

United Teachers of Dade
2200 Biscayne Boulevard
Miami, Florida 33137

UTD Executive Board Meeting
December 6, 2007

Approved Minutes

This regular meeting of the UTD Executive Board was called to order by President Aronowitz at approximately 5:00 p.m.

Present: Karen Aronowitz, Fedrick C. Ingram, Sony Ambroise, Madga Brooks, Linda Cohen, Joyce Cook, Willette Cruse, Beverley Dowell, Pablo Gomez, Peggy Green, Peter Hill, Cassandra Holmes, Valarie Johnson, Paul Moore, Thomas Nunn, Maggie Palmer, Shirley Person, David Prince, Christopher Radney, Carl Robinson, Ingrid Robledo, Wendi Werther, Sharon Williams.

Absent: Artie Leichner (excused)

Adoption of Agenda: It was moved by Magda Brooks and seconded by Valarie Johnson to adopt the agenda as presented,

Approval of Minutes

November 8, 2007: It was moved by Magda Brooks and seconded by Pablo Gomez to adopt the minutes as presented: Motion carried.

November 15, 2007: It was moved by Magda Brooks and seconded by Beverley Dowell to adopt the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Agenda

President's Report: Karen Aronowitz

Review Meeting Process Norms or Tools

President Aronowitz reviewed the procedures again with the Board members, and took this opportunity to thank the members of the Board for all they do on behalf of UTD.

Impasse Hearing

President Aronowitz reported that on December 21st, the Impasse Hearing will take place on insurance benefits. The General Master will give his/her opinion which will then go to the School Board, at which time the School Board can accept or reject the recommendation of the General Master. President Aronowitz stated that we still have some time to discuss the health care issues with M-DCPS at the bargaining table before the hearing. President Aronowitz stated that members will be signing up for their insurance benefits soon – we are trying to figure out the dates right now.

President Aronowitz also stated that we will be contacting our legislators and doing an E-mail activity regarding this issue – we also have two other things going on at the same time which is the budget shortfall and the property tax amendment. President Aronowitz reminded the Board that if the property tax amendment passes it means a \$700 million loss to Dade County. This plan will be completely destructive to the

infrastructure in this State. UTD will be recommending a No vote on Amendment 1 which is the property tax.

Board members expressed their concerns on strategies in dealing with the insurance issue and also with the property tax issue and extensive discussion followed.

President Aronowitz reported that as requested at the last Board meeting, a meeting has been scheduled for Saturday, January 12, 2007, from 9:00 to 12:00 p.m. to different issues of concern.

Executive Board School Visitations Report

Board members who visited schools reported on their school visitations, and most of the schools visited members expressed their concerns on the insurance issue.

Approval of Chairpersons to UTD Committees

President Aronowitz read a letter received by a member requesting appointment to a committee, and reiterated that in accordance with the UTD Constitution and Bylaws, members and chairpersons of the committees are nominated by the President and then are approved by the Executive Board.

It was moved by Pablo Gomez and seconded by Tom Nunn to approve Shanika Simmons as Chairperson of the Professional Issues committee and Bob Barnett as chairperson of the Internal Functions committee. Motion carried.

UTD Endorses Israel Andrews for Mayor of Florida City

President Aronowitz is recommending that UTD endorse a fellow union member and teacher for the position of Mayor of Florida City.

It was moved by Pablo Gomez and seconded by Chris Radney to endorse Israel Andrews for Mayor of Florida City. Motion carried.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report: Fedrick C. Ingram

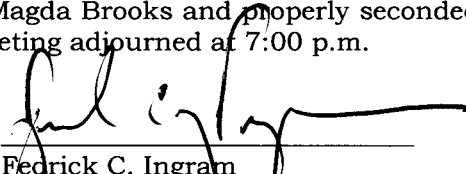
Financial Management Review

Secretary/Treasurer Ingram asked Board members to review the report, "Financial Management Review for the First Quarter 2006-2007, July 1, 2007 to September 30, 2007" and if they had any questions, he would be more than happy to respond.

Adjournment

With nothing further to discuss, it was moved by Magda Brooks and properly seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.


Karen Aronowitz
President


Fedrick C. Ingram
Secretary/Treasurer