

BEA Executive Board Agenda

3/15/2018

Meeting was called to order at 3:43 pm

Executive Board Members Present:

Allison Hammer, President

Melissa Becker, Vice-President

Tova Margolis, Secretary

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

Kevin Smaldone, Davis

Colleen Farnham, Lane

Candidates for MTA President: Erik Champy and Merrie Najimy

Candidates for MTA Vice President: Adeline Bee and Max Page

-Candidates for MTA President and Vice President presented their platforms to the Executive Board and Annual Meeting delegates and answered questions.

-The Bedford Education Association opted to not endorse a candidate

I. President's Report

a. See below for information about a PDP opportunity and *Backpacks Full of Cash*

b. The BEA Scholarships will be presented on Wednesday, May 30. Lenore and Tova offered to present the BEA Scholarships.

II. Vice-President's Report-Nothing to report,

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

IV. Treasurer's Report-Stipend checks have been paid and we made donations to Tenacity and the Poetry Slam. We also made a contribution to Bingo for Books.

V. Building Reports

a. Secretaries-Due to the snowdays, contract meetings have been delayed and will begin on March 26th.

b. EAs/TAs-Nothing to report.

c. Davis-Nothing to report.

d. Lane-There are concerns about sub coverage.

- e. JGMS-Nothing to report.
- f. BHS -Nothing to report.
- g. New Members-Nothing to report.

Melissa made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jill seconded and the meeting adjourned at 5:10pm.
Minutes taken by Tova Margolis

Ten Minute Meetings:

1. Engaged Classrooms is 4-day institute for teachers of grades 7-12. It takes place over April vacation (4/17-4/20) from 9-5 each day. Earn 28 PDPs for free or pay \$245 for 2 Fitchburg State graduate credits. Go to www.massteacher.org/engagedclassrooms for more information and to register.
2. We will be sponsoring a showing of Backpacks Full of Cash at a TBD date in the near future.
3. Direct people to check out the new BEA website: bedford.massteacher.org
4. Ask people to 'friend' and 'like' Bea Sec on FB if people would like to be part of the Bedford Education Association closed group, they should let you or Tova know.

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? 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?
7. How will you work to bridge the divide between MTA members?