

March 14, 2024

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A meeting was convened at 4:07 pm in Room 59 at Kickemuit Middle School. A quorum was established.

- I. Attendance: J. Saarinen, s. Stringer, T. DeSanto, D. Achilli, B. Chidester, K. Tomkinson, J. King, N. Ross, J. Colaneri, E. Letourneau, J. La Fazia, K. Aleicho, V. Cronan, J. McDonald, J. Schneider, K. Pereira, E. McCaffrey, M. Camara, K. Kline, J. Lawson
- II. Review Agenda
  - A. February meeting minutes approved as presented
  - B. No items added to the agenda
- III. New Business
  - A. Donations Made By BWEA
    1. Donations are made to NEARI Childrens' Fund or the charity specified in obituary
    2. J. Saarinen proposes the amounts discussed at the Executive Board meeting; many seconds and passes unanimously.
  - B. Joint Finance Committee Meeting
    1. Building reps should encourage members to attend the next meeting
  - C. School Committee Elections
    1. There are possibly 2 openings from Warren and 3 openings from Bristol
    2. Building reps should be thinking of possible candidates
    3. In the 2022 election season, BWEA endorsed candidates and had flyers sent. Discussed starting the process earlier.
  - D. Investigations from RIDE
    1. Members are to participate in any investigations from RIDE. If someone is asked to participate, send email to co-presidents for informational purposes
- IV. Old Business
  - A. Tutoring Policy
    1. Issue tabled and information will be shared via personal emails
- V. Building Issues
  - A. Colt Andrews - cameras have been installed
  - B. Guiteras - communication issues
  - C. Hugh Cole - 1 nurse cut, social worker cut to 1.5 position
  - D. Rockwell - nothing to report
  - E. Kickemuit Middle School - nothing to report
  - F. Mt. Hope High School - nothing to report
- VI. Reports
  - A. Co-Presidents
    1. NEARI is focusing on pension reform, especially changing the average of 5 best salaries to 3 salaries. Other possibilities are reduce penalty for retiring early and changing rule of 95 to 90.
    2. 2023-2024 scholarship information is active on the union website
  - B. Vice-President - nothing to report

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- C. Treasurer - scholarship application deadline is April 26, 2024
  - D. Secretary/Member Organizer - reiterates talking up attending JFC meeting
  - E. High School Grievance Chair - nothing to report
  - F. Middle School Grievance Chair - nothing to report
  - G. Elementary Grievance Chair - 1 in abeyance
- Meeting adjourned 5:03 pm