

COUNCIL OF DELEGATES

AGENDA

OCTOBER 16, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

TREASURER'S REPORT

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. Negotiations – Awaiting Fact-Finder's Report

- Rally – first Board meeting after Fact-Finder's report released.
- District Audit (2013) available October 22nd. BTF/NYSUT to review.
- Action Committee – possible actions.

B. Recent Board Action -- ([See Document I](#))

- Rally Up-date – participants
- Legal actions.

C. APPR -- Grievance filed -- ([See Document II](#))

- Teachers who received a composite score of Ineffective should advise BTF immediately by e-mail to: sumhauer@btfny.org. (e-mail to all teachers has been sent. ([See Document III](#))).
- Governor has still not signed the 2-year APPR Modification legislation.
- NYSUT challenging NYS funding for poor small city school districts – part of coalition bringing suit for all poor school districts – BTF involved (CFE).
- NYSUT also working on APPR challenge to entire APPR process as per BTF request.

D. Class size/Support Service – Please have all information relating to over-sized Class and support service cuts to BTF by Monday, Oct. 20th, e.g. school counselors, school social workers, attendance teachers, psychologists, ESL teachers, SST teams, etc.

- Changes from last year?
- PreK and K – Information re: aides – need teachers to speak on Kindergarten class sizes.

E. Tenure Challenge -- NYSUT Actions

- Not just about due process for teachers charged – protection against fear of 3020a punishment for speaking out on issues (coercive effect).

F. State Ed “Gag Order” – NYSUT Challenge

- Teachers grading State exams required to sign “gag order” document.

(Cont'd)

G. Executive Committee Vacancies

As per the announcement at the September Council of Delegates meeting, there are five (5) vacancies on the BTF Executive Committee. (See BTF website - www.btfny.org under News & Alerts).

If interested, please send resumé to Phil Rumore – email to lsauer@btfny.org or mail to 271 Porter Avenue, Buffalo, New York 14201. Resumés should be received, or postmarked, by Monday, October 27, 2014.

H. Reconsideration and Referral of Action Item – (September 18th Council of Delegates meeting) – See Minutes.

I. Forum on Corporate School Reform and a Public Vision for Public Education –

- Saturday, November 15th – 12:30 p.m.
- Karpeles Library Museum, 453 Porter Avenue, Buffalo, NY
- Speakers include: Dr. Mark Garrison , Leonie Haimson, Eric Michelberger
- Details will be on BTF website – www.btfny.org – News & Alerts.

J. Diane Ravitch – Re-invite to receive BTF “Friend of Education” award.

K. OTHER LATE ITEMS

L. OLD BUSINESS

M. ADJOURNMENT