

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

MINUTES - Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, May 1, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the President, Nicole Disney-Bates, at the TAAAC Office, at 5:17 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Barnes, Côté, Cronin (virtual), Davis, Flanders, Johnson, Korona, Lerch, McHarg (virtual), Raimond, Roth, Turk and Zotti.

Also, present were Jason Fahie, Debbie Lanham, Amanda Menas, and Scott Soares.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Diane Barnes, seconded by Jessica Roth, to adopt the agenda. The motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kristina Korona reported that she would like to amend the section under UniServ Update to read “She will be working at the Massachusetts Teachers Association” instead of “She will be working at a teacher’s union in Massachusetts.”

It was moved by Kristina Korona, seconded by Geoff Turk, to approve the March 6, 2024, Minutes and the April 3, 2024, Minutes with amendment. The motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

It was moved by Diane Barnes, seconded by Cathy Flanders, to file the April 2024 Financial Statement for audit. The motion was approved.

Review Proposed Budget - President Disney-Bates asked if anyone has any questions concerning the FY 2024-2025 Proposed Budget. She encouraged everyone to attend the May 22 Budget Hearing.

LOCAL

President's Update - President Disney-Bates reported that she attended the Planning Retreat today at AACPS. The retreat was to discuss ways to increase planning time for teachers.

President Disney-Bates reported that there was a meeting with the Literacy teachers. Literacy teachers will be meeting with Michele Batten tomorrow.

President Disney-Bates reported that there was a meeting with the IEP Facilitators. They are working on explaining what they do so that we can explain it to AACPS. This will give them the ability to say either that it is not part of their job, or they need to change the job to match what they are doing.

Karina Zotti requested that the President provide a "State of the Union" to address the state of the union at the last Representative Assembly Meeting.

UniServ Update - Jason Fahie reported on the work of the UniServ Directors.

Jason Fahie requested that the topic be brought up on students carrying book bags instead of using lockers at the Safe and Orderly Meeting.

Jason Fahie reported that AACPS is moving to a completely digital process for New Teacher Processing. We are still working with AACPS to make sure that we have access to the new hires.

Communication Organizer - Amanda Menas shared a calendar to cover the rest of the school year.

Amanda Menas announced that the County Council Budget Hearings will be held on May 15, at Linthicum Elementary and May 22, at the County Council Chambers.

Amanda Menas reported that on Primary Day, May 14, the Watch Party will be held at Ellie's Place in Millersville.

Amanda Menas reported on the work she has picked up with Pre-K teachers that Beth Ramey was working on.

Amanda Menas reported on the next steps for the General Election.

Amanda Menas reported that Pride and Juneteenth will be in June. We will be at the parade and festival for both.

Amanda Menas reported that the application for member organizers for the summer has been put out. The New Teacher Processing will be one of their biggest jobs.

Field Strategies is starting their hiring. We will keep you updated as the hires are finalized.

Amanda Menas reported that there is a request for PAC contributions for Pam Beidle's fundraiser in the amount of \$1,000.00 being held on May 21, 2024, and Senator Gile's fundraiser in the amount of \$500.00 on May 8, 2024.

It was moved by Jessica Roth, seconded by Will Johnson, to approve the request to contribute \$1000.00 for Pam Beidle's fundraiser and Senator Gile's fundraiser in the amount of \$500.00. The motion was approved.

Executive Director Update - Scott Soares reported that the office renovation is on a standstill.

Scott Soares reported on the status of negotiations. The next session is on Monday. If they do not come back with something to work with to get this done, we will probably be at impasse. Look for the "At the Table" update on Monday or Tuesday.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Diane Barnes, Secretary-Treasurer

Approved:



Nicole Disney-Bates, President

Minutes approved BOD meeting May 29, 2024

(Date)