

SBS REPORT PREPARED FOR
BUFFALO TEACHERS FEDERATION
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2023 Run Off Election

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June 6, 2023

Brian Hilton
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Dear Mr. Hilton:

As the election contractor, we are pleased to provide you with the official tabulation for the 2023 Run Off Election from ballots qualified in accordance with the election specifications, as approved by the Buffalo Teachers Federation.

The following reports are tabulated from ballots received on or before June 5, 2023. These certified results account for 2,001 ballots cast from 3,782 eligible members, yielding a participation rate of 52.91%.

Also provided are supporting reports, including a DirectVote® Rating and a DirectVote® Comments Report.

We greatly appreciate the opportunity to serve the Buffalo Teachers Federation with election services and wish you great success in the coming year. If you have any questions regarding the enclosed information, please do not hesitate to call me at (800) 974-8099, Ext. 314.

Sincerely,

Melissa Fiala
Quality Assurance Specialist

Enclosure(s)



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Eligible Voters:	3,782
Total Returns:	2,001
Percent Returned:	52.91%

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6/6/2023

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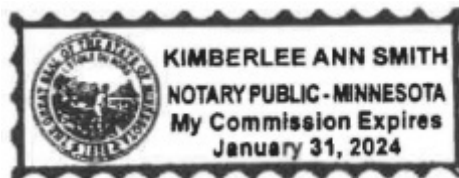
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Date





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President/Vice President

Vote for: 1	Votes	Percent	
Richard Nigro / Melinda MacPherson-Sullivan	1,363	68.2%	DECISION
Marc Bruno / Patrick Foster	636	31.8%	
	Total Valid Ballots:	1,999	
	Total Unexercised:	2	
	Total Ballots Cast:	2,001	



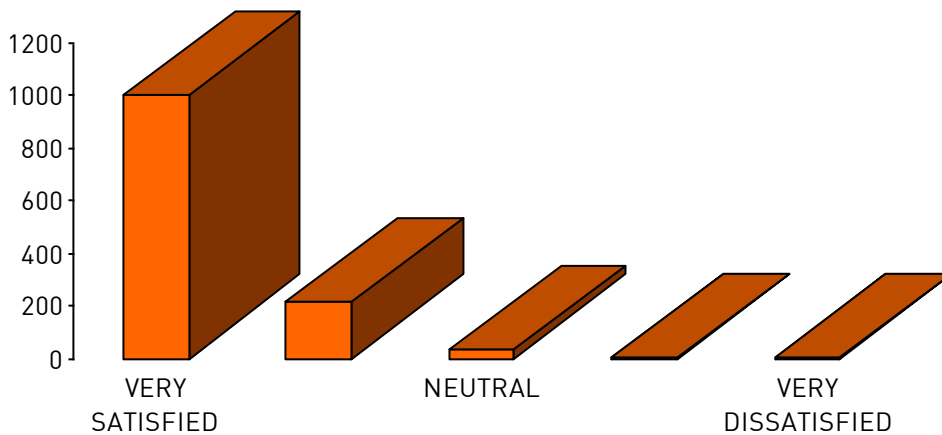
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Rating	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
VERY SATISFIED	1,003	50.1%	1,003	79.9%
SATISFIED	214	10.7%	214	17.1%
NEUTRAL	34	1.7%	34	2.7%
DISSATISFIED	3	0.1%	3	0.2%
VERY DISSATISFIED	1	0.0%	1	0.1%
NO COMMENT	746	37.3%		
TOTAL	2,001	100.0%	1,255	100.0%

Cumulative Breakdown:

(Less "No Comment")

	Count	Percent
Very Satisfied or Satisfied	1,217	97.0%
Dissatisfied or Very Dissatisfied	4	0.3%





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"Your level of satisfaction with the web voting process:"

Rating:	Comments about this process:
VERY SATISFIED	Thank you!
VERY SATISFIED	Love being able to vote online!
VERY SATISFIED	The efficiency of SBS is truly appreciated.
VERY SATISFIED	So glad we are using technology in the voting process.
VERY SATISFIED	Voting online was so easy, By using this method, I was able to vote. You don't have to be present at a venue for a in-person paper vote.
VERY SATISFIED	Easy to navigate. No fuss process
VERY SATISFIED	This was the best process. Nigro/ MacPherson are the best!!
VERY SATISFIED	Love this
VERY SATISFIED	Loved this!
VERY SATISFIED	Let's keep voting this way please
VERY SATISFIED	Quick, easy, painless!
VERY SATISFIED	I love that I didn't have to figure out where I had to go, that I had time to vote and that the options and bios were available to review.
VERY SATISFIED	Easy and convenient! Thank you
VERY SATISFIED	Easy and seems safe.
VERY SATISFIED	Easy??
VERY SATISFIED	Excellent election for 2023! Our elections committee is outstanding! Thank you for all you do!!!
VERY SATISFIED	I believe more people will vote via this online process - thank you!
VERY SATISFIED	Voting this way was quick, efficient and easy!
VERY SATISFIED	Easy to use and convenient



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Rating:	Comments about this process:
VERY SATISFIED	Easy and fast!
VERY SATISFIED	Very easy to use. I am able to view the information about each candidate.
VERY SATISFIED	Please see previous positive comments about process submitted May 2023.
VERY SATISFIED	Please, use this voting process when we vote for our contracts.
VERY SATISFIED	Easy peasy!
VERY SATISFIED	Process was easy.
VERY SATISFIED	Easy and efficient
VERY SATISFIED	Very easy to use
VERY SATISFIED	No comments.
VERY SATISFIED	I thought it was very convenient please continue this voting process for more participation in the process.
VERY SATISFIED	Again: Use this for contract ratification!!
VERY SATISFIED	EASY!!
VERY SATISFIED	Super quick and easy!
VERY SATISFIED	Professionally done
VERY SATISFIED	Thank you Elections Committee - your professionalism and clear communication has been appreciated.
VERY SATISFIED	Could not be any easier
VERY SATISFIED	Very easy process
VERY SATISFIED	easy. I like how it gave you a second chance to ensure your vote was correct.
VERY SATISFIED	Easy voting process



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"Your level of satisfaction with the web voting process:"

Rating:	Comments about this process:
VERY SATISFIED	Easy to do
VERY SATISFIED	This is the best!!! Love voting this way.
VERY SATISFIED	Great system.
VERY SATISFIED	Thank you! An easy and excellent online voting process. I like the candidate photos and biographies as well as the help options that are available.
VERY SATISFIED	It was a little confusing submitting my ballot as there was a button to do so at the top as well as at the bottom of the page. (and a change my vote button in both places). I assumed either would work, but was not positive.
VERY SATISFIED	Thank you for making this an easy process.
VERY SATISFIED	Super user friendly! Should be used for contract voting as well in the future.
VERY SATISFIED	This process is quick and easy.
VERY SATISFIED	Liked that there were bio links next to candidates
VERY SATISFIED	Simple!
VERY SATISFIED	Very clearly explained and easy to do. I wish we had been able to do this for the contract as well.
VERY SATISFIED	Bios are great. Simple to do.
VERY SATISFIED	S000000 MUCH BETTER ELECTRONICALLY!!
VERY SATISFIED	Super easy!
VERY SATISFIED	Excellent and efficient process. Thank you !
VERY SATISFIED	VERY EASY TO USE!
VERY SATISFIED	It is about time the BTF exist in the year 2023 and get out of the 1970s. This is how voting should be completed.



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Rating:	Comments about this process:
VERY SATISFIED	Change is growth!! Hallelujah
VERY SATISFIED	None
VERY SATISFIED	Easy this way
VERY SATISFIED	Quick and easy!
VERY SATISFIED	It should have been done for the past years! That last contract was a JOKE!
VERY SATISFIED	Easy to use.
VERY SATISFIED	Thank you for moving us forward with technology!
VERY SATISFIED	Very easy to do
VERY SATISFIED	This system makes it extremely easy to vote!
VERY SATISFIED	Quick and easy
VERY SATISFIED	So easy! We should always utilize this method moving forward.
VERY SATISFIED	We should consider making this process available for building based elections as well. I like the idea of standardizing the process across the district.
VERY SATISFIED	Online voting should be used for contract ratification in the future.
VERY SATISFIED	The process allowed for voters to learn about the candidates and their experience. The voting was simple and fast without multiple steps which I'm sure was very much appreciated by everyone who is voting.
VERY SATISFIED	Many thanks to Mary, Brian, and the rest of the election committee for putting up with months of headache to get us here. I know it's a thankless job - and WOW what you have put up this time- but it's very much appreciated by those of us who value your time and effort. THANK YOU



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"Your level of satisfaction with the web voting process:"

Rating:	Comments about this process:
VERY SATISFIED	Easy peasy!
VERY SATISFIED	This was an easy process.
VERY SATISFIED	No comment! I like it! Thanks!
VERY SATISFIED	Quick and easy.
VERY SATISFIED	Easy and efficient!
VERY SATISFIED	Even quicker than the first time!
VERY SATISFIED	Quick
VERY SATISFIED	Very easy
VERY SATISFIED	So easy and effective
VERY SATISFIED	It's about time!!! Welcome to the 21st century BTF
VERY SATISFIED	This is a fair and efficient voting process.
VERY SATISFIED	I wish we could use this process in our building elections.
VERY SATISFIED	None
VERY SATISFIED	Wonderful!
VERY SATISFIED	This is the way Contract Ratification should happen too!
VERY SATISFIED	Very easy and convenient
VERY SATISFIED	Very Easy!
VERY SATISFIED	Easy and quick
VERY SATISFIED	I like that their bios were included. I like that we are given a couple days to vote. I like that we can have access to do this from anywhere at anytime.
VERY SATISFIED	Thank You!
VERY SATISFIED	The ease of access and voting were exceptional.



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"Your level of satisfaction with the web voting process:"

Rating:	Comments about this process:
VERY SATISFIED	Why was the run-off vote scheduled so late after the initial vote? Would be nice if the voting process didn't have to drag out for a month.
VERY SATISFIED	Easy
VERY SATISFIED	Awesome! Thanks!
VERY SATISFIED	We should use this for our contracts as well.
VERY SATISFIED	No Comment
VERY SATISFIED	Efficient way to have my vote counted.
VERY SATISFIED	Easy with clear directions. I especially love that you can read the bios right in the platform.
VERY SATISFIED	Quick and easy
VERY SATISFIED	Very easy to use
VERY SATISFIED	Easy!
VERY SATISFIED	Do this for our next contract vote
VERY SATISFIED	Your system is very efficient!
VERY SATISFIED	Thank you!!
VERY SATISFIED	NA
VERY SATISFIED	Easy!!
VERY SATISFIED	Easy
VERY SATISFIED	Can we vote for contract ratification this way too?
VERY SATISFIED	This should be how we vote for all things union related including contracts in the future.
VERY SATISFIED	quick, easy, no unnecessary BS.
VERY SATISFIED	easy and convenient



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Rating:	Comments about this process:
VERY SATISFIED	Quick and easy
VERY SATISFIED	None
VERY SATISFIED	We should use this for building elections!
VERY SATISFIED	This was very efficient and easy to use.
VERY SATISFIED	Secure and convenient- perfect voting experience.
VERY SATISFIED	Fast. Efficient, Discreet.
VERY SATISFIED	Thank you
SATISFIED	Easy to use. Bios attached-very nice.
SATISFIED	Great system
SATISFIED	During the general election when 3 candidates were running, it said "decision" next to the candidate with the largest vote totals when the election results were released. This was a very serious error as a candidate needed to cross the threshold of having over 50% of the total vote. No candidate crossed that threshold and therefore no candidate won.
	This is a most serious issue as many voters may have thought the election was over.
SATISFIED	It's fine
SATISFIED	Should be an abstain and a write in option.

Team Melissa/Trish 2025

Elementary and in the classroom should have been represented

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"Your level of satisfaction with the web voting process:"

Rating:	Comments about this process:
SATISFIED	n/a
SATISFIED	I'm satisfied with that.
SATISFIED	Worked well!
SATISFIED	Very convenient
SATISFIED	Accurate and fast voting process.
SATISFIED	Much faster and quicker than the old paper and mail process. Hopefully the results will come in quickly too
SATISFIED	N/A
SATISFIED	Easier to do if passcode would have been attached to each email. Irregardless, it's convenient.
SATISFIED	This is convenient and helpful as it also includes the bios.
NEUTRAL	Rather be in person and voted like political elections. Feel like there in no transparency with this method and believing online polling and possible tampering
NEUTRAL	How does membership know if the election process is fair and secure? Who is doing the audit?
NEUTRAL	It was ok. Found it in my spam mailbox.
NEUTRAL	It seemed to work fine and was relatively simple.
NEUTRAL	None
NEUTRAL	Me and several of my colleagues did not get the email to vote.. which is concerning. I finally got mine after reaching out.
DISSATISFIED	Just dissatisfied with the choices. Pray for us all.
DISSATISFIED	Need a spot for write in candidate

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"Your level of satisfaction with the web voting process:"

Rating:	Comments about this process:
VERY DISSATISFIED	Waited a few days and did not receive the initial email with link to vote, had to request it.. Had no problem the during the first round of voting..
NO COMMENT	In was fine
NO COMMENT	Good
NO COMMENT	Ooga booga
NO COMMENT	I hope a good number of members took the time to vote. It is such an easy process. There should be no excuse for members not to vote.
NO COMMENT	Very Satisfied
NO COMMENT	This was simple! Thank you.
NO COMMENT	No
NO COMMENT	very easy to understand
NO COMMENT	Marc owns a suit and actually lives in the city! Go Bruno!
NO COMMENT	Results took way too long
NO COMMENT	It rocks
NO COMMENT	I love Mary Favata!