

**THE CANTON PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS' ASSOCIATION**

Pam Jackson, President

**BUILDING LEADERSHIP REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY**

13 February 2012

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Building Leadership Representative (BLR) of the Canton Professional Educators' Association was called to order by the President, Pam Jackson, on February 13, 2012 at 4:00pm.

**II. SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The following ELT members were in attendance:

Pam Jackson	Lynne Watson	Bobbie Grimm	Patricia Tercek	Randy Bifolchi
Rachel Gibson	Sharen Lindberg	Michelle Martin Jones	Karen McGuckin	Greg Soper
Mary Beth Medford	Darrell Parker	Geneva Parker	Tina Riley	Patricia Scheetz

The following ELT members were not in attendance:

Sam Dorto*	Yvonne Parks*	Melissa Rimer*	Sandy Rosetta*
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\*denotes excused absence

Patt Tercek reminded the BLRs to sign in on the attendance paper which is needed when the audit is conducted. Sharen Lindberg made a motion to accept the minutes from the January 9, 2012 BLR meeting. Mike Weaver seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed.

**III. TREASURER'S REPORT** –Treasurer Bobbie Grimm distributed the 2011-2012 Operating Expenses Report for the month of January. Mary Beth Medford made a motion to accept the operating expenses report. Ruth Oldroyd seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed.

**IV. CORRESPONDENCE** – Tisch Scheetz shared correspondence received from the following people: CPEA Office Secretary Linda Riffle (thanking CPEA for the Christmas gift she received); former School Board member Eric Resnick (thanking the Association members for all they do for the Canton City Schools community, especially the students); CPEA member Rachel Ranalli (for receiving the “Night Out On CPEA”); Paul & Joyce First and their foster son Mike (thanking the Association for Christmas presents purchased for Mike through Operation Christmas Sunshine).

**V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - There was no unfinished business.

**VI. PRESIDENT'S REPORT** - President Pam Jackson informed the BLRs elections are coming for positions on the CPEA Executive Leadership Team. There are openings for the offices of CPEA President (Pam will not be seeking re-election as she will be retiring at the end of this school year) and CPEA Treasurer, along with 2-year openings at all levels (elementary, middle and high school and multi-level resource). Any member may run for these openings and is encouraged to contact the CPEA officers or present ELT members if they have questions about any of the open position requirements. Elections will be held at the April BLR meeting.

Pam discussed the recent letter she sent to the CCS Board of Education asking the Board for an executive session to meet with the CPEA ELT to discuss concerns about the Superintendent's leadership. Pam shared that the ELT's desire was to have an opportunity to speak privately with the Board. CPEA ELT did not want to air concerns to the public without providing an opportunity for the Board to hear CPEA's concerns, have open and honest dialogue and hopefully get the concerns addressed. Pam told the BLRs that CPEA did not do anything to force the resignation of the Superintendent. This was a decision made by the Board of Education without any input from the Association. Interim Superintendent Chris Smith contacted Pam the morning after he was named to the position and met with her and Lynne Watson that afternoon. Pam and Lynne will continue to meet weekly with Chris and Marcia Cussen to share and discuss concerns and ongoing projects, as they have been doing all year.

**VII. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT** – Lynne Watson reported Interim Superintendent Chris Smith is encouraging all district employees to share good news happening in our lives—professional as well as personal. Any news members wish to share should be sent to the CPEA office by Wednesday of each week.

## VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **GRIEVANCE** – There are no current grievances.
  2. **MEMBERSHIP** – Tisch Scheetz reported there are 796 members and 9 fair share fee payers.
  3. **LEGISLATIVE** – Tina Riley reported she attended the ECOEA STRS workshop earlier this month. The proposed changes to the retirement system are PROPOSALS NOT LAW. It is not **anticipated** any changes will occur until after the November 2012 elections. Pam Jackson strongly encourages any member considering retirement to contact STRS prior to making a final retirement decision. CPEA will send representatives to the ECOEA dinner on March 9<sup>th</sup>. Any member interested in helping screen candidates for the upcoming elections is asked to contact the CPEA office.
  4. **NEGOTIATIONS** – Lynne Watson reported 12 CPEA members attended the OEA Bargaining Conference February 2-4 in Columbus. A meeting for members interested in helping with spring 2013 negotiations will be held in March (date to be announced).
  5. **SCHOLARSHIP** – Sharen Lindberg reported \$1,550 has been made on the Rolling Raffle. Youtz Teacher Yvonne Franklin won the February Rolling Raffle. There are three more months of drawings to be held, so contact the CPEA office if you wish to purchase a \$10 ticket.
  6. **PUBLIC RELATIONS** – Rachel Gibson drew the winners for The Night Out On CPEA: Stacey France (elementary school winner), Shawn Monahan (middle school winner) and Greg Soper (high school winner).
  7. **TEACHER WELFARE** – Geneva Parker reported 11 quarterly concerns were received. Most of these concerns dealt with technology and discipline.
  8. **PROGRAM** – Sharen Lindberg reported 101 people attended the February 4<sup>th</sup> Canton Charge game. This program earned over \$600 for the CPEA Scholarship fund.
  9. **CONSTITUTION/ELECTIONS** – no report
  10. **PACE** – no report.
  11. **BUDGET/FINANCE** – no report.
  12. **LPDC/INSERVICE** – Lynne Watson reported the Staff Development Committee met, and the district is offering many opportunities for professional development and these are listed in The Weekly Journal. Geneva Parker reminded those whose license expire this year to be sure to submit their renewal paperwork before June 30<sup>th</sup>.
  13. **CPEA RETIRED** – no report
  14. **UNISERVE** – no report
  15. **BUILDING & FACILITIES** – no report
  16. **MAC (MEMBER ADVOCACY COMMITTEE)** – Randy Bifolchi reported this committee (formerly the SOS/Crisis Committee) is going to work to ADVOCATE for the CPEA members. A meeting will be held on March 8<sup>th</sup> at 4pm at CPEA and the committee hopes to have representation of 1-2 members from each school building attend the meeting.
  17. **CARE TEAM** – no report.
  18. **AUDIT COMMITTEE** – no report
  20. **TECHNOLOGY** – no report
- IX. **NEW BUSINESS** – no new business.
- X. **ADJOURNMENT** - Pam Jackson adjourned the BLR meeting at 5:06pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Patricia M. Tercek,  
Secretary