

# New York State Retired School Administrators and Supervisors

## Minutes of the September 30, 2015 Executive Board Meeting

**Present:** Ed Bellomo, Gene Goldwasser, Elliot Kigner, David Long, Stu Mortman, Stan Opas, Joe Quinn, Jack Zamek, John Wallace, Corine Lipset-Huberman, George Pincus

1.0 **Welcome:** Gene Goldwasser, President

2.0 **Minutes:** The minutes of the June 17, 2015 meeting submitted by Pat Galaskas were reviewed and accepted with one correction. Moved by Stan Opas, seconded by David Long.

3.0 **Treasurer's Report:** Jack Zamek reported Account balances as:

3.1 Share Savings: \$3.20

3.2 Checking Account: \$6,387.87

3.3 Money Market Account: \$1,066.66

3.4 16-Month CD: \$4,626.53 (will be renewed at 1% APR)

3.5 Total: \$12,084.26

3.6 Net cost for June Luncheon was \$294

3.7 Moved by Ed Bellomo, seconded by George Pincus

#### 4.0 Correspondence

4.1 Albert Kachinoski requests that our association support a change in NYS Retirement System's ITHP retirement bill. It was decided that a letter of support would be sent to a New York State legislator.

4.2 We decided not to provide a link for a nursing home abuse hotline because of insufficient information.

#### 5.0 Committee Reports

5.1 **Legislation:** Stu Mortman suggested that our association take a stand in the Presidential race. Should we take a stand in the Republican or Democratic primaries? Should the Executive Board take a stand or should all members be polled? Or, should we identify the vital issues and give our support to the candidates who are aligned with our views on the issues? The next newsletter will ask members if we should endorse a candidate and what they think the major issues are. Corine suggested asking members to respond to the question, "Why do voters vote against their best interests?" Executive Board members were asked to submit their views on the question to the website or to contact Corine at [corihuber@yahoo.com](mailto:corihuber@yahoo.com)

5.2 **Membership:** John Wallace reported the following details regarding membership

5.2.1 Paid regular members: 254

5.2.2 Lifetime members: 53

5.2.3 Free for 2015: 13

5.2.4 Free for 2016: 3

5.2.5 Total: 323

## 6.0 Old Business

6.1 Topics for position papers

6.1.1 Charter Schools; High Stakes testing and Ratings of Administrators

6.2 **Focus Group date.** It was decided that a Focus Group will be scheduled on Wednesday, November, 4, 2015, at 10 AM, at the CAS office to determine What priorities/issues are important for evaluating presidential candidates and how can we measure each candidate against those priorities?

## 7.0 New Business

7.1 We were joined by **Beth Dimino, president of the Comsewogue Teachers Association**, and a leader of the “Opt-out” Movement on Long Island, to discuss the Common Core, high stakes testing and the opt-out movement.

8.0 **Adjournment** at 12:00 Noon. Moved by Joe Quinn, seconded by Corine Lipset-Huberman. Next Executive Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 16, 2015, at 10 AM.

9.0 Ms. Dimino joined is for lunch.

Respectfully submitted by John Wallace