

## COUNCIL OF DELEGATES

### AGENDA September 24, 2015

Speaker – Mary Martino, United Way of Buffalo

Speaker - Elaine Lydon – Women Teachers Association

#### CALL TO ORDER

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

#### VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

**Eddie in Hospital - Recovering well.**

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

##### **A. Negotiations – Monday, September 28 & Monday, October 5**

- PERB request – No comments.
- BTF / District I.P.'s conference today (9/24).
- Solidarity Days – 9/28 & 10/5 - Wear BTF logos and enter school together.

##### **B. A.P.P.R.**

- Changes at last Regents meeting - See BTF Email blast also BTF website [www.btfny.org](http://www.btfny.org) -News/Alerts – See **Regents Meeting Update - 9/22/15.**
  - a) Can appeal State scores.
  - b) Small Locals – waivers
  - c) No longer all APPR scores available to parents – only composite score.
  - d) Since new regulations added a 30-day comment period required – more to come?
- “Independent” / unannounced. If Independent is unannounced, can limit percent of Independent to 10%.
- Discussion / Council input – length of observations, etc. See questionnaire.
- BTF suggested court challenge to testing on behalf of students.
- NYSUT preparing legal challenges

##### **C. Receivership –**

- Ask for what you need – Document – forward to BTF.
- Faculty vote on plan.
- 90 school days' notice to teachers & BTF before positions can be abolished.
- NYSUT developing court challenges.

##### **D. Friedrichs v. California Teachers Association - Supreme Court**

- Issue – Agency fee vs. Free-loaders.
- Action plan –
  - a) Delegate/Alternates one-on-one.
  - b) Training by NYSUT for BTF only.

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c) Attacks our unions by hedge-fund operations and billionaires. See BTF website **News/Alerts – See Friedrichs Supreme Court Info – 9/23/15.**

**E. Diane Ravitch** – Coming to Buffalo to receive the BTF “Friend of Education” Award – November 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup>. This is a great honor for Buffalo teachers. Her visit will not be via Skype. She will be here in person. Stay tuned. Details will follow.

**F. Opt Out –**

Moved that:

- a) BTF work with the NEA, State, National and approved local organizations in support of the “Opt-out” movement and,
- b) Encourage Buffalo Teachers to Opt their own children out of the State Assessments.

Moved: Philip Rumore, BTF  
Seconded: Rebecca Pordum, BTF

Note: See “Opt Out” tab on BTF website for Opt Out information.

**G. Delegate Workshop -- October 30 and 31, 2015**

**H. New Member Packets** – have been sent out through the PONY. They can be expected to arrive in the schools within the next few days. Please visit with your new teachers to assist them in filling out the NYSUT /BTF application and various SBF cards. The BPS is seeing a large number of new teachers this year and we would like to have 100% membership in the BTF. Many teachers this year don’t realize that they are not members since union dues are deducted from their paychecks. However, in order to enjoy full membership benefits (i.e., voting for the contract, union officials, or changes in the building), they must fill out and return the NYSUT / BTF membership application form to the BTF offices. An updated membership list for your building is in the process of being compiled and will be available at the next Council meeting.

**I. OTHER LATE ITEMS**

**J. OLD BUSINESS**

**K. ADJOURNMENT**