

## **Representative Council Meeting, February 3, 2009**

A motion to approve the minutes of January 13, 2009 was made by Mike Otnisky, second by Dave Weaver. Motion approved.

### **President's Report, Gene Smith**

The state is in turmoil and the Governor and Legislation have not yet confirmed the State budget. While 7-8 million dollars of funding has been cut from our district this year. Eight million dollars may be coming to our district through categorical funding. During budget talk meetings, the district painted a darker picture than the 7-8 million that will be cut if the governor's program goes forward. The AV District interim report showed 18 million in reserve. We may have another 3 million added next year. The 3% reserve that we have can be dropped to 1.5%.

However, some people may not be back in the fall. Approximately 90 teachers, will be lost, 46 are due to loss of enrollment. It is a serious economic time, but we don't know all the parts of the equation, (like the federal money that may be coming in). The board will review the reduction in Force list, on February 15; teachers will need to be notified by March 13, 2009. We will defend our members if they receive notices. AVTA is financially sound and will be able to mount a good defense for our members. If a RIF teacher comes back within 39 months they can keep their seniority. If any teachers are actually released, they can claim unemployment and have first right to sub in the district. If they sub 15 days in a month they will be paid their regular salary, minus benefits. The district has come out with a laundry list of cuts, but we first need to get all of the pieces in the picture before we can look at these items. Summer school has not been addressed, but those wishing to teach summer school should go through the application process. A line item on the budget of \$4.5 million is going to outside consultants.

The district wide voting results for the 2008-2009 Collective Bargaining Agreement was 466 YES 38 NO.

The Benchmarks Grading Manual was discussed. The requirement to use benchmark tests as a student's grade is still pending.

### **AVTA/PAC Report Gary Roberts**

Gary stated that we have \$ 22,000 in our PAC account. Christine Van Allen moved to allocate \$200 to renew our Labor Coalition membership. Julie Agnew seconds the motion. Motion approved. Ray Hart moved to allocate \$300 for an Education Rally on March 13, 2009, and Dan Shy second. Motion approved.

### **Vice President Membership, Julie Agnew**

Ten people signed up as full members. Julie is providing a new list to site captains of agency fees payers.

**Secretary, Christine Van Allen** gave a report from the State Council of Education meeting on February 20-22, 2009.

### **Treasurer, Beatriz Sztain**

The Audit is not yet complete and AVTA received a 3-month extension to pay taxes. There was a question on the payment of attorneys' fees on the retiree grievance, which is holding up the audit. The Audit of the PAC was completed and was good. The Survey Monkey program was purchased for the Association. Robin Mackey moved and Robert Wall second to accept the balance sheet of February 3, 2009.

### **Grievances Chair, Gary Roberts**

The District has agreed to end the administrative intern program. Regarding the grievance at SOAR the district has agreed to notify the Association of employee contractual changes.

Please advise members to look at roll sheets for SPED to see if they have overages. If you have questions contact Gary Roberts.

Mike Otnisky moved to adjourn.