

United Teachers of Dade
2200 Biscayne Boulevard
Miami, Florida 33137

Special Executive Board Meeting
June 8, 2009

Approved Minutes

This special meeting of the Executive Board was called to order by President Karen Aronowitz at approximately 1:30 p.m.

Present: Karen Aronowitz , Artie Leichner, Fedrick C. Ingram, Magda Brooks, Linda Cohen, Joyce Cook, Joan Cortez, Beverley Dowell, Pablo Gomez, Angie Gonzalez, Peggy Green, Peter Hill, Cassandra Holmes, Valarie Johnson, Thomas Nunn, Maggie Palmer, Shirley Person, David Prince, Chris Radney, Ingrid Robledo, Wendi Werther and Sharon Williams.

Absent: Sony Ambroise (unexcused) Willette Cruse (unexcused) Paul Moore (unexcused)

Adoption of Agenda: It was moved by David Prince and properly seconded to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried. Being that this is a special meeting of the Board, no minutes were approved

Agenda

Secretary/Treasurer's Report: Fedrick C. Ingram

Financial Management Review April 2009 and Year-to-Date

Secretary/Treasurer Ingram gave the Board a summary of the key financial points, highlights and achievements noted in reviewing the financial statements. Secretary/Treasurer Ingram also stated that as of this report, actual members are 17,097 which total 13,535 FTE's. Mr. Ingram reminded Board members that the UTD Budget is based on an FTE count of 14,450.

President's Report: Karen Aronowitz

Charges Against UTD Steward

President Aronowitz explained to the Board that on June 2nd, we had received a letter from a member outlining charges against a UTD Steward. In accordance with the UTD Constitution and Bylaws, an initial probable cause investigation will be conducted by the President in tandem with legal counsel. Since the letter was received on June 2nd, in order to conduct a full and fair investigation, we will wait until school reopens to conduct the investigation. President Aronowitz explained that Patricia Ireland, Attorney at Law, has already notified the charging party that the investigation will be conducted when school is back in session. Once the investigation is done, the results will be brought back to the Board.

UTD Wins Arbitration re Miami Northwestern Senior High School

President Aronowitz informed Board members that UTD had won the arbitration at Miami Northwestern Senior. Employees who were involuntarily transferred from Northwestern Senior can return at the beginning of the school year, if they choose to do so. President Aronowitz also stated that we have been notified that the ACLU will be working with us regarding spamming and looking at all of the issues.

June 26, 2009 at M-DCPS. President Aronowitz informed the Board who the members of the collective bargaining team are for 2009-2010 – they are group of diverse members representing all areas of UTD. Members of the Board who are not on the bargaining team are more than welcomed to attend all sessions – all sessions are held under the sunshine and open to all members.

President Aronowitz announced that Joyce Cook will retire at the end of this school year.

First Vice President's Report: Artie Leichner

Report from the Field

First Vice President Leichner reported that the situation at Redland has not been resolved as of yet, one of the Stewards is being harassed and we feel this is retaliation – we are still in conversations with the district.

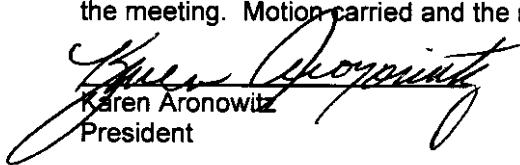
Censuring of Board Member

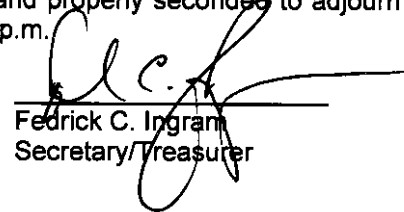
The Board members addressed a concern about a comment made by Wendi Werther at a meeting on Thursday, February 25, 2009, when Ms. Werther asked Board member Angie Gonzalez, "How does it feel to be the token nigger."

After extensive discussion it was moved by Fedrick Ingram and properly seconded to formally censure Wendi Werther for her behavior as both unacceptable and racist. Motion carried.

Adjournment

With nothing further to discuss, it was moved by Joan Cortez and properly seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.


Karen Aronowitz
President


Fedrick C. Ingram
Secretary/Treasurer