any questions, you can reach out to Kristy Anderson at MSEA.

It was moved by Kristina Korona, seconded by Will Johnson, to endorse Paul Lemle for MSEA President and Nikki Woodward for MSEA Vice President. The motion was approved.

Virtual Days - President Disney-Bates reported that we were not informed until that day when it was called to be virtual. Your contract says that you were to get a two-hour early dismissal on a workday before grades are due. There was no two-hour early dismissal. We are trying to get AACPS to understand. There is a meeting scheduled tomorrow with the lead negotiator with AACPS to see if we can come to some kind of solution to give some time back. If we cannot, we will be filing a class action. On Friday, you will hear from TAAAC one way or the other.

It was moved by Brendan Maltese to extend the meeting until 7:15 p.m. The vote was to extend the meeting.

Communication with Dr. Bedell - President Disney-Bates reported on her meetings with Dr. Bedell.

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Budget Hearing - President Disney-Bates reported that there is a Budget Hearing on January 25, 2024. The other Budget Hearings are one at North County on January 31, 2024 and one at the same time as the January 25, 2024, at Severna Park.

Government Relations - Brendan Maltese asked for Representatives to come lobby on Monday nights.

PAC - Kristina Korona reported that we are trying to raise money to get elected leaders in office. The challenge for us right now is the goal to raise \$1,060.00 for this month. To help, we need to raise \$585.00 to make the goal.

Brendan Maltese moved that the remaining items are provided by email. The motion approved.

Housing Bill - Report by email.

180 Days/1080 Hours - Report by email.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Special Education Stipend - Report by email.

Office Renovations - Report by email.

Negotiations - Report by email.

UNISERV UPDATE

Report by email.

NEW BUSINESS

Report by email.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report by email.

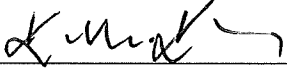
ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

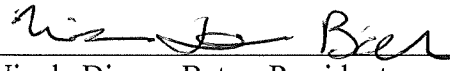
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Approved:



Kristina Korona, Vice President



Nicole Disney-Bates, President

Minutes approved at Representative Assembly Meeting February 21, 2024
(Date)