

Union Meeting

Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2021

Opening

The regular meeting was called to order at 4:18pm virtually (Zoom) by Mat Hough.

Approval of Agenda

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Members Joanne, Mat, Megan, Pam, Brian, Norine, Stephanie, Roseann, Yvette, Maryann, Kelly, Nicole, Jaime

Treasurer Report

- No major change
- Updated union payroll
- Gifts, new hires, etc.
- Possible money needed for teacher termination; will know later.

Business Agent

- Still investigating Norine's issue from last year. Need to talk to Ben to see what is happening.

Old Business

- AHS- Early release days and lunch issue – **UPDATE**: lunch can be taken after students leave; contract protected them.
- Middle- N/A
- Mead

UPDATE/REMINDER:

If your child's school closes due to Covid, you need to use sick time, which is now the law; yet Ansonia seems to allow you to use "Covid time"; paid 2/3 of pay.

If you are a classroom teacher and you have to quarantine but your students are NOT in quarantine, then you do not teach from home... Only if your class quarantines too.

- Prendergast
 - **UPDATE:** Still continue with WIN WEDNESDAY
 - General- Plan is to move 6th grade to Middle School. Looking for volunteers first. Preschool will be going to Elementary schools. Still working on details.
 - UPDATE:** adm. sent out voluntary transfer paperwork and did not tell anyone. Building reps NEED to tell everyone to fill this out if they want to change (especially 6th grade teachers). It is due by next Friday. Seniority will possibly come into play and/or experience in a subject/grade level; should know before April break but not guaranteed.
 - Complaint about snow days. Teachers need to be reasonable and understanding.
 - Remind teachers to CONTINUE to be Covid SAFE!

New Business

- Mead- Covid letters sent out this week pertaining to positive cases however, letters have not been sent recently. Why? Assistant superintendent “didn’t know”; yet letters pertaining to Covid have started again. There is a specific protocol with isolated cases
- Prendergast- N/A
- Middle School- kids are sitting stool to stool in lunchroom with no masks. This is a safety concern but not a union issue.
- High School- N/A
- General- Vaccination Clinic: had plenty of shots even though that was a possible concern. One of few districts that held a “full district” vaccination (partnered with Griffin Health). Even though they did not want people standing outside in the cold, Griffin had a specific plan we needed to follow. There was a secure browser issue with the computers
 - We will be fully vaccinate by April break however still need a negative covid test if you travel during that time. Further guidance is coming on this. Must be a PCR test.
 - next week is parent conferences; please BE AWARE of your surroundings at home. (ex: mirrors, glass doors, reflections). Use a filter.

- all members need to know that AFT is working hard for them! Union got us moving in getting vaccinated ☺

- early May- union member celebration.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned. 5:14

Minutes written by: Maryann Madera

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