

**Broward Teachers Union Executive
Board Meeting Date November 12, 2015
BTU Union Hall, Tamarac, FL**

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

	Present	Absent		Present	Absent
S. Glickman, Esq. President	x		Kalebra Jacobs--- Reed FIRST VICE PRESIDENT	x	
Sec/Treasurer H. Krantz	x		V. Cruz TSP VICE PRESIDENT	x	
B. Kemp ESP VICE PRESIDENT	x		T. Kapela CSP VICE PRESIDENT	x	
C. Fischer PRESIDENT Retirees	x				
K. Blanks	X		K. Minchew	X	
R. Boodhoo		X	S. Nunez	X	
A. Burgess	X		T. Preuss	X	
M. Decker	X		L. Ruido	X	
A. Fusco	X		R. Soffer	X	
M. Houck	X		C. Townley	X	
A. Jablonowitz	X		B. Thompson	X	
J. King	X		W. Vazquez		X
D. Mahoney		X	B. Warren	x	
			G. Waller	x	

Absent

R. Boodhoo
R. Soffer
W. Vazquez
B. Thompson
D. Mahoney
T. Preuss (came in late)

Proxy

H. Krantz
C. Townley
A. Fusco
B. Kemp
T. Kapela
A. Fusco

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Call to Order.

The regular monthly meeting of the Broward Teachers Union Executive Board was called to order on Thursday, November 12, 2015, at 4:48 PM at the BTU Union Hall, the president being in the chair and the secretary-treasurer present.

Special Presentation.

By unanimous consent a special presentation to review the FEA poll results was taken up before the business of the meeting.

The review of the FEA poll results was accomplished as a conference call with Joanne McCall, president of the FEA, and the representative from the company which conducted the poll who reviewed the results of the poll. Approximately 400 members were polled. The majority of the poll was broken down by grade level and years of service.

Reading and Approval of the Minutes.

The October 26, 2015 meeting minutes were approved as corrected.

Steward/Member Concerns.

During steward and member concerns scheduled as a special order the following issues were brought up:

- Area reps were recognized for coming out to a school where there was a new steward to recognize that steward
- Teacher concerns about new technology and testing to qualify for computers
- Online Child Abuse Course being read to you rather than giving you the opportunity to read it on your own.
- Negotiators for all divisions of the BTU should work together and settle contracts at one time
- Third grade portfolios and administration abuses
- Bullying by administrators

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- Bathroom issues in elementary schools
- 21st century technology in the school systems

Special Order.

The following motion, after debate and amendment, made by Katrina Blanks postponed from the October 12th meeting and made a special order for the November meeting was taken up and voted on as follows:

. . .that Broward Teachers Union officially request assistance from its affiliates, American Federation of Teachers (AFT) and Florida Education Association (FEA), in developing election guidelines for the 2016 election. The official request shall be made by November 30, 2015 and the response shall be provided to the Executive Board in a timely fashion or at the next board meeting.

The motion passed by a vote of 12 yes 11 no.

Executive Session.

The meeting continued in executive session from 6:25 PM until 7:20 PM.

President's Report

President Glickman announced that she had appointed Gloria Waller to the executive board to fill the vacancy created by Susan Pignato.

Virgil Cruz moved to **approve the appointment of Gloria Waller to the executive board.**

The motion was adopted by a vote of 12 yes 9 no.

President Glickman announced that she had appointed Carol Hatton to chair the Election Committee.

Virgil Cruz moved to **approve the appointment of Carol Hatton to chair the Election Committee.**

The motion failed by a vote of 11 yes, 12 no.

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The president reported on the upcoming National Education Support Professional Day and requested that the BTU Executive Board lend its support to the recognition.

Kalebra Jacobs-Reed moved to **adopt the resolution in support of National Education Support Professionals Day.**

The motion was adopted by a vote of 22 yes, 0 no.

First Vice President's Report

The first vice president, Kalebra Jacobs-Reed, issued the membership report. 10,466 members, 911 new members at a 59% density. The full report is attached.

Financial Reports.

Accountant Jennifer Reaves, CPA, reviewed the September financial reports. See attached.

Hal Krantz made a request of needed verification of travel expenses that were occurs during the FEA convention as soon as verifications met expense checks will be issued or expense checks will be issued less traveled verification.

In compliance with a prior requests from the executive board, the accountant presented a review of legal bills from attorneys outside of the FEA and AFT from July 2014 to June 2015.

ADJOURNMENT.

By a unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

/s/ Hal Krantz _____

Secretary/Treasurer

Approved:

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Attachments:

Meeting agenda

Resolution in support of National Education Support Professionals Day

Membership Report

September Financial Reports