Minutes of the Connetquot Teachers Association Board of Directors Meeting of Tuesday, June 13, 2023


Absent: Anita Ekstem, Rob Burger, Frank Saladino, Stefanie Litchult

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 4:03 pm

Motions:
- Motion to Approve Treasurer’s Report 4:08 pm
  - Motion made by Chris Dolce and seconded by Charlie Hafner to approve the May ’23 Treasurer’s Report: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
- Motion to Approve Donation to Cohalan Complex 4:14 pm
  - Motion was made by Lisa Manzo and seconded by Kevin Keane to approve up to $250 to support the Cohalan Complex during the summer: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
- Motion to Approve Donation to local family 4:55 pm
  - Motion was made by Joanna Zalewski and seconded by Lisa Manzo to approve $250 for Drapala family whose home was destroyed in a fire: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Discussion Items:

Committees:
- 4:08 pm: District Health and Safety Committee
  - Nothing to report
- 4:08 pm: Political Action
  - Nothing to report
- 4:12 pm: Public Relations
  - Retirement Party June 20, 2023
    - Approximately 95 attending so far
    - Email Lisa Manzo if you plan to attend but didn’t respond yet
    - Next year date June 18, 2024?
- 4:17 pm: Emergency Fund
  - Drapala family’s home destroyed in fire
- 4:17 pm: Technology
  - Met with Christina Poppe:
    - District is currently replacing some older smart boards districtwide
    - District is considering a new brand of smartboards which are cheaper and larger (still compatible with current software). May pilot a couple units in fall
    - 4th through 7th grade received new chromebooks, 8th through 12th and faculty will receive them some time next year
    - District is moving towards a new digital PA system
  - Question: What will happen to old chromebooks?
OLD BUSINESS:

- 4:22 pm: Arbitration & Grievances
  - Nothing to report
- 4:23 pm: Other
  - Tony spoke to Christina Poppe
    - Elementary: Teacher College – received negative feedback from committees
    - Looking to hire 2 teachers on special assignment
    - Professional development will be internal
  - Interventionalists were a success
  - Community brochure was rushed so put aside until next year

NEW BUSINESS:

- 4:28 pm: Parent Communication – Index Cards
  - Thought of CTA sponsoring index cards teachers can send to parents regarding good news about their child
  - Start small as a pilot program
  - Chris Dolce will look into costs
- 4:08 pm: BOD Election Procedures
  - High School, Oakdale-Bohemia, and Slocum have contested building representative elections so retirees will help man ballot boxes
  - Elections start a half hour before the start of the school day and end a half hour after (unless all in building have voted)
- 4:33 pm: Building Rep Alternates
  - Starting next year, all building representatives should have an alternate attend meetings when they cannot be there
  - $35 per meeting
- 4:46 pm: Recognition
  - Thank you to the following board members who will not be with us next year: Nichole Johnson, Charlie Hafner, Diane Boyle, Diane Boccio, Leslie Sewell, Brad Lindell
- 4:35 pm: Other
  - Thank you to the CTA for sponsoring Scholar/Athletic scholarships during the Sports Awards night
  - Robo-calls: teachers should not receive every message sent out to parents
  - District implemented “No Harm” policy this year for secondary. Applies only to Regents and FLACS exams.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:55 PM

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting of the Connetquot Teachers Association General Membership meeting was called to order at 5:02 pm

PRESENT:

- Board of Directors listed above plus one general member

MOTIONS:

Motion to Approve CTA 2023-24 Budget 5:04 pm: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:05 PM

Respectfully submitted by Rob Bachisin, CTA Secretary