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MEMO TO: All Buffalo Teachers
FROM: Philip Rumore, President, BTF
RE: NYSUT Resolution/The Back Story

Here is a copy of the resolution that was approved by the NYSUT Board of Directors. As you may know, I am the (usually out of step) Director from our Election District.

Below is the original resolution (#1) before I, as your voice on the Board of Directors, amended it and the resolution with my amendments #2 (bold) which passed.

1. RESOLVED, that the NYSUT Representatives Assembly by adopting this resolution declares no confidence in the Commissioner of Education.
2. RESOLVED, that the *NYSUT Board of Directors and* NYSUT Representatives Assembly by adopting this resolution declare no confidence in the Commissioner of Education's *policies (I accepted policies as a friendly amendment) and call for the New York State Commissioner of Education's removal by the New York State Board of Regents.*

The discussion was interesting. The NYSUT Executive Committee that forwarded the resolution to the Board of Directors had apparently agreed that it would only call for an RA "vote of no confidence" because in England (or other places) a vote of no confidence entails the removal of the Prime Minister!

And as you can see, the resolution did not speak of the NYSUT Board having taken a position but rather the NYSUT RA in April.

You should note that after some discussion, my amendments were passed – unanimously
We note that BTF called for the Commissioners removal months ago.

It seems that BTF always has to be the leader fighting against the assaults on us. Well, so be it. With your continued support, these battles will be fought.

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