

Minutes
GREEN BAY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE BOARD
November 7, 2023

Present: Brent Bergstrom, Abie Vang, Barb Borre, Jessica Bodart, E-Ben Grisby, KoBao Kong, Ali VandeBerg, Blair Swiekatowski, Jessica Schweiner, Emilie Heil, Tracy VandeWalle, Brad Riesterer

Excused:

I. CALL TO ORDER @ 5:00 PM

II. APPROVAL MINUTES

Motion made to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2023 Executive Board Meeting.

First: Ali VandeBerg **Second:** Tracy VandeWalle Motion Carried

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: WITH FLEXIBILITY

Motion to accept the agenda with flexibility

First: Emilie Heil **Second:** Tracy VandeWalle Motion Carried

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Howe Trunk or Treat

- a. It was great turnout of community members and school members. Last year, there were over 2500 kids. This year, it was down by half due to the weather.
- b. Looking forward to having future Trunk or Treats at Howe, just like other schools within the district.

B. In-Person GBEA RA Location

- a. We are looking a different site for hosting the GBEA RA during the 2024-25 school year.
- b. President Bergstrom contacted the GB Wildlife Sanctuary as an alternate site, with lower costs.
- c. Part of the concern was funding and space.
- d. Tarlton Theatre's costs are \$750 (\$300 for space and \$450 for food), per meeting.
- e. There was discussion regarding a different space with potentially lower costs, such as catering.

C. Green Bay Holiday Parade/Hats

- a. The Hats are \$17.75 each. The first 200 members who would sign up for the Holiday Parade would get the hat for free, or they can be sold/made available at a later date. Hats can be made by Friday 11/10/23, at the earliest.
- b. Motion to take funds from CENTRS to allocate towards 200 GBEA winter hats.

First: Tracy VandeWalle **Second:** Abie Vang Motion Carried

D. GBEA Staff Benefits

- a. A condensed version of the document will be made available at a later date. Close the IHCRA account.
- b. Motion to have the updated Exec. Director's Contract, with updated language.

First: E-Ben Grisby **Second:** Ali VandeBerg Motion Carried

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Executive Session

Begin @ 5:21PM

First: Ali VandeBerg

Second: Emilie Heil

Motion Carried

End @ 7:20 PM

First: Brad Riesterer

Second: Ali VandeBerg

Motion Carried

B. Urban Presidents' Meeting

C. **Motion from the GBEA EB:**

“The GBEA Executive Board calls upon the WEAC Executive Board to determine how to best investigate the mishandling of the KEA recertification by WEAC, how they will rectify the situation for KEA, provide an accounting of how WEAC will prevent this problem from occurring in the future, and request that NEA provide additional support or oversight as necessary into the investigation of the mishandled KEA recertification. The results of this investigation and all relevant documentation will be provided to the WEAC Executive Board to inform the need for any further action.”

First: Ali VandeBerg

Second: Jessica Bodart

Motion Carried unanimously

Motion to direct President Bergstrom to support any motion that calls for a full investigation.

First: Brad Riesterer

Second: Jessica Bodart

Motion Carried unanimously

Motion to direct to the WEAC Board of Director against the removal of the Executive Director and Trusteeship

First: Brad Riesterer

Second: Blair Swiekatowski

Motion Carried unanimously

D. Portland Teachers

a. There was a letter from the PAT to the GBEA EB.

b. Motion to support the letter from the Portland Assn. of Teachers (PAT).

First: Emilie Heil

Second: Tracy VandeWalle

Motion Carried

E. Recertification Tracking

a. Please take care of the Recertification Tracking in your schools.

F. Next EB Meeting

a. The next EB meeting will be held on Tuesday 11/28/23.

G. Members' Only

a. Be mindful of communicating on the Members' Only FB page to vent regarding DOB staff.

b. Members potentially considering dropping their GBEA membership.

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT

VII. REPORTS

A. President's Report

a. Membership Update

i. We are currently at 1286 members.

b. BR Training

i. We look forward to having additional BR Training later in the school year.

c. Equity Ambassadors

i. It was great! Was well received! Next meeting will be in March 2024, in Green Bay!

d. December 5 EB Meeting

i. We'll convene for dinner at 1919 on 12/5/23 at 5pm.

- e. Recertification Social Media Campaign
 - i. Thank you for sharing pictures to Pres. Bergstrom! Keep them coming!
- f. Winter Party
 - i. Will be held on 12/14/23 at the GB Botanical Garden. We will have decorations done for free!
- g. NCUEA
 - i. Will be held from 11/29/23-12/3/23, in New Orleans, LA.
- h. ESP Mentoring
 - i. Met with GBAPS leadership regarding ESP mentoring program and connecting with GBEA for grant writing jointly between both GBAPS and GBEA.
- B. Executive Director's Report
 - a. Recertification
 - i. Recertification just began at 12 noon today, until 11/27, at noon.
 - b. Meet and Confer
 - c. Calendar Committee
 - i. Tentative for the 2024-2025 school year → School will be had on the day before Thanksgiving.
 - ii. Change in April (23-25), 2025 for the NFL Draft in Green Bay.
 - iii. Early Release may be had on August 30th, 2024, pending if the DPI grants a waiver or not.
- C. Board of Education Report
 - a. There is no report.
- D. Social Affairs Report
 - a.
- E. WEAC Board Report
- F. PAC Report
- G. Internal Communications Report
- H. Membership Report
- I. Professional Learning Report
- J. Justice & Equity Report
- K. ESP Report

VIII. ADJOURNMENT @ 8:08PM

First: Tracy VandeWalle

Second: Ali VandeBerg

Motion Carried

School Board Meetings

November 13 – Board of Education Work Session – 5pm – Ali VandeBerg

November 27 – Board of Education Regular Meeting – 6pm – Ali VandeBerg

December 11 – Board of Education Work Session – 5pm – Tracy VandeWalle