

**OCVTEA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Toms River Center
Wednesday, March 9, 2011

Call to order: The meeting of the OCVTEA Executive Council was called to order by President Howard Polenberg at 3:10 pm.

Attending: Building / Unit Representatives Tom Pernal , Carol Franzyszen, Sharon Giannantonio and Pete Radford were present. President Howard Polenberg , Vice President Tom Vassallo, Secretary Alicia Carney and Treasurer Mike Clarke were present . Quorum was met to conduct business.

Minutes: A motion was made to accept the minutes after amending them to show that Sharon Giannantonio was in attendance at the February meeting.

Motion to accept: Carol Franzyszen

Second: Tom Pernal

Passed unanimously. The minutes from the February 9th meeting were accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report: Mike Clarke gave the Treasurer's Report. There was a discussion concerning the accountant and W-2 forms from last year. Howard suggested that we investigate the possibility of using our own version of Quickbooks. Mike will look into the suggestion. The report was accepted as presented.

**Standing
Committees:**

**Membership
Committee:**

Mike investigated why we have differing numbers for our membership. Unpaid leave, part timers and attrition of retiring members contribute to this fluctuation in numbers.

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

**Public Relations
Report:**

Tom Vassallo requested a list of members from each building representative so he can set up the distribution lists for the new email accounts on the OCVTEA website.

Social Graces Report: Sharon Clougher was not in attendance. There was nothing new to report.

Internal Affairs: Catherine Ferrara was not in attendance. There was no new information to report.

Legislative Committee: There was no new information to report.

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

Stipend Committee Chair: Andy Dennison was not in attendance but Tom Vassallo gave an update. Ocean County is on the low end of the pay scale for stipends compared to other districts. Andy is going to put together a chart from all the information he has gathered. There needs to be dates decided in order to coordinate setting up negotiations meetings. Howard will appoint the new negotiations team. It was also discussed to request that Joan Szlaga, NJEA rep accompany the team once there are dates established.

Constitutional Committee: No new information to report.

Old Business: Unfair labor practice was filed for the 1.5% Health Care contribution. Howard gave an update on how it is proceeding.

Curriculum Mapping – Issues still to be worked out. Seems that most of the staff from PAA and MATES have already completed the maps. Some issues have risen as to content being too generic.

ROC Committee, NJEA spoke with someone from Jackson School district encouraging people to vote. Pete Jewell has volunteered to represent the Brick, Center. Howard Polenberg will get information and distribute it to the rest of the centers until ROC reps have been named.

New Business: Howard Polenberg presented a nomination for Tina Held to be appointed as the Grievance Committee Chair. There was a short discussion.

Motion to approve: Sharon Giannantonio
2nd to approve: Tom Pernal
The motion passed unanimously.

On Monday, March 7, Howard Polenberg and Tom Vassallo

met with Bill Hoey, Nancy Weber Loeffert and Frank Frazee to discuss several ongoing issues. It was agreed by all present that the meetings will take place monthly on the first Monday of the month.

The first issue discussed was the filing of the unfair labor practice over the 1.5% salary deduction. Frank expressed concern over the possible loss of income and how that may impact next year's budget.

Curriculum mapping was discussed. Tom requested that no deadlines be given, Nancy was unaware that pressure was given by principals. It was suggested that when the shared time teachers are requested to complete this process, there should be monthly meetings to show teachers what is required on the mapping and assist them in completing the work. Therefore they would not have to work on their own time as some of the academy teachers had.

Better communication between staff and principals was requested. Howard requested that administrators be presented with a script what is said so that everyone is on the same page and all members in all centers hear the same exact information.

The PAA Senior Internships issue was discussed. Bill Bourke, Bill Hoey and Nancy Weber Loeffert were scheduled to meet on March 8 to discuss senior internship growth of program and utilization of CIE Coordination, Frank Morelli.

Interpretation of contract language discussions are necessary prior to decisions to avoid conflict. It was agreed that meeting with Howard and Tom which they are doing now will help resolve any issues. It was agreed that the monthly meetings between the administration and the OCVTEA help to alleviate concerns and possible misinterpretation of the contract.

Waiver of Representation and meeting documentation was discussed concerning liability for OCTVS and OCVTEA. It was suggested that the meetings be recorded. The sides were not in agreement on this issue and Bill Hoey felt that it could be dangerous for our members if the meetings were recorded. This may be something we need to discuss with the general membership.

Financial Literacy Requirement - Home Schools are requiring in freshman (online) and Sophomore year. The amount of hours is affecting Skills Content Delivery and Practical Hours. Bill Hoey said that if it is not beneficial to the district, then it should be discontinued. He feels it is important that the students spend as many hours in the shop as possible.

OCCEA Annual Legislative Dinner information was passed out. The OCVTEA can send three people to represent. Deadline is April 12th. Information for new members forum to be held on April 6th at Martell's Waters Edge. Deadline is March 29th.

**General Assembly
Meeting Calendar:**

General Assembly meeting will be held on April 13th at 3pm at the Toms River Center. The meeting will be held in Tom Pernal's classroom.

**Executive Council
Meeting Calendar:**

Next Executive Council meeting is set for Wednesday, April 6, 2011. It will also be held at the Toms River Center.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn: Sharon Giannantonio
Second: Tom Pernal

The motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 4:40 pm.