

COUNCIL OF DELEGATES

AGENDA
June 10, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

TREASURER'S REPORT

Proposed 2010-2011 Budget

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Speaker – First Niagara Bank – Sandy Cathcart

Speaker – Making Strides Against Breast Cancer – Stacie Waddell

A. Federal / State Budget -

- a) State – possibly next week – Assembly added \$600 million – working on State Senate
- b) Federal – Still trying to secure \$1.4 billion for New York State – encountering opposition. However, there is still a 50/50 chance.

B. Board Budget - any talk of lay-offs is premature until State passes its budget.

C. State (NYSUT) / District Retirement Incentive -

- a) NYSUT 25/55 being challenged in court – only applies to NYSUT members. Expect decision soon -- could be appealed.
 - BTF suggested legislation to cover teachers.
 - Mandatory for Districts.
- b) District (2 different plans) – District must opt in
 - 25/55 same as State - local (BTF) incentive allowed.
 - 1 month/year up to 3 years – local contract (BTF) incentive not allowed.

D. School Calendar – (See Document)

- After 3 months of blocking the December & February (only) breaks, the District finally agreed to a December, February and April break.
- Note: December break starts on December 24 instead of December 23.

E. NYSUT Agreement on including Student Test Scores on Teacher/Administrator Evaluation –

- BTF vigorously opposed.
- 80% on NYSUT Board approved - **See Document (votes)**
- NEA also opposed. AFT supports – **See (Times article)**

F. New APPR Process –

- Document sent to schools
- Much better than current “Gotcha” system
- Hopefully, the District will approve

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- Recommended by BTF Executive Committee
- Motion: “The BTF Council of Delegates approves the Report of the Professional Council sent to schools with cover letter dated 5/26/10.”

G. Negotiations - Still awaiting State Budget

H. Step Case – Briefs filed – Unions to respond

- Expect hearing late September – early October.
- Prefer to negotiate for every thing effective 7/1/07, i.e. everything we are owed.

I. Race To The “Bottom”

- Executive Committee supports BTF President not signing.
- BTF President’s signature not required.
- Motion – “The BTF Council of Delegates supports BTF President Phil Rumore’s refusal to sign the “Race To The Top” MOU.

J. Seven Identified Schools - District & BTF to work on proposed Grant application.

- Delegates at schools should forward a list of teacher priorities to improve their school.

K. OTHER LATE ITEMS

Summer School Issues

L. OLD BUSINESS

M. NEW BUSINESS

N. ADJOURNMENT