



# Executive Board Meeting Minutes

April 2017 ~ Harbor School

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Present:

Sue Bennett  
John Berry  
Maura Coghlan  
Keri Degnan  
Dianne Dunn  
Lisa Gagliano

Margaret Glancy  
Dan Hayden  
Linda Kanarek  
Edward Kent  
Charlotte Loake

Laura Maciag  
Meghan O'Connell  
James Pollin  
Maureen Sabella  
Maureen Tobin  
Curtis Tripoli

Absent:

Jennifer Wemssen  
Michael Burns

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- ❖ Dianne Dunn forgot minutes from March minutes. Will review in May.
  - ❖ Treasurer's Report: Maureen Sabella makes motion to accept report. All in Favor
  - ❖ Special Guest speaker Tom McCann-Financial Advisor NEA benefits manager: complimentary benefits to all members, free paycheck analysis, projections income needs by current paycheck vs. pension, social security and 403b. This is part of our member benefits and is not utilized. It is a free annual service. Would like to come to each faculty room to make members aware of services. Includes spouses as well. Contact him for appointment.
  - ❖ Margaret to speak with lead reps to find an appropriate time and day for Tom McCann to come to each building.
  - ❖ Special Guest Speaker Matt Adler-City Council Candidate in Long Beach: Asking for support for his candidacy. Trying to bring honesty and change to politics. Looking for support from union. Asking for a donation of \$1,250.00, the max donation a union can donate to a candidate.
  - ❖ Ed Kent raised a motion to endorse and donate the maximum to Matt Adler for Long Beach City Council. All in favor. Motion passes.
  - ❖ Representative Assembly – Plaque awarded to UTS for 50 years of service.
  - ❖ Sample Resolutions: Copy of resolutions passed out for NYSUT RA 2017.
  - ❖ UTS Scholarships: Share procedures to get names and what is the criteria for award. Academically sound, hard worker, well rounded. HS Nominations taken from teachers, committee of about 10 volunteers votes on kids. Does not have to be a boy and a girl. MS sends out a nomination form to all teachers for names. List generated and survey given to all, top 2 students win. Copies of criteria being shared with all exec board members.
  - ❖ Retirement Delegate elections: Delegate needed for Retirement. Position is to represent all members of NYSRS-includes administrators. Alternate needed as well. Email sent out to staff by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Nominations due by May 8th, Election May 17<sup>th</sup>.
  - ❖ ARTS: Donation approved in the fall for a \$200 donation for door prizes. Laura made a motion to donate \$200 for door prizes for ARTS. All in favor. Motion passes.
  - ❖ Financial Advisor Safranek to host workshop on 403b. Two separate workshops for secondary and elementary teachers.
  - ❖ Thank you note received from Michelle Golub for sympathy from UTS
  - ❖ Maura makes a motion to take out a ½ page journal ad in Retirement journal for Tim Southerton at the cost of \$150.00. Money goes towards scholarships. Discussion of is there enough money in budget,

who will see it, is there a benefit for us, is our President going to be there, would we send an alternate representative if Margaret doesn't attend. 6 Yay, 4 Nay. Motion passes.

❖ Building Concerns:

- High School: Lead Report-Testing done in fall, signs just put up in rooms to NOT drink water (after April break). Will district pay to get lead tests done for teachers? Signs posted in "Non drinking" sources need be of no concern. Settlement of Chairpersons: Rewording of MOA for settlement to be included in FAS. Waiting for NYSUT. Retirement of Business Chairperson has not been posted. Cut business position and hiring an English teacher. Business classes now spread out throughout other departments. Not a 6<sup>th</sup> class, eliminating electives. AP says enrollment is low in some classes so to keep FTE, other classes are being assigned to them. Too many study halls for seniors. They should be taking a minimum of 6 credits. Students are self-selecting with little guidance.
- Middle School: Life is great
- Harbor: Life is great
- Manor: Artifact sheet. The new APPR system: artifacts are not useful unless they are directly related to the lesson in which they were observed.

❖ PAC update: 2 candidates running for 2 positions.

- Rally in Lawrence on May 16<sup>th</sup> – no contract since 2011.
- Christine Pellegrino-Baldwin Teacher running for State Assembly district 9 (includes Seaford Parent, teacher, Opt-Out proponent. ) -phone banks to be set up-May 11<sup>th</sup> at Keri Degnan's house (1319 Lakeside Dr.) in Wantagh 3:30. NYSUT endorsed.
- Randi Weingarten to appear in support of Christine Pelligrino
- Vote Cope: next month-one to one conversations to increase amount.
- Postcards: 3 versions generated. Ed proposes to send out to those who voted in past 2 years. Laura says to everyone. Mass mailing was decided. Ben Franklin version of postcard to be used.
- 4 people to retire-June 13 is tentative date, less formal than usual.

❖ Laura makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. All in favor.