

OCVTEA

2011 – 2012 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Toms River Center

Wednesday, January 11, 2012

Call to order: The meeting of the OCVTEA Executive Council was called to order by President Howard Polenberg at 3:15 pm.

Attending: Building / Unit Representatives Cathy Buckley, Pete Radford, Ray Walsh, Gerald Luchs, Andy Dennison, Mike McNamara, Dennis Melia and Sharon Clougher were present. Officers present were President Howard Polenberg, Vice President Tom Vassallo, Treasurer Cheryl Orr, and Acting Secretary Tiffany Seeley.

Quorum was met to conduct business.

Minutes: The minutes from the December 14th meeting were read.

A motion to accept the minutes was made by Cathy Buckley.

Second: Pete Radford

Discussion: No discussion

Passed unanimously

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer Cheryl Orr. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Sharon Clougher.

Second: Ray Walsh

Discussion: None

Passed unanimously.

Standing Committees:

Membership Committee:

Cheryl Orr gave an updated membership report. 192 members are reported.

Sunshine Report: Howard Polenberg read the Sunshine Report. Motion to limit Sunshine expenditures by Tom Vassallo. Guidelines will be reviewed.

Second: Mark Lamb.

Discussion followed: An effort should be made to cut spending by 50%.
Mary Bernyk will research possibilities.

Passed unanimously.

Public Relations: Tom Vassallo gave a report.

Social Graces

Report: Plan to attend Artisan's Italian Grill for January General Meeting. Member rights will be the focus. The date is Jan. 25th at 4:00 PM. Head count needs to be sent ASAP. 13 people have responded and are attending.

Internal Affairs: Ray Walsh reported there is no news.

Legislative

Committee: Dennis Melia has nothing to report.

Elections Committee

Chair: Tiffany Seeley was temporarily appointed as acting secretary at the September 14th meeting. She has been fulfilling all of the Secretary's duties since September and will be formally nominated at the next general meeting.

An election committee chair will be needed by March.

Negotiations

Committee: Andy Dennison confirmed the beginning of negotiation research. He distributed about 13 contracts from other districts to negotiations committee to review. A discussion followed about steps that need to be taken in the near future. Research will be done to find out what kind of support we can get from the NJEA in terms of help with negotiations.

Constitutional

Committee: Tom Vassallo reviewed and made notes regarding constitution. For the next executive meeting, the executive committee will review changes to the constitution and then will be presented to the general membership at the following meeting.

Grievance

Committee: There may be a grievable situation regarding the Family Leave Act. Employee had to pay for health benefits under Cobra. OCVTEA is challenging interpretation and trying to reimburse employee.

Old Business: Tiffany Seeley will research SurveyMonkey to see if this is a possible way to survey staff for the negotiations survey.

Building reps should speak with custodians to get their input on what

issues should be included on the survey.

Building reps should have a quick meeting to get some ideas as to what topics are important to include on the survey.

Building meetings need to begin happening on a regular basis, rather than after faculty meetings. Building reps need to alert staff of schedule. They should be reviewing meeting minutes. Ask building administrators if it is okay to convene with staff on school time (after school but before teacher day is over). Building reps need to alert staff that updated minutes are posted on website

New Business:

Head count for general meeting is due by Wednesday, 1/18/12.

Chef's Night Out ad for Ocean County Vocational Technical Foundation program was developed and \$100.00 will be paid as in year's past.

Confirmation will be sent out to Andy Dennison and Ray Walsh by the end of the week for the NJEA Winter Leadership Conference.

The OCCEA Rep Council Meeting is February 15, at Martell's Waters Edge. Representatives Mark Lamb, Cathy Buckley, Ray Walsh will attend.

OCCEA Overnight Workshop March 9th and 10th. Interested members should email Howard Polenberg if interested.

PRIDE grant- Marco Esposito is currently working on the grant. Pete Radford will speak to Marco about the grant progress.

Howard Polenberg is going to speak with Nancy Weber-Loeffert about having an OCVTEA table at the SkillsUSA Open House and competition.

General Assembly

Meeting Calendar: Tentative meeting dates are March 28th and May 23rd.

Executive Council

Meeting Calendar: Tentative dates were set for future Executive Council meeting dates.

The dates are February 8th, March 13th, April 4th, May 10th and June 6th.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Pete Radford.

Second: Ray Walsh.

Meeting was adjourned at 4: 51 pm.