

Minutes for the UTLA/NEA Board of Directors meeting- October 17th, 2011

1. Call to Order at 4:37 by Jenny Chomori, UTLA/NEA Vice President

Begin as a committee as a whole. See attachment as a disclaimer. Jenny will be presiding as the chair of the meeting. MJ will just be recognized as a member.

DISCLAIMER -

"So as not to appear to give any appearance of creating an unfair advantage in the third round of elections for UTLA/NEA Vice President, I will not be presiding over today's UTLA/NEA Service Center Council BOD meeting. I am in attendance as an individual and not as an interim UTLA officer or NEA affiliate President. Therefore, I kindly ask that the minutes of today's board meeting make a record of my disclaimer."

2. Consideration of Agenda – moved by Linda Guthrie/Wendy Davis 2nd

Add

Wendy asked to add to old business-the subject of Internet fees being reimbursed.

Add

Ingrid under the treasurer's report - Are we going to get accounting of the budget?
Will be open for questions.

3. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Wendy Davis/Linda Guthrie 2nd Minutes approved.

4. Guest Speakers/Candidates

5. Reports

- a. President's Report - See pink sheet -

We received notification of agenda by email-Someone will be making a motion. An option would be to put out a form asking members if they want to go green or not. Ana V. would like to add line to sign-in sheet for email and place to ask for an email notice as an option for "green mail". Using a district email is not an option

Sue Cirillo- Equity Affairs - Request to add GLBT as an Issues contact.
As GLBT contact, let us know it will be going to the CTA/EMAC Board.

Linda Guthrie inquired about the SIG grants-there is a lot of controversy She would like to be conversant on that issue. She asked David Goldberg if he knew who would be responsible at UTLA. Gregg S. is the officer in charge of this. There is controversy on what passed in the HOR and she stated that we should be able to speak intelligently about that. More information should be forthcoming. Ingrid is at a SIG school. Gregg has

met with them. There are 6. The Area Chairs and UTLA board members should be able to bring ideas and be knowledgeable about SIG. UTLA House and Board recommended we sign off on that. Linda stated that there are repercussions. We should have talking points. We should be able to explain. UTLA should get information on that to its members. D. Goldberg—Next Wednesday CTA is having a Statewide meeting. MJ Roberts said the conversation is commendable about SIG grants. A couple of years ago at the Leadership conference we had an NEA speaker. The governance and administration is not being implemented as it was designed. LAUSD's top/down structure does not work. Information on that will be pursued. The ones that will be piloting this should be allowed to choose. Now they are saying the opposite. Need to really understand what we are getting into. We need to stop LASUD from changing the rules on that. Hattie M. said to read it and not take what district says.

b. Treasurer's report

We get \$10 per member. This year the budget will be \$6450.00 less. There are some final things that have not been added on the budget. There are still reimbursements to be made for delegates to the RA. Recommend that 6/6 people will be sent for Issues Conference and Summer Institute. Motion last year asked for 12 to be sent to each.

Jenny Chomori- a total of 21 (or 28?) UTLA members were sent. Some were sent by UTLA committees, CTA and NEA Board and by grants.

Elaine LeBoeuf explained format of budget to help understanding The # of Releases was questioned—Motion many years ago made by Sonia to have releases during RA for delegates that are working their regular schedules, like those in Early ED. Releases are primarily for Election Committee, WHO Committee, a few conferences, and the RA delegates. The majority is RA and NCUEA (which is a whole week for 6 people).

Accountability for the conference attendance. Formulate a report for our directors. Looking at modifying/receive feedback from our members. Mel H. – Looking at the budget and conferences, is there a criterion or is it purely discretionary? Explained that there are forms and lotteries in the 6pm meeting. Before it was the discretion of the president. Motion was made to have new members and coupon for 1 to 5 years. Unfortunately because a lot of the RIFs we have lost a lot of 1 to 5th year teachers (dues). What are we responsible for as a leadership team?

Our local and the service center council are the same. Local can make recommendations. Jenny C. let the body know they can make it a motion.

Wendy D. moved to pass the Treasurer's report. Sue C. 2nd-PASSED

UTLA Treasurer, Arlene Inouye gave report. We are going through an audit. 32 people have not submitted paperwork for spending at the RA. (Disseminates paper to those who have not submitted paperwork.)
Sonia-Will not be getting advance next time if they are repeat offender.
Steve Seal-At CTA State Council you lose if don't turn it in within a month.

c. NEA Report - Sue C. The young man speaking at the GLBT observance of the NEA Board meeting in Washington D.C. was great. Google him. Sonia M-S. Attacks are national- 12 states have eliminated or reduced collective bargaining rights. Alabama - are mandated reporters of legal payroll deduction. Right to work states-through back draft. May never go back to payroll deduction. Mixed bag. Link is online. Serious disconnect with CTA and NEA. Went into executive session with all NCLB stuff. NEA is selling us out. CA is opposed to the waivers.

d. CTA Directors Report
Mary Rose - will be sending out an email re: Position on opposing NCLB. Hopefully other states will follow. Rucker read it. It is bad news. Problem is that it sets up top/down federal mandates. Students test scores and no money - not necessarily a waiver but no money. CTA opposed LAUSD lawsuit that joined to sue the governor. They wanted flexibility to lay people off. CTA has new campaigns. The Governor signed the Dream Act. There are \$5000 innovative grants available. On Friday at State Council, some committees will be meeting. Still have not confirmed speaker. Orientation for new members will also meet. Teresa M. will give a report on CFT.

Goldberg - There is payment deception, to be placed on the ballot. - Will most likely qualify for Nov. 2012. Trying to be smarter about it. CTA unanimously passed Occupy LA - Wall St. Tomorrow Occupy LAUSD. Lot of it is found on facebook and email page.
Jobs bill - The Republicans killed it. Now parts of it pulled it apart.

e. Representation Report - Carmen has been appointed.

UTLA has 24, 635 members. We are loosing 5 to 6 seats for next year. 2 years ago we lost 9 seats. When reinstated we need to make sure they are members. Check their paychecks; so do not pay agency fees.

5. Old Business

Internet fees-Wendy's Internet fees were not reimbursed. There was a Motion at last fall meeting. Wants to know the results of the investigation. Possibly failed. Only for Newsletter. Jenny C. -Looking into the Internet fee. Look in the minutes.

6. New Business

Motion #1. (Action) Service Center Council meeting and agenda notifications of said meetings be sent via email. This would allow members to sign in and choose email or U.S. mail. Email address would have to be a non-LAUSD.net address. The information on the UTLA/NEA/BOD on the UTLA website along with the proposed agenda and previous meeting minutes. Rationale: to save money and labor cost, email would be a good way to reduce cost to UTLA/NEA budget.

Moved by Wendy Davis/Linda Guthrie 2nd Motion PASSED. 1 opposed.

Motion #2. (Action) Due to the budget constraints we engage in a process that will help us prioritize how we will spend our limited funds. This process would include a conversation and a developed process to maximize our attendance at conferences making sure that we develop further accountability for the upcoming year. Rationale: When money is not abundant we have to make sure our dues and funds follow our goals and purpose. Have set goals. Follow the priorities and asking for a process.

Moved by Ingrid Villeda/Mel House 2nd Motion PASSED (Failed in SCC meeting)

Motion #3. (Policy) Participants attending conferences be required to submit a report in order to receive reimbursements. Rationale: This is in compliance with CTA policy for conference attendance.

Moved by M.J. Roberts/ Wendi Davis 2nd MOOT

Motion #4. (Action) The first meeting of the year be scheduled 15 minutes additional for the purpose of new Board member Orientation, including rights, responsibilities, and role description. (Also, introductions would be nice.) Rationale: As each Board member represents hundreds of NEA members, this job is too important to “learn as you go”, and new members should formally be educated as to the process of participating in this body.

Moved by Mel House/Ingrid Villeda 2nd Motion PASSED

Motion #5. The Secretary/Treasurer shall pull policy motions out of the minutes and create a policy handbook to be brought to the Board meeting. Rationale: Need to have a reference guide and a resource guide for implementation of policy.

Moved by Linda Guthrie/Sonia Martin-Solis 2nd Motion PASSED

Gregg S. will address SIG information at the next meeting.