

COUNCIL OF DELEGATES

AGENDA

December 17, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

TREASURER'S REPORT

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. Common Core Task Force Report / APPR

- Report e-mailed to all teachers.
- Board of Regents actions - advisory vs. transition.
- APPR negotiations with District – will await confirmation of Regulations and State law changes. If we can meet on aspects that will not change, we will.
- We have until March 2016 to complete APPR negotiations or seek another extension.
- BTF will continue to work with NYSUT and all supportive organizations to ensure that we have more students opting out than we previously had.
- Resolution from WNY Presidents & Directors submitted to Buffalo Board of Education. ([See Document 1](#))
- Update on APPR Appeals.

B. Negotiations

- Just received District proposals, in writing, from the last session.
- Will be providing counter proposals.
- Date for next session being discussed.
- Blackout still in effect.

C. BTF Improper Practice (I.P.) against District / District I.P. against BTF -

- PERB hearing held December 1st.
BTF presentation – 4 hours
District presentation - about 1 hour.
- Awaiting transcripts – once received, Hearing Officer will set dates for briefs - January 2016.
- Possible consequences – District found guilty & ordered to withdraw various proposals.

D. RECEIVERSHIP -

- District proposal on technology and requirement to provide training.
“The Receiver shall have the discretion and ability to require teachers at the persistently struggling schools to use all technological tools necessary and appropriate to more effectively communicate with students and parents. The District will be required to provide training for the use of the technological tools for which they have not been previously trained.”

Does the Council of Delegates support this proposal? They have withdrawn it from their submission to the Commissioner pending our vote.

- NYSUT/BTF working on legal challenge – U.S. Constitution, Task Force Report & Recommendations, Regents' actions, Invalid tests, etc.
- NEA and AFT working with us.
- District submitted exactly the same proposals it submitted for the five schools for the 20 remaining schools. We have responded similarly.

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- NYSUT Executive Committee & Board of Directors passed the following:
“RESOLVED, that NYSUT reaffirms its vehement opposition to the state receivership law and will use every legal and legislative means to effectuate its immediate repeal; and be it further
RESOLVED, that NYSUT calls upon New York State to immediately adopt the state aid plan developed by the Educational Conference Board that provides for significant increases to begin to address the shameful shortfall in state funding to the districts affected and penalized by the receivership law; and be it further
RESOLVED, that NYSUT will continue to support its locals in using the collective bargaining process to achieve student-centric solutions to the challenges facing persistently mislabeled schools, such as reducing class size, combating absenteeism and addressing other essential teaching and learning conditions, including but not limited to engaging parents and providing after-school programs, access to counselors, mentoring services and other supports that advance student success; and
RESOLVED, that NYSUT commits to any and all actions necessary to defend collective bargaining rights for our members and working people across New York State and the nation, and calls upon our national and international affiliates to stand in solidarity with us in this important cause.”

E. BTF DAY OF ACTION / BTF Activist Summit – February 5 – 6 Critical – We need to be organized like never before. We are in a War.

- Receivership
- Friedrichs – when the U.S. Supreme Court rules in favor of “free-loaders”.
- Elections - School Board – State - National
- Room and meals covered.
- More information to follow.

F. District Attendance Policy –

- The District is seeking teacher input on a new Attendance Policy.
- We will be e-mailing it to teachers for their input.

G. Election for BTF Delegates to NYSUT Representative Assembly – Electronic Voting

- NYSUT Legal – Since not allowed in Federal law and NYSUT Policy – not to be used until law and policy are changed. We will work on that.
- Will be an option for BTF Officers’ election.
Motion for clarity:
Moved: That BTF allow for the option of electronic voting in BTF Officers’ election.
Recommend: Philip Rumore, BTF
Moved: Rebecca Pordum, BTF
Seconded: Brian Hilton, #33

H. OTHER LATE ITEMS

I. OLD BUSINESS

J. ADJOURNMENT - Moment of Silence in Memory of Bruce Alesse - #066 (North Park)