

Monroe 2 - BOCES Teachers' Association

Executive Committee

Agenda for 1/15/2025

Officers: Dave Shalke, Heather Case, Kim Stephenson, Melissa Pound, Chris Gold, Tiffany Feldman

Representatives: Katie Carmina, Laura McNally, Andy Fowler, Mark Straub, Amanda Bianchi

Coordinators: Grace Keegan, Jennifer Montanino, Carrie McKain, Catherine Jackson

NYSUT: Jason Cooney

Absent: Tiffany, Laura, Mark, Carrie, Jen

Guest Visitors: Anna Stukes (RBERN)

1. Review To-Do List
2. Coordinator Updates
 - a. Membership
 - i. Few new members
 - b. Treasurer
 - i. Audit Letter and Report need to be put on Facebook and website
 - ii. Request for cell phone equipment to replace cell phone - not having money in the budget, we took it out last spring
 1. Chris brought forth motion to pay for the cell phone replacement, Dave second the motion
 - a. Vote: Yes - unanimous
 - b. Will pull from misc. Fund
 - iii. Dues Allocation
 1. 56% NYSUT
 2. 35% AFT
 3. 9% B2UP
 - c. Political Action
 - i. Flyers made for VOTE COPE for when we talk to Karen about when we can start doing this with Payroll
 1. Maybe put a plug in for this at Exceptional Children Faculty Meeting
 2. Link on Facebook from NYSUT - taking opinions of educators from how much they spend on their classroom to get a bigger tax break
 - d. Public Relations - no update
 - e. Action Committee - no update

- i. Apparel Sale - see notes above
- 3. Negotiations Update
 - a. ESY retro pay
 - i. Paid out in December 20th paycheck
 - 1. Dates on the paychecks were not correct of the payments, but payroll entered dates, amounts are correct
 - b. Any issues with paychecks, reach out to Karen directly and/or payroll
 - c. Rounding issue - No date on this yet when this will be fixed
- 4. Selection Committee
 - a. Canceled - no changes are coming forward at this time
- 5. APPR Committee
 - a. Met January 14 - however Dave and Melissa couldn't attend
 - i. They got handouts from the committee for us to review
 - b. It was alluded to by the committee that we are rolling over the APPR due to B2UP not requesting to negotiate - which is untrue. B2UP was waiting for guidance from the state and the portal to open
 - i. Now that this information is out, we could negotiation a plan
 - ii. Melissa and Dave will be sending a letter to start the process of negotiation a new plan
- 6. Teacher Liaison - Met on 1-6-25
 - a. Lunar New Year
 - i. All 10 and 12 month staff will report to work to fulfill our contractual obligations of working 186 days (10 month employees)
 - ii. Not students in attendance
 - iii. If your building is not open to staff (Gates) you will work in another location (ESC, RTP)
 - b. Mandated Reporter Training
 - i. 2 hour training that all certified staff must take by April 1, 2025
 - ii. Be sure to follow the directions explicitly to ensure the results/credit go to your TEACH account
 - iii. If you do not have a TEACH account, reach out to Karen Brown to see how you get the certificate to the state
 - 1. Example: Music Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Psychologists, etc.
- 7. MCFT
 - a. January meeting was cancelled

8. WPV training with Jason on January 29th @ 3:30 @ ESC
 - a. Jason met with NYSUT attorney regarding this new law and we feel it is beneficial for him to come and discuss this with us
 - b. Want our members to hear that we have the right to work in a space that is safe and BOCES needs to support us in ways to decrease the violence
9. Newsletter
 - a. Next one in February.
 - b. Topics - Vote cope, LOA information
10. Supervisor Monthly Meetings - to foster relationships with Supervisors to help minimize surprises -
11. BOCES Board Meeting Updates
 - a. HEAT Safety Bill - very specific qualifications on how to measure the degrees in the classroom
 - b. Space Update
 - i. Spring 2026 when it will be finished at RTP
 - ii. Touring Kodak area to rent
 - iii. Refinish the parking lot, skylights, etc.
 - c. Security Update with the lights, boards, etc. within our buildings
12. Monthly Membership Meetings
 - a. No one is attending - we will continue to do this and think of alternatives
13. Open Forum
 - a. Rochester Regional 2025 Winter Conference (March 1st 7:30-4) Anyone interested?
 - b. Who is delivering mail?
 - i. Some places haven't received mail in 2 weeks
 - c. FAPE 22 - lack of options available at BOCES 2 and many families are going to BOCES 1 to accommodate
 - i. Due to staffing issues we are not addressing adding classrooms currently

Next Meeting 2/5/2025