

President Esta Lachow called Meeting to order at 7:30. Secretary Susan Giuliano present.

Minutes of the January 7, 2010 meeting approved as distributed.

President - Esta Lachow –Thank you to Summit Lane for hospitality. Gave reminders and announcements: meetings are being recorded, please come to podium or use microphone when addressing the group. Parliamentary Workshop was well received. Suggestions for future workshops would be appreciated. Legislative Brunch 3/13 – good place to have your voice heard; opportunity to speak with elected officials. Virtual Lobby Day – 3/17, refer to “talking points” from Nassau region. District is moving into “budget preparations” time, it is important for all community members to have a voice and be heard. Council Budget Committee will present its recommendations tonight for approval, before presenting it to the Board on March 10. Due to time constraints, not all recommendations could be addressed. Even though these are difficult times it is important to look at PTAs, Council, schools and communities to see how things have changed and how over the years things have changed because of the nurturing environment that has been provided to all of our children. We can all find comfort in this. Announcements: 3/21 LEADD Fair, Nassau Region awards – check website for qualifications and deadlines. NYSPTA 2010 Convention 11/12-11/14 in Buffalo. Report on file.

Executive Committee Reports

Treasurer's Report: General Fund: Opening (1/07/10-2/24/10)\$9,611.92, Closing (1/07/10-2/24/10)\$9,073.92. Scholarship: Opening (1/07/10-2/24/10)\$6,259.37, Closing (1/07/10-2/24/10)\$6,974.37. *No changes to the Treasurer's Report it is filed for audit.* Report on file.

Superintendent's Report: Presented after Committee Reports (see below)

Standing Committees:

Arts in Education – Pat Genco – BOCES reimbursement checks are being processed and should be distributed in the 3rd week of March. Report on file.

Council Budget – Esta Lachow – Council Budget Recommendations were presented. **Motion:** Present PTA Council Budget committee recommendations to Board on March 10, 2010 – Discussion. Vote of Confidence to allow Council Budget committee to make additions, deletions and changes to Council Budget Committee report. Discussion pros/cons of Vote of Confidence. **Motion defeated.** Discussion regarding enrichment portion of recommendations. **Motion:** Accept Council Budget report as written with an amendment to the Enrichment recommendations. **All in favor, motion passed.** What will changes to enrichment be? Committee will reconvene to re-address then re-present Enrichment. **Motion:** To remove the Enrichment/Gifted Program portion of the Council Committee budget report. **Motion defeated.** We will have an emergency Council Meeting.

Health, Safety, Environment – Dr. Dewey will be coming to the district on 4/29 at Wisdom. Unit Presidents please remind reps to attend meetings. Next meeting 3/8 at 10:00am, Pupil Services.

Audit – Lisa Vanderburg – Books ending 1/30/09 audited – books were in good order.

Legislation – email will be forthcoming – re: Virtual Lobby Day – important to get units involved; Legislative Brunch changed to March 13. Report on file.

Curriculum – Secondary – 1 day Regents in January, reviewed AP Curriculum as presented to the Board. Reviewed SAT scores comparing Levittown to NYS, next meeting 3/25

Elementary – next meeting 3/23. Report card committee presented proposed changes – will possibly be in effect for the 2011/12 School Year. Report on file.

Special Committees

Nominating – Slate for 2010 -2011 School year presented: Pres – E. Lachow; 1st VP – C. Mulz; 2nd VP – P. Genco; Rec. Sec. – A. Harris; Treasurer – D. Nocella; Corr. Sec. – A. List; Historian – S. Haas.

Scholarship Dinner/Dance – Debe Howe – Dinner is on March 4 – everything is set.

Liaisons

Bond Watcher/Capital Improvements – Jill Rovenger – Report on file.

Dollars for Scholars – Cindy Mulz – mailing went out; remind units to send whatever they can; scholarship forms are in the building; elementary schools – please the \$ cut-out fundraiser.

LEADD – Buy your t-shirts; Fair is 3/21, walk starts at 10:30; Fair at 11:00. Sign up going around. Report on file.

Transportation – Bussing referendum on ballot in May. Transportation presenting budget on 3/10.

Wellness – Next meeting 3/8 at 9:30am.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Sirois presented the Superintendent's Budget Recommendations. If Budget goes to contingency there would have to be \$12million in cuts – would be devastating. Target is 4%. Board needs to hear from community. Dr. S requested a vote to endorse Superintendent's Recommendations to the Board. Esta recommended not having a vote at this time. Report on file.

New Business

None

Dates to Remember:

2/27-2/28		NYS PTA Leg/Ed Conference
3/1	9:30 am	Presidents/Superintendent's Meeting
3/2	7 pm	2020 Meeting
3/3	7:30 pm	Board of Education Budget Planning Session #2
3/4	6 pm	Council Scholarship Dinner/Dance
3/6	9 am	Nassau Region PTA Legislation Brunch
3/8	10 am	Transportation Meeting
3/8	10 am	Health, Safety, & Environment Meeting (pupil services)
3/10	7:30 pm	Board of Education Regular Meeting/Planning Session # 3
3/15	7:30 pm	Food Service Meeting
3/17		NYS PTA Virtual Lobby Day
3/17	7:30 pm	Board of Education Budget Planning Session #4
3/21	10:30 am	LEADD walk followed by LEADD Fair
3/22	7 pm	Dollars for Scholars Meeting
3/22	7:30 pm	COUNCIL MEETING (election meeting) Note: date
3/23	9:30 am	Elementary Curriculum Meeting
3/23	7:30 pm	SEPTA Meeting
3/24	7:30 pm	Board of Education Meeting
3/25	10 am	Secondary Curriculum Meeting
3/25	6:30 pm	GC Tech-Community Recognition Dinner

Meeting adjourned at 9:35pm

Susan Giuliano, Secretary

Approved March 22, 2010