

COUNCIL OF DELEGATES

AGENDA March 11, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

TREASURER'S REPORT

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I. Court Case – Steps/Back Pay – The Court of Appeals has set the following briefing schedule:

- 4/20/10 - Appellant's (bad guys) Opening briefs due
- 6/4/10 - Plaintiff's (good guys) Response briefs due
- 6/22/10 - Appellant's Reply brief due
- “ ? “ - Oral argument before the full Court not set – depends on whether the Court meets in July or Aug.

We are told that it only takes two (2) of the seven (7) Judges to agree to have an appeal heard.

As previously said, we have been preparing for the possibility of a hearing before the Court of Appeals for months.

Obviously, this is all about delaying the inevitable. We have won decisively in each of the lower courts and expect to prevail here.

We would prefer settling this as part of a new contract; however, for whatever reason, there has been some movement but not anything near what you deserve.

II. Negotiations -

As per the last Council of Delegates meeting, we held our last negotiations session, with a PERB-authorized mediator. We are in the process of arranging for Fact-finding.

Fact-finding – Both sides present their positions on contract proposals, District finances, etc. to a PERB-appointed fact-finder. The fact-finder then issues a non-binding report containing his/her analysis of financial and non-financial proposals of each side with specific recommendations on the proposals that should be included in the new contract.

In the past, we have received good fact-finder reports and recommendations and some troubling reports. They often become more of a political and public relations document but, in many cases, the report is a document leading to a settlement.

Even though the report and recommendations are not binding, they take a certain amount of control away from each side.

We believe that the District is awaiting the outcome of the New York State budget to see what funding will be available.

III. SEVEN IDENTIFIED SCHOOLS

- Each school to receive a minimum of \$2 million/yr. for 3 years.
- Due to short timeline, some districts may apply for extension to start programs after September 2010.
- BTF & District to meet to finalize recommendations to schools, i.e. suggestions as to what to include in a plan developed by school, staff and parents.

IV. “RACE TO THE BOTTOM”- NY is one of the finalists.

- Superintendent, Board President & BTF President met with similar teams from across the U.S. at NEA-sponsored session to discuss plan for sharing of information. Department of Education and President's advisors received an earful of what's wrong with the program.

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There was much information conveyed and valuable contacts were made.

- Interestingly, the New York Times reported, “Even if the Legislature raises the cap in the coming weeks, that will not improve New York’s chances for a first-round award on June 1, Department of Education officials said.”

V. PROPOSED 2010-2011 DETAILED STUDENT CALENDAR – (See Document #2)

The enclosed calendar will be on the Board agenda at their March 24th meeting

VI. LESSON PLAN CLARIFICATION FROM DR. OLADELE

- She lived up to her commitment.
- Some principals are resisting her Memo. Any problems, write them up and forward to BTF.

VII. BTF SURVEY

- Letter to teachers - (See Document #1)
- We would like everyone to complete it. The survey will be considered invalid. if a sufficient number of teachers don’t complete it.

VIII. NEW EVALUATION PROCESS

- BTF/District had trouble scheduling a meeting dealing with parts that had not been discussed and issues raised by Council of Delegates.
- Meeting is scheduled for March 25, 2010.
- Proposed document will be sent to Delegate Chairs & Executive Committee. Hopefully, two weeks before April meetings.

IX. SUMMER SCHOOL

- Contract for Excellence schools may be full-time (1/200) for teachers.
- Some others may be full-time. We will notify you ASAP.

X. BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTIONS

XI. OTHER LATE ITEMS

Single Carrier case – Contempt – Scheduled for April 30th.

XII. OLD BUSINESS

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

