

**Minutes for the Meeting of the
GNTA DELEGATE ASSEMBLY
April 14, 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 3/24/16 DA meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report — The report is up to date and available as of 4/14/16.

Announcements & Correspondence

- Sheila recommended, and the DA concurred, that we correct a long standing error: We are not incorporated and will remove the "Inc." from "The Great Neck Teachers Association, Inc."
- BRC Chairs were notified that each building's annual delegate apportionment will take place next month.
- It was decided that our website, rather than our personal email addresses, would be used to disseminate information that is political in nature.

Executive Board Reports

- Donna Peirez reminded the DA that phone banks will be forming soon in an effort to get out the vote for the district budget.
- Kim Semder reported that Summer Scholarships are due on Thursday, 4/21.
- Maura Carroll reported that the End of Year Reception will take place on 5/25 from 4-7 p.m. at the Westbury Manor.
- Elaine Brendel reported that Selection Committees are gearing up; please volunteer to serve.
- Frank Bua reported that we will know by the next BOE meeting on 4/19 whether or not there will be a retirement incentive this year. Also, at the APPR Committee there was recently discussion initiated by an administrator about what constitutes an acceptable number of yearly absences for a teacher and whether or not this number could appear on a performance review. The GNTA members of the committee firmly rejected the notion that such a number should be formalized and allowed to appear on an APPR document.

GNTA Financial Report — Maura presented the Independent Auditor's Report, financial statements, and supplemental schedules from Buchbinder Tunick & Company LLP.

GNTA Proposed Budget — Maura presented the 2016-17 Proposed Budget and announced that the DA will vote on it at our next meeting.

GNTA Proposed Calendar — Sheila presented the 2016-17 Proposed Calendar and announced that the DA will vote on it at our next meeting.

IOC Report — Sheila reported for Cindy Pavlic that our recent book drive was a huge success, and that we are planning to build on our relationship with CLASP and Co-Pay in the near future.

Political Action Presentation — Michele Sorise and Joan Greenberg made a presentation about current labor issues. They will make the materials available for BRCs to disseminate the information to their own faculties.

Elections — Jim Daszenski reported that elections will be held in all buildings on May 2 for GNTA President and Elementary Director, K-2. BRC Chairs are currently checking their building's validation sheets. Ballots and election instructions will be sent to all BRCs before spring break.

Adjournment — The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Daszenski