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Date: May 21, 2013

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The meeting was called to order at 4pm. in room 205 at Guiteras School. A quorum was established.

**ATTENDANCE:** M. Bernard, A. Rezendes, K. Sloat, M. Camara, D. Achilli, B. Leger, R. Mello, J. Farnsworth, J. Saarinen, L. Bruno, K. Barry, M. DiRuzzo, B. Chidester, T.J. DelSanto

**Grievance Report:**

**High School-** Film policy meeting being set up.

**Middle School-** No new grievances.

**Elementary-** A new level two about a possible letter in a file; meeting was held with administration to settle issue; still waiting for confirmation and grievance will be withdrawn.

**New Business:**

➤ **Membership Vote Results:**

- No quorum at general membership meeting. Building vote was held.

**Results:**

Transfer and Assignment -- reject

Yes - 20

No - 153

Evaluation Appeals - reject

Yes - 40

No- 133

Summer Lump Sum - accept

Yes - 104

No - 71

SLO Guidance - accept

Yes - 135

No - 38

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- BWEA has requested for the small negotiation group to meet with Administration again to make changes that will be more acceptable for the BWEA members.
  - Jen S. has communicated some possible ways that this could happen in a quick manner as both the Transfer and Assignment and Evaluation Appeals processes will happen in the coming weeks.
  - Since we have rejected these two items, technically our language in the contract is what prevails.
- **Board of Education Meeting Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at URI:**
- Some members have already committed to attending. Please see emails from Jen S. for update.
  - NEARI's forum in Cranston- very good showing for Bristol Warren. Two members spoke- Dayna Achilli and Brian Chidester. Thanks!!!
- **Letters to Mancuso/ Chaffee:**
- Members are reminded they may write "confidential" on letters.
  - Please refer to Jen's emails regarding addresses and suggestions.
  - Thanks to those who have forwarded letters to Jen already. Please keep them coming!
- **NEARI Children's Fund Golf Tournament:**

**Motion move by Jane F. to repeat last year's donation of a hole sponsor for \$125.**

**No discussion.      Motion carried.**

**Building Issues:**

- NO ISSUES REPORTED

**Reports:**

- **President's Report**
- J. Saarinen wanted to thank all members that attended NEARI Strong and the forum on May 20<sup>th</sup>.
- **Treasurer's Report**
- Five \$1,000 BWEA scholarship will be awarded this year at class night. There were 22 applicants total. Recipients will be selected though a blind process. T.J. brought up some issues posed by the scholarship committee/ members regarding what students should be allowed to apply. All graduating seniors and BWEA members' children can apply. Currently, past winners are also allowed to reply and students can apply up to

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their junior year in college. It was discussed that the application process should stay as is.

**Motion moved by Al R: BWEA pay for a congratulatory note to be published in the local newspapers in honor of the 2013 BWEA scholarship winners.**

**Discussion:**

- Press release of winners are sent every year but sometimes not published.
- T.J. to look into cost

**Motion tabled until cost can be determined.**

**Motion moved by Al R. to adjourn. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Melissa Bernard