



**General Membership Meeting Minutes
May 22, 2017**

- I. Call to Order at 4:31**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Approval of Agenda, approved**
- IV. Approval of Minutes from April meeting, approved**
- V. Reports**
 - a. President
 - i. Communications and HR directors hiring update
 - ii. New teacher workshop – Monday, August 21st
 - iii. District negotiations team: Katie McElwee Stevens, Joe Slavin, Katie Schwartz, Mike Johnson, Dan Pyan, district lawyer (HR representative)
 - b. Treasurer
 - i. Financial report – report shared
 - ii. Building Rep Stipends
 - c. Member Rights
 - i. Maintain professionalism
 - d. Membership
 - i. As of May 15th # of members 1359 full members
 - e. Government Relations
 - i. Rally last Saturday
 - ii. Legislative Update – pensions and licensure may still be tied up in some bills; vouchers are no longer being considered
 - iii. Senator Kent voted in favor of the alternative licensure bill; members are encouraged to contact and express their dissatisfaction; Senator Keith Franke voted against this bill; contact him and thank him for the vote
 - f. Negotiations
 - i. Crisis Assessment on May 23 – EdMN meets with union negotiators discusses goals and needs
 - ii. Starting in June, dates scheduled throughout summer
- VI. Information/Discussion/Action Items**

- a. TRA – Todd Hyland is on the task force; the legislature determines the amount of money paid out by TRA; proposals will decrease funding if you retire prior to age 62. Members contribute 7.5% and the district contributes 7.5%, the legislature can request more funding. Members are encouraged to think about retirement funding – TRA and 403b may not be enough to fund retirement for members. TRA is strongly encouraging members to meet with them when retirement is 10-15 years away.
- b. Upcoming School Calendar
 - i. The school board has to vote to approve the assessments days for elementary
 - ii. The district can determine which days members work
- c. Bylaws revision and Membership Renewal forms
 - i. All members will need to sign membership renewal forms this fall
- d. Illness/Injury Leave Bank
- e. Newsletter by the end of school
- f. Building representative elections/notification
- g. Retiree Membership – free through Education Minnesota
- h. Summer Seminar July 31-August 2
- i. Parades = CG on June 17; Newport on Aug. 13; SPP on Aug. 19; Woodbury on Aug.27
 - i. Information will be communicated via the website and Facebook

VII. Open Forum

- a. **Administration and HR can request a doctor's note for an absence – even as little as one day**
- b. **Question about district policy in regards to parents subbing in their child's classroom; Marty and Lisa are unaware of any policy but will look into this**
- c. **Dress code is up to administration**
- d. **UTSWC Negotiations team will share updates on the website this summer**

VIII. Adjournment at 5:16