

# BEA Rep. Virtual Meeting June 24, 2020

## BEA Meeting Agenda 6/24/2020

BEA RA #10 Zoom Meeting

Time: 3:30pm-5:00pm

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/8821902728?pwd=eGZ5N3liQS9STjZON3ZEeVkrSnFPdz09>

- BPS-BEA Retirees and Awards Celebration- We have 7 retirees.
  - **Honor BEA Retirees-Attending**
  - **Celebration of Service to BPS**
  - **Maureen Martin Friend of Education Award**- Embekka Roberson! She cares about students and teachers and is well respected and trusted!
  - **Steve Amberg Distinguished Service Award**- Dominick Perrone! It was a surprise that Dominick hadn't already received this as he's so essential to the organization. He makes a difference!
- BPS On-Line Program (Amy D)
  - **Summer Work**
    - Subcommittees (Instruction, SISS, Virtual Acad, Health/Safety, Wellness)-Instruction met and narrowed down a hybrid model. It's an overwhelming committee but some progress was made today. No decisions were made. They're awaiting information from the governor and will need to negotiate things like planning time, etc. They will be seeking additional help for sub-committees, special ed. virtual academy. There will be some payment, \$28 for committee work. Amy has shared a list of volunteer teachers with the district for
    - Tutoring (27 teachers Math/Eng; HS-4, MS-8, EL-12- Michelle Tindall is seeking teachers at all levels to teach two weeks in August, August 1-August 10, 2 hours a day plus a third hour of prep or time to meet with a student. We don't know if it will be virtual, in person, or hybrid. Teachers will be paid \$1,000. The BEF provided a grant that will pay for teachers. A posting should go out tomorrow.
  - **District Budget for BEA Tutoring and PD (\$100,000)**
- BPS Business
  - **BPS Budget**
    - 2019-20/20-21-\$650 cut each year; The final budget for this year and next were approved at the board meeting. They predict a \$2.8 million loss this year and \$9 million next year, bringing their fund equity down to \$9 million. We still don't have evidence that there will be such a large cut. We'll have to wait and see what happens this summer.
    - Durham and GRBS-New Contracts- Head custodians will be BPS employees.
  - **BOE Final Meeting**
    - Fight Racism Resolution
    - Fund Public Education
- BEA Business
  - **Legislative Call to Action (Amy V)**- A committee is working to encourage people to vote absentee. Amy is also interviewing candidates running for office and will share recommendations.
  - **MESSA and Auto Insurance Law (Stacey E)**- We have a choice in auto insurance. Choice A- keep your current plan. Choice B can save you money as you don't need to purchase personal injury protection. If you have MESSA coverage, you can opt out of personal injury protection all together. (We currently have unlimited protection but we can now use our health insurance to cover.) You can also decide how much personal liability coverage you want; there are two new levels. You have to start a new policy and cancel

your old policy. You must initiate it with your insurance coverage. The BEA will send out more detailed information soon

- **BEA Membership**-Continuing Membership Program (Michelle)
- **BEA-Budget (Dom P)**
  - 2020-21- The treasurer will meet with a committee in August to craft next year's budget.
  - ORS Payment- Scott took a point of personal privilege to share that we've been at odds with the district over the dues deduction program this year. The district had agreed to pay the president's ORS as a compromise. The last bill we received from the district was for the full amount. The law is clear that we have to pay and it's not the district's responsibility. They haven't stepped up to fulfil their promise to pay the bill. We chose not to grieve this. We have the money, and don't want to break the law so we will pay it. The district would have had to agree that Scott's extra duties were assigned by the district but we only got the promise of the superintendent. It costs us about \$10 per member. We will remember this when we bargain again.
- **BEA Special Election June 24<sup>th</sup> (Robyn T)**
  - Pres. Resignation- Scott resigned as president of the BEA. We thank him for his service and for a job beyond well done.
  - Election for New President and other Officers?- Dominick nominated Amy Denys as president. Amy V. seconded the nomination. Amy was voted as the next president by a vote of acclimation. Congratulation Amy!!
  - The position of Vice-President became vacant when Amy became president. According to our by-laws, the president can appoint open positions. Amy appointed Dominick Perrone to be the next Vice-President. Therefore, the treasurer position was open. Amy appointed Ann Wind to be our next treasurer. They will serve in these positions until our next election, next Spring.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.  
Happy Summer!! ☺