

**OCVTEA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Toms River Center
Wednesday, February 9, 2011

Call to order: The meeting of the OCVTEA Executive Council was called to order by President Howard Polenberg at 3:03pm.

Attending: Building / Unit Representatives Coleen M. Gordon, Raymond Walsh, Sharon Clougher, Tom Pernal, Carol Franzyszen, Sharon Giannantonio, Catherine Ferrara and Pete Radford were present. President Howard Polenberg, Vice President Tom Vassallo, and Treasurer Mike Clarke were present. Quorum was met to conduct business.
Other members in attendance were Andy Dennison, Stipend Committee; Mike McNamara, Member; and Tina Held, Member.

Minutes: The minutes from the January 18th meeting were read.

Motion to accept: Tom Pernal
Second: Carol Franzyszen
Passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Mike Clarke gave the Treasurer's Report. The report was accepted as presented.

**Standing
Committees:**

**Membership
Committee:**

Mike will try to investigate why we have differing numbers for our membership. Joan Szlaga was in attendance and offered suggestions to find the actual numbers. NJEA or the board office should have the actual figures.

Sunshine Report: Howard Polenberg distributed copies of the report submitted by Sunshine Committee Chair, Mary Bernyk. Howard read the report.

Motion was made to alter the order of business and to table the remaining committee reports to allow for discussion of 1.5% contribution by members and the "Curriculum Mapping" issues.

Motion: Pete Radford
Second: Carol Franzyszen
Passed unanimously.

Tom Vassallo read the legal opinion that was obtained from Joan Szlaga. The opinion was given by NJEA attorney, Richard A. Friedman.

Mike McNamara gave his opinion on the legal opinion that was read. He stated he feels that we may still need to pursue this matter in legal action and in his words it is not a “sure loser”.

Joan Szlaga responded with an opinion from the NJEA. There may be an issue with the new contract being ratified in contrast with “extending” a contract.

Mike McNamara stated that it may be an issue of the contract being “in effect”, as in the fact that it was binding and could not be altered. Tom Vassallo supported Mike’s interpretation of the unalterable contract prior to May 21st.

Ray Walsh inquired if there would be any cost to our association. Joan responded that there would be no cost to the association. Ray also questioned what other associations may be taking issue with the law.

There was continued discussion on this issue.

Tom Vassallo requested a motion on the issue. He stated that it would expedite the issue due to time constraints for today’s meeting.

Motion was stated by Ray Walsh as follows:

The OCVTEA should take the position that we are not subject to the 1.5% deduction and will file an unfair labor practice action supporting that position.

Motion : Ray Walsh
Second: Sharon Giannantonio

Motion was then opened to further discussion.

Tom Vassallo stated that in absence of the parliamentarian, he was proceeding under the assumption that a simple majority would carry the motion. Vote was unanimously in favor and the motion was carried.

Joan Szlaga stated that she will be implementing the action through the NJEA attorney, beginning tomorrow, February 10,2011.

Tom Vassallo reported on the ongoing attempt to resolve issues pertaining to the “Curriculum Mapping” that is taking place in the academies. He presented information and questions to Joan Szlaga, our NJEA Uniserv representative. Joan responded that this would not be an Unfair Labor Practice, but should be handled as a grievance. She further stated that she did not feel that time was an issue and that it should not affect our ability to proceed with a grievance.

Joan suggested that this matter should be handled by the grievance committee. Howard is the chair of that committee, but had to leave earlier. Joan recommended that the president not chair the Grievance Committee. Tina Held

volunteered to chair the committee. Tom tabled any action on accepting or appointing a committee chair in the absence of the president.

Tom suggested that the possibility of a grievance in the "Curriculum Mapping" issue be tabled until a scheduled meeting with Superintendent Bill Hoey and Assistant Superintendent Nancy Weber-Loeffert takes place next week. He agreed to notify the Executive council of any pertinent information from that meeting.

At the close of this discussion, the meeting returned to the normal order of business.

Social Graces Report: Sharon Clougher reported that the end of the year dinner will be Friday, June 3rd. It will once again be held at Hemmingway's in Seaside Heights at 6:00 PM.

Internal Affairs: Catherine Ferrara stated that there was no new information to report.

Legislative Committee: Colleen reported that members should contact local legislators and members of the NJ Senate Budget Committee before action is taken on S-3 (School Voucher Bill). Members need to call and write their Senator.

Elections Committee Chair : Still no chair for the Elections Committee.

Stipend Committee Chair: Andy Dennison reported that he has spoken to members of the committee and will be setting up a committee meeting within the next few weeks.

Constitutional Committee: Tom Vassallo will update the electronic version of the Constitution online to reflect the new amended change to the meeting dates. This is in response to the vote at the general meeting which approved the change in the by-laws.

Old Business: Old business was discussed earlier in the meeting due to a motion to change the order of business for today's meeting .

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**General Assembly
Meeting Calendar:**

General Assembly meeting will be announced after the March Executive Committee meeting. We will try to select a date in early April.

**Executive Council
Meeting Calendar:**

Next Executive Council meeting is set for Wednesday, March 9, 2011.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn: Tom Pernal
Second: Sharon Giannantonio

Passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 4:58 pm.