

United Teachers of Dade  
2200 Biscayne Boulevard  
Miami, Florida 33137

Special UTD Executive Board Meeting  
May 8, 2008

### **Approved Minutes**

This Special meeting of the UTD Executive Board was called to order by President Aronowitz at 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing recommendations and strategies in response to the Superintendent's proposed budget cuts.

**Present:** Karen Aronowitz, Artie Leichner, Fedrick C. Ingram. Sony Ambroise, Magda Brooks, Linda Cohen, Joyce Cook, Beverley Dowell, Peggy Green, Peter Hill, Cassandra Holmes, Valarie Johnson, Paul Moore, Thomas Nunn, Maggie Palmer, David Prince, Chris Radney, Carl Robinson, Ingrid Robledo, Wendi Werther and Sharon Williams.

**Absent:** Joan Cortez (excused) Willette Cruse (excused) Pablo Gomez (excused) Shirley Person (excused)

**Minutes:** Being that this was a special meeting of the UTD Board, no minutes were brought up for approval.

### **Agenda**

#### **President's Report: Karen Aronowitz**

##### ***Budget Shortfall: Strategies and Recommendations***

Board members discussed their recommendations and strategies to deal with the shortfall, and actions to be taken prior to the May 21 School Board meeting.

It was moved by Paul Moore and seconded by Carol Robinson to have a subcommittee of volunteers of the Executive Board to study the great depression and find out what Unions did during the depression to survive and thrive during difficult times. After discussion, motion carried. The following Board members volunteered to be on the subcommittee: Paul Moore, Linda Cohen, Cassandra Holmes, Carl Robinson, David Prince, Joyce Cook, Peggy Green, Beverley Dowell and Peter Hill.

It was moved by Ingrid Robledo and seconded by Joyce Cook to have UTD develop an informational flyer to be given to parents in the morning before school starts so they can be properly informed regarding the budget cuts and the impact it has on children. After discussion, motion passed.

It was moved by Artie Leichner and seconded by Beverley Dowell to investigate with FEA, various lawsuits if any, regarding funding of education in this state. After discussion, motion carried.

It was moved by Artie Leichner and seconded by Peter Hill to extend the meeting. After discussion, motion passed.

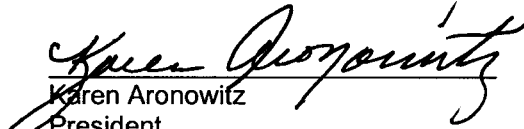
It was moved by Chris Radney and seconded by Linda Cohen to hold demonstrations similar to the ones held in the past in street corners or important intersections in the mornings and afternoons so people can be aware of the problems. Perhaps we can have it by feeder patterns or regional sites. After discussion, motion carried.

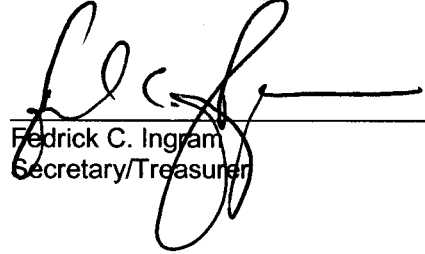
It was moved by Peggy Green and seconded by Artie Leichner to have information on the UTD web site or a link explaining what it means to work to the contract. After discussion, motion carried.

It was moved by Paul Moore and seconded by Peggy Green to propose to the School Board that no major constructions be done until the human needs of the district are met. After discussion, motion carried.

**Adjournment**

It was moved by Magda Brooks and seconded by Wendi Werther to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

  
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Karen Aronowitz  
President

  
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Fredrick C. Ingram  
Secretary/Treasurer