

United Teachers of Dade  
2200 Biscayne Boulevard  
Miami, Florida 33137

UTD Executive Board Meeting  
August 2, 2007

**Approved Minutes**

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

**Present:** Artie Leichner, Fedrick C. Ingram, Linda Cohen, Joyce Cook, Joan Cortez, Beverley Dowell, Pablo Gomez, Peggy Green, Peter Hill, Cassandra Holmes, Valarie Johnson, Paul Moore, Thomas Nunn, Maggie Palmer, Shirley Person, David Prince, Chris Radney, Carl Robinson, Wendi Werther.

**Absent:** Karen Aronowitz (excused) Magda Brooks (excused) Sony Ambroise (excused) Richard Downer (excused) Ingrid Robledo (excused)

**Adoption of Agenda**

It was moved by Pablo Gomez and seconded by Beverley Dowell to adopt the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes**

May 3, 2007: It was moved by Maggie Palmer and seconded by Pablo Gomez to adopt the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

May 17, 2007: It was moved by Carl Robinson and seconded by Maggie Palmer to adopt the minutes with corrections. Motion carried.

July 27, 2007: It was moved by Chris Radney and seconded by Linda Cohen to adopt the minutes with corrections. Motion carried.

Agenda

**Secretary/Treasurer's Report: Fedrick C. Ingram**

***Recommendation of UTD Strategic Financial Planning Committee***

Secretary/Treasurer Ingram reminded the Board that UTD's Strategic Financial Planning Committee had met on June 7<sup>th</sup> and recommended the firm of Morgan Stanley as UTD's financial planners. Secretary/Ingram reviewed the documents received from Morgan Stanley with members of the Board.

Questions were asked by Executive Board members.

Secretary/Treasurer Ingram reiterated to the Board members that UTD would have 100% control, and any decisions that have to be made would be addressed with the UTD Strategic Financial Planning Committee and any recommendations will be brought to the Board.

It was moved by Paul Moore and seconded by Pablo Gomez to adopt the UTD Strategic Financial Planning Committee recommendation of having the firm of Morgan Stanley as UTD's financial planners. After discussion, motion carried.

### ***Financial Management Review May 2007***

Ms. Gladys Podnar reviewed the financial report with the Board members in its entirety. Discussion followed regarding monies owed on the lease of the UTD van.

It was moved by Valarie Johnson and seconded by Beverley Dowell to pay off the lease on the GMAC Van. After discussion, motion carried.

Secretary/Treasurer Ingram reiterated to the Board the importance of being politically involved especially now, with the Tax issue, and the impact it will have in our schools and other services.

### **First Vice President's Report: Artie Leichner**

#### ***Acceptance of Resignation Letter from Executive Board member Natalie Moton***

First Vice President Leichner read the letter addressed to the UTD officers from Natalie S. Moton, Vice President Office Personnel, basically stating she had resigned her position from the Board, and recently accepted a position which she had applied for at UTD.

It was moved by Pablo Gomez and seconded by David Prince to accept Natalie S. Moton's resignation as Vice President of Office Personnel. After discussion, motion carried.

Mr. Ingram reminded Board members that if they have any recommendations to fill this position, to please e-mail the information to the UTD leadership.

#### ***Report from the Field***

First Vice President Leichner reported that we had filed the Carol City Senior High arbitration; we are moving forward with conversations with the district regarding the 26 weeks of deferred pay instead of the 24. Mr. Radney recommended that we inform our members regarding the deferred pay option so they can have the option of participating or not. Mr. Leichner reported that we have filed the grievance regarding planning times in the elementary schools during the summer. Ms. Joyce Cook recommended that we educate and train Stewards/Principals regarding the contract at the same time in order to avoid misunderstandings or different interpretations of the UTD contract.

Discussion followed on various issues with most of the Board members discussing issues of concerns, including the problems that exist with inclusion and the students. Mr. Leichner asked Board members to forward as soon as possible information regarding co-teaching and inclusion guidelines.

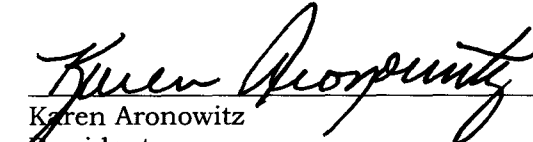
It was moved by Artie Leichner and seconded by Wendi Werther to discuss all of the recommendations regarding inclusion at the next UTD Executive Board meeting. After discussion, motion carried.

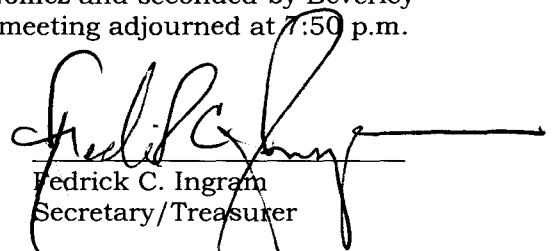
It was moved by Peggy Green and seconded by Joan Cortez to extend the Board meeting for ten more minutes. After discussion, motion carried.

Mr. Leichner reported on the Indoor Air Quality Training held at UTD for the organizers, and discussed the visit to Citrus Grove Elementary school, where the mildew problem is terrible.

**Adjournment**

With nothing further to discuss it was moved by Pablo Gomez and seconded by Beverley Dowell to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

  
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Karen Aronowitz  
President

  
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Fredrick C. Ingram  
Secretary/Treasurer