

BERGEN COUNTY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION
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MINUTES OF BCEA COUNCIL MEETING
November 12, 2009

Executive Committee members present at the meeting: Bischak, Brady, Bulger, Celentano, Coppa, Coppola, Frangiosa, Goldman, Lepore, McBride, Papaleo, Policastro, Sheppard, Snyder, Walsh
Presidents or representatives present from: Carlstadt, Demarest, Harrington Park, Hasbrouck Heights, Haworth, Northern Highlands, Northvale, Oakland, Ramapo-Indian Hills, Saddle River
Executive Committee members present from (districts not listed above): Bergenfield, East Rutherford, Englewood, Glen Rock, Harrington Park, Leonia, Mahwah, Maywood, Norwood, Teaneck, Tenafly, Wood-Ridge
Other: Uniserv

The Council meeting was called to order at 4:15 p.m. by Joseph Coppola, Jr., President. The minutes of the September 9, 2009 meeting were accepted.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Joseph Coppola, Jr.

A written report was submitted. Mr. Coppola discussed the election results. He thanked Mr. Brady and his team for the great job they did with the phone banks and the lit drops. Mr. Coppola discussed the New Member Party and the positive feedback he has received from the new members that attended. He discussed the handouts on the distribution table. He offered our Westwood members congratulations on receiving the Jim George Collective Bargaining Award. Mr. Coppola also discussed the Re-Entry Program he has been working on with the Sheriff's office. Mr. Coppola discussed Professional Development. He reported on Professional Learning Centers. The pilot districts in the county are Demarest, Dumont, Wyckoff, Hackensack, Harrington Park and Paramus. He discussed shared services. He also discussed at length the Health Care bill. Mr. Coppola discussed the Friends of Education Award that is given out at the Legislative Dinner. He would like to present the award to Mr. Bob Chanin, General Counsel of the NEA. He asked for a motion to move. Ms. Janet Bischak moved the motion, Mr. Fred Frangiosa, 2nd, so moved.

1st VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Bill Brady

A written report was submitted. Mr. Brady thanked Ms. Pat Kelly, Mr. Howard Lipoff, Committee of 1,000, Ms. Rose Ann Spina and Ms. Joanne Cannon for all their hard work for the elections. He reported the NJEA Legislative Conference will be on Saturday, February 20, and the Annual BCEA Legislative Dinner will be held on Wednesday, March 24 at the Venetian in Garfield. Mr. Brady reported that he is the current chair of the Bergen County Professional Development Board and they have not yet met this year because the local PD plans are not due until the 15th of April which is must later than in the past. Mr. Brady also pointed out that there is a letter on the distribution table from NJEA Government Relations Division on the election results.

2nd VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Rina Goldman

A written report was submitted. Ms. Goldman reminded members that she is always looking for articles for the *Reporter*, if anyone is interested in contributing, please let her know. She discussed the NJEA Human Rights Celebration that will be held in January; if anyone is interested in going, she needs to know by the last week in November. She reported there will be a IPD dinner workshop on January 20 and an overnight IPD Conference on January 15 and 16.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Jenn Celentano

A written report was submitted. Ms. Celentano discussed the ESP Dinner Workshop that will be held on November 18th; the topic will be "Stress Less". She reported that she has been working on the LAFAP. Ms. Celentano reported that she has been working on action type of events for Englewood. Englewood will be having a "Meet the Fact Finder" rally on December 3, please bring as many members as you can to show support. She also reported that she has been working on getting BCEA's web page on Facebook up and running and while doing so she found that BCEA doesn't have a mission statement. She found that NJEA and NEA have Vision and Mission statements, and combined them and added to them to develop a Vision and Mission statement for BCEA. Ms. Celentano asked members to take a few minutes to read the statement. Mr. Coppola asked for a motion to move. Ms. Janet Bischak moved, Ms. Donna lee Sheppard, 2nd, so moved.

NJEA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Joseph Coppola, Jr., Janet Bischak

A written report was submitted. Ms. Bischak reported there are the reports from the September and October meetings on the distribution table along with the most current report from November meeting. The meetings were mostly regarding the election. At the October meeting they announced the HIPP Foundation winners. For Bergen County they were Fair Lawn, Westwood and Waldwick. She reported the approval of the Holiday Office closing from 12/28/09 – 1/1/10. The next meeting will be on December 14.

NJEA PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – Jenn Celentano

Ms. Celentano informed members the Urban Education Committee is holding an “Urban Education Best Practices Symposium” on April 17, 2009. They are looking for volunteers to present at the Symposium. There is a packet on the distribution table if you are interested in presenting. Ms. Celentano reported there are two new PD regulations concerning hour for hour credit during the school day and the website has guidance material listed. Extensive information about the new PDP, local and school committee responsibilities is available at <http://www.nj.gov/education/profdev/pd/teacher>.

NJEA WORKSITE SAFETY AND HEALTH COMMITTEE – Kathy Snyder

Ms. Snyder reported the Committee had a Conference on October 17 that was very well attended and a very valuable conference. She discussed the manual that is provided by NJEA which is very informative and includes forms and other valuable information. She discussed the bill on school temperatures. The committee will meet on November 30.

NJEA ESP COMMITTEE – Donna Lee Sheppard

Ms. Sheppard reported that at their meeting last month the committee selected the State ESP of the Year. The NJEA ESP Conference will be held on February 26, 27 and 28 and the ESP of the Year will be honored at that Conference.

NJEA LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE – Donna Lee Sheppard

Ms. Sheppard reported she attended her first meeting last month and they will be meeting again this coming Monday. They are working on revising some of the Leadership Workshops.

NJEA WORKING CERTIFICATION, EVALUATION & TENURE COMMITTEE – Thomas Papaleo

Mr. Papaleo reported the committee met on October 13. They're reviewing policies from the past 25 years and will be creating one updated policy manual.

NJEA CONGRESSIONAL CONTACT COMMITTEE – Sue McBride

Ms. McBride reported on November 17 the Congressional Contact Committee and the Government Relations Committee will have a joint meeting in Trenton.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – Ms. Ann D'Agostino informed members that Assemblyman John V. Kelly passed away and she would like BCEA to send a donation in his memory. Mr. Coppola agreed a donation should be sent.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Ms. Rose Ann Spina announced Marlboro Association needs our support and encouragement as they are facing a crisis. Please ask your local president and your members to please show support.

Mr. Coppola announced that two people on Mr. Brady's committees are retiring; Ms. Pat Kelly and Ms. Carol Feinstein. Therefore, there will be two seats to be filled.

Ms. Laura Lepore also announced that she will be retiring in 27 days.

MEETING ADJOURNED – There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 PM.