

**Minutes**  
**GREEN BAY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION**  
**EXECUTIVE BOARD**  
**March 12, 2024**

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

**Excused: Barb Borre**

**I. CALL TO ORDER @ 5:00PM**

**II. APPROVAL MINUTES**

*Motion made to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2024 Executive Board Meeting.*

**First:** Emilie Heil                      **Second:** KoBao Kong                      Motion Carried

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: WITH FLEXIBILITY**

*Motion to accept the agenda with flexibility*

**First:** Abie Vang                      **Second:** Ali VandeBerg                      Motion Carried

**IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. In-Person GBEA RA Location/Food**

- a. We will need to look at different dates for RAs.
  - i. For the Willdlife Sanctuary, the cost is \$400, with no food and drinks. Catering/setup would need to happen.
  - ii. For the Tarlton Theatre, the cost is \$300, and food and beverage are available. Possibility to have larger, round tables available.
  - iii. There was discussion regarding the location and logistics and weighing the pros and cons involved, as well as considering alternate venues.

Motion made to renew the lease for the Tarlton for the 2024-2025 school year.

**First:** Emilie Heil                      **Second:** Abie Vang                      Motion Carried

**B. GBEA Retirement and Awards Banquet**

- a. Award Recipients
  - i. The EB discussed recipients for the GBEA Retirement and Awards Banquet. More to be discussed by 4/9/24.
- b. Award Options
  - i. The EB discussed gift options for retired awardees at the GBEA Retirement and Awards Banquet. More to be discussed.

**C. Juneteenth Sponsorship**

- a. Motion made to donate \$1000 (Healing Sponsor) to the 2024 GB Juneteenth Celebration.

**First:** Brad Riesterer                      **Second:** E-Ben Grisby                      Motion Carried

**D. WEA MB Mental Health Sponsorship**

- a. WEA MB will donate \$20,000 to the GBAPS.

**E. NEW Pride Sponsorship**

- a. There was discussion regarding sponsorship.
- b. Motion made to consider other avenues for other LGBTQ+ Community Organizations.

**First:** Emilie Heil

**Second:** KoBao Kong

Motion Carried

F. 24-25 Calendar

- a. GBEA dates are listed. There are minor changes to the GBEA 2024-2025 calendar, especially with a shortened summer recess and earlier start to the school year. More to come.

G. NEA RA

- a. There was discussion regarding EB members as local delegates.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

A. GBEA Constitution and Bylaws

- a. Next meeting will be held after Spring Recess.

B. Counterpoint

- a. Next issue of Counterpoint with available next month. There was a question regarding submitting an article for Counterpoint. The counterpoint needs to be formatted as its own communication and needs to follow protocol, via the Internal Communications Committee, with links/related information included.
- b. Clarification to understand the role of the PAC Committee, via Constitution and Bylaws.
- c. A draft will be sent to the EB.

C. WEAC RA/Bus

- a. We have booked the rooms at the Stony Creek Hotel in Onalaska, WI.
- b. We have \$8000 budgeted for the WEAC RA. Consideration for either taking the bus versus carpooling. Further discussion was had on the matter.
- c. Motion to carpool to the WEAC RA in Onalaska on 4/19-4/21/24.

**First:** Emilie Heil

**Second:** Jessica Schweiner

Motion Carried

D. Perspective Effectiveness

- a. There was discussion on the need for effective communication and consider different platforms to utilize for more active communication disseminated among GBEA members for increased engagement.

E. Members Only

- a. There was discussion regarding a breach of confidentiality via the GBEA Members' Only page and how can we have parameters regarding which information is taken down.

F. Executive Session

Begin @ 7:21PM

**First:** Brad Riesterer

**Second:** Tracy VandeWalle

Motion Carried

End @ 7:43PM

**First:** Brad Riesterer

**Second:** KoBao Kong

Motion Carried

\*Motion to give an 8% pay increase for the GBEA Executive Director on his 2023-2024 salary was unanimously moved and seconded by the GBEA Executive Board.

G. 24-25 Pay Period

- a. More information will come regarding this matter.

H. Elementary Curriculum/Report Cards

- a. There was communication regarding the selection of elementary curricula. There were 4 choices initially, which has gotten very political and the curricula must comply with Act 20 via the State Legislature and the DPI for meeting the minimum guidelines.
- b. It is a great deal of work to ensure the best outcomes with these different curricula options, especially with future meetings at the district level. Much of this new



First: E-Ben Grisby

Second: Tracy VandeWalle

Motion Carried

**School Board Meetings**

March 11 – Board of Education Work Session – 5pm Jessica Schweiner

March 18 – Board of Education Regular Meeting – 6pm Jessica Schweiner