

**BEA Executive Board Agenda**  
**12/11/2018**

Meeting was called to order at 3:40pm.

**Executive Board Members Present:**

Allison Hammer, President  
Melissa Becker, Vice-President  
Tova Margolis, Secretary  
Jill Beers, Davis  
Jen Foster, Davis  
Amy Corssino, Davis  
Lenore Zavalick, Lane  
Jim Sunderland, BHS  
Carlos Caprioli, BHS  
Jill Butler, BHS  
Alli Lua, Davis  
Paul Harrington, JGMS  
Lynda McGraw, JGMS  
Colleen Farnham, Lane

**I. President's Report**

- A. How are holidays shared at your school? What holiday information is shared via announcements and in writing to staff?
- B. Remind people about mid-year student feedback.
- C. Union Skills Winter Conference, Sat 1/12/19 9-4:30 at Sheraton Framingham (social 4:30-6)
- D. Fund Our Future petitions due 1/15/18. Please try to get signatures outside of 10 Min Meetings.
- E. Membership after Janus from the Board of Directors (thank you, Kristen): MTA is waiting to hear from all locals to offer final numbers about membership after the Janus decision, and it looks like we are down by around 230 members. On a positive note, at the national level, membership at locals that were affected by the Janus decision are up 35,000 members, which speaks to the organizing efforts of our affiliates who were able to prove the worth of and need for our unions.
- F. FYI, Stand For Children is back to their anti-teacher and anti-union tactics
- G. MTA and a number of state groups are filing a lawsuit against the state Secretary of Education, saying the office is not meeting its constitutional mandate to allow for equal opportunity and access to education.
- H. The Board of Directors recently voted unanimously to approve the following legislative priorities for 2019-2020:
  - Fund Our Future - a comprehensive bill to increase funding for public schools and Higher Ed
  - Revenue for Fund our Future - appropriate taxation to fund the above
  - Supporting Our Students - recess bill, safe and comfortable schools, address destructive impacts of high stakes testing
  - Fair and Dignified Retirement - increase COLA base, improve health insurance

- Fair Public Higher Education Workplaces - adjunct faculty rights, collective bargaining, improve health insurance
- Protecting the Rights of Public Employees- investigate option to open GIC to non-public employees, right to strike; \*\*They unanimously added an amendment to support legislation to fix a loophole regarding a \$15 minimum wage for municipal workers and an amendment to fix the loophole regarding paid family and medical leave for municipal workers.
- Raise Up Massachusetts (RUM) agenda - new state revenue sources, debt-free public higher education

II. Vice-President's Report-JGMS mail carrier list needs to be submitted. During your ten minute meetings, please let people know that the PDC is accepting course proposals.

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

IV. Treasurer's Report--absent

V. Building Reports

- a. Administrative Assistants--absent; the contract was finally posted on the website
- b. EAs/TAs-Nothing to report.
- c. Davis-There are concerns about the installation of harsh lighting.
- d. Lane-There are concerns about sub coverage.
- e. JGMS-There is a concern about sub coverage and TAs.
- f. BHS-Nothing to report.
- g. New Members-Absent

Lenore made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Melissa seconded. The meeting adjourned at 4:31. Minutes taken by Tova Margolis.

#### Ten Minute Meetings:

1. Union Skills Winter Conference, Sat 1/12/19 9-4:30 at Sheraton Framingham (social 4:30-6) **Sheraton Framingham Hotel & Conference Center** 1657 Worcester Rd, Framingham Please share the types of workshops that are available at your 10 min meetings. If there are people you think would be interested, please let them know asap--it's shortly after vacation so we need to register soon. \*\*One explanation of the workshops for each school--please share with potentially interested people.
2. Fund Our Future petitions--please get signatures by 1/15/18. See the handout for information.
3. NEA has launched a new site with book recommendations for elementary, middle and teenage readers: <https://www.readacrossamerica.org/ages/books/> The theme is Celebrating a Nation of Diverse Readers. There is a discount for purchasing books through First Book Marketplace for educators--definitely worth checking it out through the website above.
4. Please share the Board of Directors' votes listed above. If anyone has questions, they should contact me or Kristen Tracy (who is on the Board)