

BEA Executive Board Agenda

2/8/2018

Meeting was called to order at 3:38 pm

Executive Board Members Present:

Allison Hammer, President

Melissa Becker, Vice-President

Tova Margolis, Secretary

James McLernon, Treasurer

Jim Sunderland, BHS

Lael Piehl, BHS

Jill Beers, Davis

Jen Foster, Davis

Amy Corssino, Davis

Nicole d'Entremont, JGMS

Alli Lua, Davis

Rich Estes, BHS

Lenore Zavalick, Lane

Lynda McGraw, JGMS

Charles Humphrey, BHS

****We will begin with a candidate for MTA Vice President: Peter Lahey**

I. President's Report

- a. Update on Mail Carriers and questions--hopes/challenges/solutions
- b. Bedford Education Association closed FB page-Encourage people to join the closed Facebook group and friend BEA Sec (BEA Secretary on Facebook).
- c. We will have visits on 3/15 from all of the remaining candidates for MTA V.P. and President.
- d. Gifts and Contributions--approximately \$2750 remaining in budget (\$3250-\$427.21 Bedford Day); we have been asked for a donation to the Tenacity Challenge at BHS (\$1000 last year) and JGMS (\$500 last year), Revels (\$500), Bingo for Books (Davis-up to \$250) and expect to be asked about Poetry Slam (\$250 last year); we were not asked for money from Women in Science (was \$500 in past); Rich made a motion to approve the above donations and Lenore seconded. It was approved unanimously.

II. Vice-President's Report-Nothing to report. No grievances.

III. Secretary's Report-Melissa made a motion to approve January minutes and Rich seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

IV. Treasurer's Report-James provided a budget update.

V. Building Reports

- a. Secretaries-Nothing to report.
- b. EAs/TAs-Nothing to report.
- c. Davis-Nothing to report.

- d. Lane-There was a question about how meetings are scheduled during the school day.
- e. JGMS-Nothing to report.
- f. BHS-There was a question about evaluation timelines.
- g. New Members-Not present.

Nicole made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Charlie seconded and the meeting adjourned at 4:58pm.
Minutes taken by Tova Margolis

Ten Minute Meetings:

1. GIC backed down and will offer the same plans they offered this past year. They will be voting on plan details on 2/22/18 and information will be shared when we have it. Thank you to everyone who contacted representatives, the governor, and/or came out to one of the meetings in January. Our message was heard--we have a powerful voice when we work together.
2. Mail Carriers should be having face to face contact with each member before Feb vacation. They will be asking about 3 things: hopes we have as educators, challenges we face as educators, and solutions we'd like to share to problems we see. This survey is to give each member a voice, if they want one, about how they feel as an educator. We will be using the information we collect to help us direct our efforts as a union--we are all part of the BEA and Building Reps and Officers want to represent our members well and know what is important to them.
3. Direct people to check out the new BEA website: bedford.massteacher.org
4. While you're in the meeting, ask people to 'friend' and 'like' Bea Sec on FB AND we will be updating our Bedford Education Association closed FB group in the coming months. If people are on FB and would like to be part of the Bedford Education Association closed group, they should let you know--please share all names with Tova Margolis so she can add them to the group.

Questions for Candidates:

1. Why do you want to be the President/Vice President of the MTA?
2. What sets you apart from the other candidates?
3. How will you lead in response to the Janus decision?
4. What areas do you hope to focus on as the President/Vice President?
5. To what extent do you feel members' dues should be used for progressive coalitions and causes?
 - a. If at all, what coalitions and causes and why?
6. To what extent do you believe that the MTA ought to provide services for its members, as opposed to spending time and funding on organizing its members?