



United Teachers of Seaford

# Executive Board Meeting Minutes

March 1, 2022

Present:

Absent:

Matt Adler  
Ed Kent  
Maura Coghlan  
Jennifer Wemssen  
Curtis Tripoli  
Keri Degnan  
Jen Bartkowski

Jean Marie Aplustille  
Lisa Doris  
Ann-Marie Motisi  
Suzanne Mooney  
Kerry Hansen  
Maureen Sabella

Brian Horner  
Alex Mantay  
Michael Milano  
Rosalie Franz  
Christine Lindquist  
Joanna McCloskey  
James Scourtos

Curtis Tripoli  
Kerry Hansen

1. Maura made a motion to enter the executive session. Keri seconded it.
2. Rosalie made a motion to leave executive session, Maura second
3. **Meme of the Month**

**Student:** What are we doing in class today?

**Me trying to make a relatable joke:** The same thing we do every night Pinky... try to take over the world!

**Student:** \*blank stare\*

**Me:** \*realizes Pinky and the Brain is almost 30 years old and my students have no idea what I'm talking about.\*

**4. RECORDING SECT'Y-Keri Degnan**

- a) Maura made a motion to approve the amended minutes of January 4, 2023. Rosalie seconded the motion. All in favor.
- b) Alex made a motion to approve the amended minutes of February 1, 2023. Maura seconded the motion. All in favor.

**5. TREASURER/MEMBERSHIP CHAIR-Jen Wemssen**

- a) Matt attended a conference, the DJ for the retirement party was acquired, and money was donated to the Seaford Fire Department and the High School and Middle School Drama Clubs. We are more than halfway done with the dues!
- b) Suzanne made a motion to accept Jen's Budget Report. Lisa seconded it. All in favor.
- c) A member asked since we donated to the family of the student

who passed away, do we do anything for a parent of a student who passes away? It was researched, and the UTS has never sent donations for a parent in the past.

- d) Jen is planning her budget meeting in May. She is waiting for NYSUT to complete their budget meeting first.

**6. PRESIDENT-Matthew Adler**

- a) **Housekeeping issue.** The next UTS meeting is scheduled for April 5, the day before a break and early dismissal. After a discussion, the meeting will be postponed until the May meeting.
- b) **Valley Stream Teacher Association,** one of their members is running for Mayor in the Incorporated Village of Valley Stream. They are asking for other locals to reach out to members who are in that district to support a fellow union member.
- c) **2022-23 school calendar** – We still do not know about dates for the open house and other evening events.
- d) **Professional Development for the 2022-2023 school year** – If anyone needs more time to finish the assignments, let the Administration know. We are still asking about next year's PD.
- e) **Schedules for the 2023-2024 school year** – Building Reps, please talk to administrators about the scheduling. Building reps should be a part of the scheduling process for next year's schedule.

**7. OFFICER REPORTS**

- a) **Maura-** Nothing specific to report, I hope you had a great break.
- b) **Ed** –Nothing to report.
- c) **Curtis-**Apparel is in! Don't forget, you need to still pay for the apparel! Checks made out to the UTS is fine for the payment.
- d) **Jen B-** We postponed the meeting. By Friday we will have a new date. That is all we have for now. At the next meeting, can throw around dates for the next executive election. Today was the last day to put in for retirement. We will know if anyone else is joining. Margaret is the retirement delegate, any info goes through her.

**6. Building News – Please start with positive news!**

**a) Manor Head Building Rep-Jean Aplustille-**

- i. Good news! Only 70 more wake-ups! A lot of college students are getting their acceptance letters. Non-tenured staff received their mid-year evaluations, so we have been working on that.

**b) Harbor Head Building Rep-Suzanne Mooney**

- i. Good news! A person from Central Administration talked to a member about COVID days. If you are using COVID days, the administration will know about it.
- ii. Voting in the Harbor occurred yesterday. The staff are frustrated, they can't open up the windows but the building can have outside people in the building. IDs were not checked; the people were just going in to vote. There is a security issue, why can't voting occur in the community library or other public building? There is a hypocrisy of the safety issue.

**c) Middle school-Head Building Rep-Brian Horner**

- i. Good News! Not much going on. There was an issue with a CSE meeting going past 3:45 before the break. An administrator observed that the meeting went long and told the staff to put in for coverage. He also stated no more 9<sup>th</sup>-period meetings in the future.

**d) High school Head Building Rep-Christine Lindquist**

- i. Good News! Nothing here!

**7. COMMITTEE UPDATES**

a. **PAC – Scott Gilbert** – Vote-cope is about a month away.

b. **Internal PAC Joanna McCloskey** –

c. **Public Relations/Event Planning – Margaret Glancy and Jen Bartkowski**

- i. **Happy Hour**

- ii. **End of the Year**

d. **Contract** – Discussions will start in the next few months.

**8. GRIEVANCES – none**

**9. NEGOTIATIONS- none**

**10. ARTS** – Barbara gave Matt a retirement packet. If you are thinking of retiring, you should start looking at it a few years ahead of time. March 14 is the RC17 meeting. Matt Fields will represent Barbara and the ARTS (she is recovering from knee surgery.) It is a great asset of what Steve Bongiovi, Linda Frank, and Barbara do for the retirees.

**11. MEMBER CONCERNS – none**

Matt was sponsored by NYSUT to go to the National Affiliation- NEA to attend their yearly leadership summit. He will be going to California to represent NYSUT. They appreciate the great work we are all doing. It is a such a compliment.

Maura made a motion to end the meeting, everyone else seconded it. All in favor.