

OCVTEA
2013 – 2014 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Toms River Center
Monday, November 25, 2013

Call to order: The meeting of the OCVTEA Executive Council was called to order by President Howard Polenberg at 3:02pm.

Attending: Building / Unit Representatives: Andy Dennison, Eileen Verde, Sharon Clougher, Mark Lamb, Tom Rolston, Andy Dennison, and Gerald Horn were present. Officers present were President Howard Polenberg, Vice-President, Tiffany Seeley, Treasurer, Gerald Luchs, and Secretary, Mary Kenny.

Quorum was met to conduct business.

Minutes: The minutes from the October 16th Executive Meeting were read.

A motion to accept the minutes was made by Tom Rolston

Second: Sharon Clougher

Discussion: No discussion

Passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Gerald Luchs presented the account balances: \$8,626 in the main account / \$2,508 in the philanthropic fund. The current accounts are under review with the accountant. A current electronic copy of last year's budget was not found. A current budget is still needed - Gerald needs a copy of the past budget. There has been no feedback yet on our application for a lottery permit.

Standing Committees:

Membership

Committee: There are 203 currently reported members.

Sunshine Report: A card has been sent to Matt Atkins. Other events were discussed and it was decided to ask the Building Reps to forward any birth/death/marriage/etc. information to Mary Bernyk each month.

Public Relations: Nothing to Report.

Social Graces Report: 23 Attendees including NJEA Reps attended the October Workshop. The Holiday party has been moved to December 13th at the Clarion Hotel in Toms River. There are five Paid members to date. Building Reps should encourage members to attend and not to wait to send in their payment. Sharon is requesting the remaining workshop dates for the rest of the school year. This is the last year for Sharon in this position - She is encouraging this to be a stipendend position in the future.

Internal Affairs: Nothing to Report.

Legislative Committee: Nothing to Report.

**There was a discussion at the October OCVTEA Meeting to make this a stipend position in order to have consistent and up to date information available. The current budget is still being located and will be consulted. The Executive Committee will vote on adding this position as a stipend position at the next meeting.

Elections Committee Chair: Nothing to Report.

Negotiations Committee: The contract has been voted on, signed and ratified. The question/clarification regarding the Grievance Form, Appendix C has been addressed and settled. Andy Dennison shared more settlement statistics across the county/state.

Constitutional Committee: Nothing new to report.

Grievance Committee: Concerning the issue of getting paid for extra-curricular work (Saturday Info Sessions), the committee presented the Administration with supportive documentation (Various NJSBA PERC case summaries that supported getting paid for extra-curricular duties. There needs to be a differentiation between supervisory or non-supervisory positions/duties.). The Executive Committee is now waiting on word back from the Administration. It was also mentioned that there are four sections in the current contract stating that the contract is not up for interpretation outside the negotiations committee.

There was an issue at MATES regarding graduate courses not being reimbursed due to being outside one's subject area. This issue has been resolved.

Old Business: See Negotiations Committee Sect

New Business:

- A new Custodial Rep. is needed. It was mentioned that possibly Todd Harrington may be interested.
- The new MATES Building Rep is Bill Hegerich.
- SGOs should be individualized based on class make-up and student abilities. Use alternative, tiered structures as needed for varying student levels. Portfolios and SGOs are required as part of the new evaluation system. Howard Polenberg & Eileen Verde are going to review the SGO Handbook from NJDOE - Achieve NJ.
- At the October Meeting, Ray Walsh posed a question regarding the non-tenured contract that the custodial staff has been requested to sign. Custodial staff is not a tenured position, however, they are covered under our three year contract.
- Building Liaison minutes – EVERY building rep must submit a copy of their liaison meeting minutes to Howard EVERY month. He did not receive minutes from TR, MATES or Waretown for Sept. If there's nothing to report, the minutes should say that.

- It was discussed to clarify and distribute to the district the Building Rep/Liaison/Executive Committee chain of command to follow when reporting an issue- Tiffany will compile each building's members, draft a letter & ask the Administration to disseminate it to the district.
- OCVTEA Safety Committee - Howard Polenberg attended an NJEA meeting and was advised to create our own OCVTEA Safety Committee. Items that could possibly be addressed: Air Quality, Shop Safety, etc. It was also discussed that this committee's duties are currently addressed/documentated by the Building Liaisons. At the end of the school year, the building liaisons will compile a report of their notable and/or recurring issues and forward that report to Mark Lamb, who has volunteered as Safety Committee Chair.
- The next OCVTEA Executive Meeting date was changed to December 9th.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn was made by Tom Rolston.

Second: Mark Lamb

Meeting was adjourned at 4:05pm.