

**Minutes for the Meeting of the  
GNTA DELEGATE ASSEMBLY  
February 25, 2016 - South High School Library**

**Call To Order** — President Sheila Henchy called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

**Adoption of Agenda** — The agenda for today's meeting was adopted.

**Approval of Minutes** — The minutes of the 1/21/16 DA meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report** — The report is up to date and available as of 2/25/16.

**Announcements & Correspondence** — Members are continuing to sign up to attend BOE & UPTC meetings.  
Please wear your GNTA t-shirts.

**Executive Board Reports**

- Lucy Legotti announced that the next Elementary BRC Chairs meeting is being moved to Wednesday, 3/2.
- Kim Semder announced that 2016 Summer Scholarship applications will be available on 3/21.
- Jennifer Snyder reported that we are going forward with a grievance regarding personal days denied for religious observance.
- Frank Bua reported that some teachers are being asked to translate documents outside of the work day. We are planning a meeting with Steve Lando to address the issue.
- Maura Carroll reported that our End of Year Reception will be on 5/25 at the Westbury Manor.
- Sheila Henchy reported that there is approximately a 5 million dollar shortfall in next year's district budget. Excessing is possible at the elementary level and we expect to hear about secondary soon. The objective criteria for determining seniority are as follows: First, date of BOE appointment. Then, the tie-breakers in this order: total years GNPS service; appointment memo date; interview date; date one signed his/her appt. letter; human resources processing date.

**IOC Report** — Cindy Pavlic reported that our children's book drive for GNTA members to benefit Co-Pay and CLASP is underway. She also asked members to make sure that donated books are age appropriate for young children.

**Lunar New Year** — Community members are asking that the BOE make Lunar New Year an official school holiday beginning in 2017. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved directing Sheila to write a letter to the board voicing our support.

**Tutoring Policy** — There was a discussion about the current policy, and delegates were asked to continue the conversation with their BRCs and report back at the next DA meeting.

**Elections** — The campaign literature dissemination guidelines approved at the last DA meeting were accepted by the district. Sheila and Donna Peirez both announced their intentions to retire at the end of this school year. There will be elections to fill their positions on May 2. Candidates' petitions will be due at the next DA meeting on 3/24. Election material will be available on our website and the official notice of elections will be mailed to our members' homes as soon as possible.

**Adjournment** — The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Daszenski

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