

COUNCIL OF DELEGATES

AGENDA

December 17, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

TREASURER'S REPORT

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. Negotiations -

- a) Update of 12/10 meeting
- b) Next meeting - 12/18

B. Court - Step Case - Approximately 4 - 6 weeks for Court of Appeals to decide whether to hear the Appeal. Papers filed November 30th.

C. Improper Practice Charge - Filed with PERB re: grievance backlog. See (Doc. #1).

D. Dr. Oladele agrees to meet with Council of Delegates at January Meeting

- a) Will discuss lesson plans
- b) Other concerns of teachers - See (Doc. #2)

E. New York State Budget

- a) Coalition of PTA, Mayors, School Boards, Community groups, & Unions will go to Court to block any attempts of the Governor to withhold funding. See (Doc. #5)
- b) Tier 5 -
 - 1) Supposedly better for teachers. Teachers can retire at 57 years old instead of 62 for other State workers - retirement age is now 55.
 - 2) Prohibition against changing retiree's health benefits unless active member's coverage changes. Now permanent.
 - 3) Other "benefits" to be forthcoming from NYSUT.
 - 4) Antoine Thompson was the only NYS Senator who voted against Tier 5.

F. Control Board -

- a) New member - Fred Floss, Professor of Economics at Buffalo State College.
- b) Vice President of U.U.P. (United University Professionals, the State union representing college professors.
- c) BTF obviously involved - worked with Senator Thompson & Mayor Brown on this.
- d) We now should have 5 votes for a contract approved by BTF & District.

G. BTF (Phil) to Meet with Buffalo News Editorial Board

- a) Funding issue - See (Doc. #4)
- b) Charter schools
- c) Teacher Stress / Testing
- d) Other issues of concern to BTF & Buffalo News.

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H. Snow Days –

ARTICLE XXXIII

**Absence Due to Severe Weather
and Other Emergency Conditions**

A. Teachers shall receive pay for absence on account of abnormally severe weather conditions in the Buffalo Metropolitan Area when certified by the Principal or Division Head and approved by the Superintendent of Schools.

B. The official closing of schools by the Superintendent of Schools on account of severe weather or other emergency conditions shall not result in a loss of pay.

C. Any teacher who is on sick leave with pay when schools are closed due to severe weather or other conditions shall receive the same pay as the teacher would have received if school had been in session on such days. No deduction from days of sick time allowance shall be made for such days.

We have won arbitrations on this. In general, if you cannot get to school as a result of severe weather conditions, indicate on your Short-Term Leave form that you attempted to get to school but were unable to as a result of snow, hazardous road conditions. Just saying that schools in your area were closed or that no unnecessary travel was allowed is not necessarily in and of itself a reason. They can be used in addition to your attempt to demonstrate your situation. If denied, call the BTF.

I. Solidarity Stickers for Fridays – 15 / teacher

J. Other Late Items

K. New Business

L. Adjournment