

ARLINGTON EDUCATION ASSOCIATION
5691 Columbia Pike #100
Falls Church, VA 22041

Delegate Assembly
Minutes
March 9, 2009

As Corrected at April 13, 2009 meeting by adding Theresa Cavanaugh, Attending

Members Present: Donald Martin, Arlington Traditional; Judith Knight, Arlington Mill; Marlina Dasbach, Ashlawn; Regina Richardson, Campbell; Aldonia Cooper, Carlin Springs; Ninfa Perez, ESOL/Hilt; Kris White, Gunston; Cara Lamont and John Tarpey, Jamestown; Theresa Cavanaugh, Jefferson; Leslie Stockton, Kenmore; Linda Jenkins, Key; Kate Lawrence, Langston; Anne Malleck, Long Branch; Michelle Breedy, Taylor; Lawrence Whitener, Transportation; Miriam Ramirez, Wakefield and Joyce Santoro, Williamsburg.

Executive Board Members Present: Shelley Jennings, Stephen Utley, Eva Ingram, Lee Dorman, Gerry Collins, Anya Gan and Interim UniServ Director Kelly Paine.

The meeting was called to order by President Shelley Jennings at 4:20 p.m.

Motion by Anya Gan, second by Michelle Breedy to accept the agenda as written. Motion passed.

Motion by Lee Dorman, second by Leslie Stockton to accept the February minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

Heating issues remain a significant problem for students especially during testing. Clarence Stukes will again be informed of the seriousness of the problem.

Delegates were reminded that employees injured during work hours must immediately report the incident and go to one of the approved panel of doctors on the APS Workers Compensation list. If working in buildings late, i.e. conference days, be sure to let the custodians know as there are safety issues. Questions arose regarding Workers Comp issues since it is past contract time and how that would affect a claim. Also, more people are in the buildings and the communities are pushing for even more access for community functions. President Jennings will get information from the VEA Attorney on the subject.

Anya Gan, AEA Representative to Arlington County Civic Federation, reported on the Federations School Board Forum. Anya questioned the school board members on the results of FLES schools and their impact on test scores. Also, the ACCF approved Scenario I of the Dr. Smith's Proposed Budget. Ms. Gan encouraged all delegates who are Arlington residents to attend and to ask their neighbors as well. Ms. Gan asked very strong and pertinent questions regarding how the budget directly impacts the students and employees

President Jennings reported School Board members have assured her there is money to go forward with the Jefferson renovations and Wakefield. President Jennings was asked to inquire of School Board members what their plans are for the stimulus money to be received. Serious concerns were raised regarding the boards use of stimulus money. School board members have expressed concerns on the necessity of new lap top computers.

The Middle School Design Team has been meeting and it seems there is a willingness to adjust the Middle School schedule to accommodate adding FLES to sixth grade, so students coming from a FLES school can go on to Spanish II in seventh grade. Questions arose regarding if issues of the FLES schools have been resolved and it appears the School Board is leaving it to administrators to resolve the issues.

Following lengthy discussion on the Superintendent's Proposed Budget, delegates felt the following should be addressed:

1. What money is coming
2. Where can it be used
3. No new FLES Schools
4. No reduction to 403b match
5. Employee's want Step increase
6. No New Lap Top Computers

Motion by Linda Jenkins, second by Lee Dorman that AEA President Shelley Jennings prepare in strong language to encourage members to attend School Board meetings and the Public Hearings on the Superintendent's Proposed 2009-10 Budget, and to attend County Board meetings while AEA Leadership address the County Board and lobby County Board members to increase the tax rate.

Motion by Lee Dorman, second by Gerry Collins for AEA to go on record in favor of APS Proposed Budget 2009-10 Scenario #4. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussions on the 2009-10 Calendar involved its being too long. The last day for students in June 17, 2010 and the last day for all is June 19, 2010.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.