

**MINUTES OF THE MARCH 18, 2015 MEETING
OF THE BROWARD TEACHERS UNION EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Call to Order

The March regular meeting of the Broward Teachers Union Executive Board was called to order on Wednesday, March 18, 2015 at 4:45 pm at the BTU Union Hall, the president being in chair.

Approval of January 11, 2015 Executive Board meeting minutes.

The minutes of the February 11, 2015 executive board meeting were without objection.

President's Report

The president asked the board to appoint Hal Krantz is secretary-treasurer.

High School task force- schedule being discussed. Superintendent Runcie want an additional passports with 30 to teachers appointed by principles in math or times prior to the agreed-upon task force. Superintendent Runcie city is under no obligation to meet with the BTU. Pres. Glickman stated that study hall is a class with teacher responsibilities and teachers would not lose their \$2600.

ESEA-Elementary and Secondary Education ACT was discussed and how funds would be decreased over the next coming years in title I schools.

Looking to eliminate all testing and come up with one single test.

Funding under the new act would go to states directly and not directly to the county

Teachers agreed to drop 1.35 million but not the grievance that the county had requested

Ratification vote for the members due by March 30, 2015

Article 12- No Time to Teach committee went before the district who refused the joint committee report and it goes back to committee.

First Vice Presidents Report—

Reported on membership holding steady at 59%, also wanted to discuss ways to increase membership due to DROP. Reviewed information on membership which was included in Packet.

The next steward training will be May 2, 2015

Evaluations-County looking into holding harmless teachers into state decides what to do with testing

Financial Report--- Reviewed financial statement of January 2015

Chief of Staff Report

TSP contract was ratified

ESP contract was ratified

Charter Schools negotiations ongoing but not looking well

Review tentative agreement for EP contract and agreed to send out a comparison pay scales to make it easier for teachers to understand the contract language.

Reviewed BTU Facebook page posts and explained that this is our social media image and should be as positive as possible. Discussion followed

Scholarship Committee-10 scholarships are being awarded one for educational professionals line for EP. Two scholarships will be in memory of Jon Burns.

New Business-

Executive Board meeting was moved to April 15

Hal Krantz made a motion for the BTU to conduct a survey asking teachers they would recommend teaching profession to their children.

It was discussed why some schools are asking their staffs to sign a daily basis and others not is being referred to the local union rep.

Motion made by Lenny Sklar

I move to accept the minutes

22 yes 0 no

Motion made by Lenny Sklar

I move to appoint Hal Krantz as Secretary/Treasurer

11 yes-4 no

Motion made by Hal Krantz

I move to send out a survey to all bargaining unit members asking “In today’s working conditions in Broward County, would you recommend your children to be a teacher?” and share the results of the survey with the School Board

17 yes – 1 no

Motion made by V.CRUZ

I move to move the next Executive Board meeting to April 15, 2015

20 yes - 0 no

Motion made by S.Pignoto

I move to name two of the BTU scholarships in memory of Jon Burns (one for weighted GPA, one for unweight GPA) through 2020

22 yes 0 no

Motion made by S.Pignoto

I move to purchase the tree and plaque in memory of Jon Burns

22 yes -0 no

Good and Welfare

Advanced cable will match Comcast cable deal for Wi-Fi and Coral Springs.

Adjournment meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM

/s/ Hal Krantz

Secretary pro-tem

Approved:

(Initials / Date)

Attached:

The meeting agenda for MARCH 18, 2015

Professional Support Handout

Balance Sheet as of January 2015

Tentative Agreement for the 2014 2015 years

Statement of Activities, Budget Versus Actual, July-January 2015

Proxies

Sign-in sheets