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Representative Council Minutes

NOVEMBER 16, 2006

I. Call to Order at 3:45 PM: The following units were represented: # 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9,10, McM, Soehl, LHS, Special Subjects, PPS , Maint. and Science Res.Ctr.. Absent from meeting: LAST, Adm., Field House and Media/IT

A. Introduction of Buddies: None

B. Announcements: The following items were presented to council:

1. LEA Rep Council Agenda –11/16/06
2. LEA Minutes of October 19, 2006 meeting
3. UCEA Report of 11/2/06
4. Bally Health Club Membership Application – New includes 7% tax
5. Human Rights Celebration – Jan. 13, 2007
6. NJEA Winter Leadership Conference –Jan.26-27, Feb. 9-10, Mar 9-10

ALL OF THE ABOVE INFO IS TO BE POSTED IN EACH BUILDING

II. Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Len Sobel to accept the minutes of Rep Council meeting of October 19, 2006 with a second by Mickie Hamilton. Council passed the motion.

III. Correspondence: Betty Ogureck/Soehl (486-0550 or 486-7799) bettyo47@yahoo.com

The following cards were received: Thank You cards from the family of Gwendolyn Long and Joseph Paluscio (LEA accountant) for expressions of sympathy. A letter was received from Mayor Gregorio expressing his “Thanks” for the opportunity to meet with LEA members at “The Meet the Mayor “ function.

The following cards have been sent: Melissa Shoffler(Higgins),(#4), marriage; Phyllis Colacitti,(#5), birth of son; Kathleen Rosivack,(#6), marriage; Danielle Lorenzetti,(#6), birth of son; Rosa Bieriont,(#2), birth of son; Mickie Hamilton,(#10), death of aunt; Sabina Garbowski,(LHS), death of father; Madhurima Vangipurim,(LHS), death of mother; Elizabeth Ulewicz,(LHS), marriage; Imelda Mitra-Magnan,(Sc.ResCtr), death of niece; Hattie Wilder,(Soehl), illness-Hospital; Mary Lou Mitchell(NJEA Uniserve Rep), death of mother-in-law; Gwen Long,(McM),illness; Rich Sullivan,(McM),death of aunt; Vincenza Vosseler,(Soehl), death of grandmother; Eugene Napoleon,(Soehl),death in family; Ed Paskewich,(LHS),death of aunt; and Susan Parashis,(LHS), death of grandmother.

Correspondence via US MAIL is to be sent to the LEA at P.O.Box 3085,

NOT 16 E. Blancke Street.

IV. Treasurer’s Report: Sally Stevens

A. Current Balances

Checking:	\$ 67,203.67	Luncheon:	\$ 511.27
Philanthropic:	\$ 9,062.65	Money Market:	\$ 17,299.68

B. Budget – A motion was made by Len Sobel to accept the proposed budget for 2006-07 school year. The motion was second by Rose Goldstein. A vote was taken and the budget passed unanimously.

V. Standing Committees:

A. Negotiations:

Rich Sullivan - Teachers/Sec/Paras: A meeting is scheduled for 11/29/06 to formalize NJEA surveys that will go out to the membership. The first meeting(meet and greet) with the Board attorney is set for 12/4/06. Mrs. Dorin(Bd. Pres.) would like the contract settled by the end of the school year.

Liz James - Crisis Intervention/District Security: Unit will be included in the Teacher.Sec/Para unit
Ed Mack- Custodian/Maintenance: The custodial contract will follow in negotiations after the Teacher unit is settled .

B. Membership: Betty Ogureck – All Reps are asked to continue signing new employees. NJEA calendars are available for new members. All members are reminded to inform Membership of any changes in name, address or phone numbers. Employees that have not joined will become Rep Fee members, up to 85% of the membership fee will be deducted.

- C. Legislative/UCEA:** *Len Sobel* – A copy of the minutes were given to each LEA Rep.
- D. Newsletter:** *Joanne Ferrara*– Items that are NEA, NJEA, LEA or UCEA related are encouraged to be added to the Newsletter. If any member wishes to submit an advertisement, please do so through the LEA email ONLY, not through the Linden system and not through interoffice. Members that have been successful with advertising are to contact Cindy to either have ad remain or deleted from Newsletter.
- E. Grievances:** *Cindy Apalinski* - #1 (05-06) improper termination of a cust/maint person, arbitration meeting was held on 10/24/06 and a written decision will be sent; #1(06-07)docking of pay(Cust/Maint) is at Level III, waiting for date from BOE; #2(06-07) custodial termination is at Level III; #3(06-07) air-conditioning at #4 resolved at Level II; #4(06-07) Improper transfer of High School staff is at Level II.
Members are reminded to inform Cindy of possible contract violations.
- F. Philanthropic:** *Kelly Koziol* – Fall Raffle Winners: 1st (\$100) Shop-Rite , Marla Fekete (Att. Off); 2nd (\$75) Home Depot, Lisa Van Dam (#8) and 3rd (Fall Basket), Debbie Shillinger (#9). Thanks to all !!
- G. Superintendent's Liaison:** Maria Pizzelli has resigned as Chair of the committee due to personal reasons.
- H. LEA Retirement Luncheon:** Hosted by School One.
- I. Scholarships:** *Margaret Novalany* –No Report
- J. LPDC:** Maria Pizzelli has resigned from as Chair of this committee. Committee plans need to be submitted to the county.
- K. Web Master:** *Sally Stevens*- Members are requested to use the **LEA Website** for ALL local, county and state info. Many questions can be answered via the Website. The LEA Newsletter has been added to the web page.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A.** Bally's – New amount is \$319.93 due to new 7% tax. New applications are available in each school.
- B.** NJEA Committee 1000 – Linda Ruppert (#9) was thanked for volunteering her time for the election at the UCEA office and notifying LEA.
- C.** Longevity Pay – Those employees expecting to receive longevity pay are asked to check their pay checks for correct amounts.
- D.** Meet the Mayor – 10/23/06 – Activity went well. The mayor sent a letter with his thanks to the LEA.
- E.** Election Day – New Linden mayor has been elected, Mr. Gerbounka.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A.** Linden BOE Meeting – 11/14/2006 – Report given by Cindy.
- B.** Rep Council Holiday Dinner - !2/15/06 at Amici's Restaurant. Guests may join the dinner at a fee of \$30.
- C.** Human Rights Celebration – 1/13/07 – registration deadline is 12/1/06
- D.** NJEA Winter Leadership Conference – Three locations are available, check flyer for deadline dates. LEA will sponsor attendance.
- E.** Negotiation Survey – Surveys will be distributed just prior to/ or just after the Holiday break.

Meeting Adjourned 4:35 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Elizabeth A. Ogureck