

COUNCIL OF DELEGATES

AGENDA

March 6, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

TREASURER'S REPORT

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- 1) **Channel 7 - Union Problems - Roy Schrodt, President – Executive Committee recommendation**
 - 2) **Russ Ippolito – Assistant Attorney General, Buffalo Regional Office Student Loans**
- I. Negotiations – Update**
- a) District still making unacceptable proposals
 - b) BTF -
 - 1) long term contract
 - 2) opposes paying for health care – will not sacrifice new members
 - c) Events that will impact negotiations-
 - 1) Final court decision on single carrier
 - 2) State Budget - usually April 1st.
 - d) NYSUT/BTF analysis of Board Budget
- II. Single Carrier – Litigation – (See #1)**
- a) District lost Arbitration, lost appeal to State Supreme Court – Tried to delay hearing on its appeal to Appellate division in Rochester. Court refused.
 - b) Argued in Rochester on February 28th
 - 1) By NYSUT/BTF attorney Robert Klingensmith.
 - 2) Court seemed favorable to upholding arbitration – one can never be sure, however.
 - 3) Usually 4 – 6 weeks for decision. In this case, it could be sooner.
 - 4) Board will probably appeal to Court of Appeals. Court does not have to hear the appeal.
- III. Arbitration (Times for Level III Hearings) – We won**
- a) Vindictive
 - b) Upheld by State Supreme Court.
 - c) Briefs filed – Should be heard in the May term of Appellate Court

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IV. MRSA – BTF Letter to Superintendent/Board (See letter – #2)

- a) All should be notified.
- b) Q & A meeting should be held.
- c) Clean-up procedures should be made known.

V. District “spying” on teachers on Worker’s Comp. – (See letter #3)

VI. Proposed School Calendar - 2008-09 – (See #4)

- a) Concerns - 2 extra days in August – impact on Summer School teachers, teachers working other jobs.
- b) Some prefer this year’s calendar
 - 1) Usual winter break
 - 2) Two (2) 4-day breaks – Patriot’s Day / Memorial Day
 - 3) Two-week Spring break
- c) Executive Committee Recommendation

VII. Billboards – Start in April

- a) April & May – one (1) large - 5 regular each month.
- b) BTF to apply for (will probably receive) NEA/NYSUT Grant to cover most of cost \$14,000.
- c) BTF also receiving \$20,000 grant this year from N.E.A. -- can be used for these and busses.
- d) NFTA will start in April or May.

VIII. Recommendations – Banking – (See #5)

IX. Teacher Center – Issues -- (See letter sent to candidates - #6)

- a) Interviews not conducted as per Policy Board meeting.
- b) Policy Board voted to re-do interview with 4 members.

X. McKinley Incident

- a) Never seen such a feeding frenzy.
- b) Executive session – Not an Executive session.
- c) BTF supports complete investigation to clear the air.

XI. Reminder – Teacher Transfers – Deadline Date is March 23rd

XII. Vote-Cope Drive

Please urge all teachers to participate.

XIII. OTHER LATE ITEMS

XIV. OLD BUSINESS

XV. ADJOURNMENT