

Representative Council Meeting March 5, 2013

Member attendance is indicated on the dated sign-in sheet for March 5, 2013, a quorum was met.

President Dan Shy called the meeting to order at 3:30 P.M.

Robb Roehm moved and Chuck Berch second to approve the minutes of both, the special meeting dated, February 19, 2013, and the regular council meeting dated, February 5, 2013. Motion approved.

President, Dan Shy stated on behalf of Ray Hart that the Bargaining Team is working on proposed contract language changes to the AVTA bargaining agreement. We have 21,000 students in the district at this time and we need to wait until the Governor's new funding program and Federal Education budgets are revealed, before any serious bargaining may begin. The budget revise comes out in May. At this point the bargaining meetings are informational only.

The Bargaining Team has visited 3 sites. Highland will be rescheduled. Robert Walls reported that 404 members have joined the AVTA web site and 121 members completed the bargaining survey.

The March 15, 2013 date has passed with no RIFs (Reduction in Force) announced by the district.

Vice President Political, Gerald Fairman distributed election materials and a timeline for returning votes to all of the sites for the NEA election. There is a new format for the High Desert NEA RA election. Ballots will be run through an electronic scanner. The AVTA local NEA election will be conducted at the same time.

Vice President Membership, Julie Agnew, announced that the last social of the year, to honor the retirees, will be on Thursday, May 9, 2013, from 3:30-6:00 P.M. at Vince's Pizza in Lancaster. Each member may bring 1 adult guest.

Treasurer, Sue Strom announced that there was a balance of \$19,566.09 in the AVTA, checking account. A retainer of \$3000 was sent to the attorney, Schwab, who will defend the involuntary transfer grievance from Highland High School. No timetable for the arbitration on the HHS teachers' grievance has been set.

A motion to take no action on the 1/6 assignment grievances was made by Mike Otnisky and a second by Jason Chronister. Motion passed. The two grievances will now be dissolved.

Gary Dilbeck asked that a retirement workshop be scheduled.

There was discussion regarding the effects of a principal delaying a WASC review.

Marie Godde moved that if action needs to be taken in the next month the Executive Board could make the decision on whether to go to arbitration. Mike Otinski second to have the Executive Board make a decision. Motion approved.

Tom Mayan mentioned that David Wright and his wife were appearing in a play at the Lancaster Performing Arts Theatre the next weekend and for everyone not to miss a great performance.

Mike Otnisky moved to adjourn. David Wright second. Meeting adjourned.