

Amherst Teachers Association Exec. Council Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2023

To the world
you may be just
a teacher but to
your students
you are a HERO!
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President Lisa Schenk called the April meeting of the Amherst Teachers Association to order. Russ Marty moved that the March 2023 minutes be approved. Steve Latta seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted and submitted.

Committee Reports

<p>Treasurer's Report</p>	<p>The Treasurer's report for April 19, 2023 was submitted.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="532 768 1416 1146"> <tr> <td colspan="2">Checking:</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Balance.....</td> <td>\$4,605.52</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">30 mo. CD</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Interest</td> <td>\$1.06</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ending balance....</td> <td>\$8,295.81</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Savings:</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Interest.....</td> <td>\$0.78</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ending balance.....</td> <td>\$13,453.79</td> </tr> </table>	Checking:		Balance.....	\$4,605.52	30 mo. CD		Interest	\$1.06	Ending balance....	\$8,295.81	Savings:		Interest.....	\$0.78	Ending balance.....	\$13,453.79
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<p>Membership</p>	<p>DUES: For the 2022-2023 school year, the total annual dues will be \$800 for full-time members (\$17 total increase from 2021-2022), \$444 for half-time members and \$274.75 for quarter-time members (Title Tutors and Paraprofessionals). Also added to this amount is \$40 for every member for our local dues. Dues will be divided into 22 pays beginning October 10, 2022 (except Title Tutors divided over 18 pays). If you have any affiliation membership, that will increase your amount. (Contact Wendi if you would like to know if you have an affiliate membership attached to your dues.) Every member pays the local dues of \$40 divided over your 18 or 22 pays. You will see 2 union dues deductions-one local and the other for OEA. No dues are deducted in September. <u>Local dues:</u> the increase in local dues will be \$40 (a total of \$80 for all members) beginning with the 2023-2024 school year starting with the October 10, 2023 pay. Contact Wendi Lowe, ATA Treasurer, wendi_lowe@amherstk12.org if you have any questions.</p>																

	<p>**As a member, you are financially responsible for the entire year's amount of the ATA dues no matter when you leave or retire. This is contractual language- 5.04 H, I, J.</p> <p>If you know you are taking an unpaid Leave of Absence (LOA) ahead of the leave, please contact Wendi Lowe .</p> <p>**Please be sure you send any name, phone number, personal emails and/or address changes to Wendi Lowe to keep our records updated. Please submit changes as they happen.</p> <p>Council monthly meetings are open to the membership. (See link to "Legislative council meeting dates" below).</p> <p>We applied for and received a grant from OEA for gmail accounts for all officers and grievance chair.</p> <p>ATA Milestone Awards: The list was reviewed and updated.</p> <p>Milestone Awards will be presented at building meetings at opening inservice days. Some awards need to be confirmed with some members. If you get an email from Wendi regarding this-please respond to her.</p>
LPDC Report	<p>Be sure you are submitting all coursework in the LPDC website for approval. If you are planning on taking any courses for the summer-be sure to get them approved before you pay for them. It is recommended to submit summer classes/coursework for approval prior to the end of the school year.</p>

Grievance	No report
Elections	No report
Social	See Old Business for Retirement Celebration.
Insurance	<p>Meeting was held on March 30th. Medical costs are outpacing premiums. Medical premiums will be increased by 9% and dental will increase 5% for next school year. These are claim based and worked through LERC.</p> <p>Open enrollment is May 1st-31st this year.</p> <p>Encouraging people to participate in Wellness points. You have until April 30th to earn points. Raffle drawings will be done in May for those earning points for: Peloton, Stationary Bike, Elliptical.</p> <p>Biometric Screening Dates for 2023-24:</p> <p>Wed., Aug, 16th, 2023 6:00am-1:30pm @ Powers (this is a non-contractual day for certified staff, but a contractual day for 260-day employees). You do still have the option of scheduling this day.</p> <p>Mon., Aug. 21st, 2023 6:00am-1:30pm (this is a contractual day for certified)</p> <p>Insurance Committee Members: Lisa Schenk, Russ Marty, Marcus</p>

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Old Business

Thank You	None
Elevating Positivity Committee-	<p>The Committee met before spring break. A senior was picked for the ATA Scholarship (applications were submitted and reviewed by the Committee), It will be announced at the Senior Awards Banquet-Deanna will be presenting our Scholarship!</p> <p><u>Spring Service Project: Comet CleanUp Day!!</u> Saturday, May 20th 10:00am-12noon Meet at your building campus-there will be an Elevating Positivity Rep. at each building to organize our efforts. Our CleanUp Day will coincide with Amherst Beautification Day. We will be adding annual flowers to current garden areas, weeding, and garbage clean up around each building. We will be looking for volunteers to help clean up our campuses-please see the attached flyer for the event to promote our membership unity. Green Circle Growers has committed to donating annuals to help get our gardens started.</p> <p>The committee will continue to share all of the activities: service projects, events, activities, and scholarship with Mike Molnar and Rachel Mellen to share with the community through PR. We look forward to the continued promotion of this Committee.</p> <p>Lisa S. wrote a letter to VFW Post requesting a donation to the ATA Scholarship Fund. They are giving us \$1,000. Thanks VFW!! It is great to see our local community giving back!</p> <p>Elevating Positivity Committee members: Deanna Walther (Chairperson), Emily Marty, Joyce Kasnyik, Cindy Giacobbe, Krystin Mackowski, Michelle VonKaenel, Chandler Kremer, Julie Hammond, Lynn Andrews.</p>
Negotiations	<p>The Negotiations Team continues on the path of bargaining. There was a bit of a stall due to updating and approving contract language and scheduling. Check your personal emails at the end of this week/beginning of next week for an update. Our next bargaining table session is scheduled for Wednesday, April 26th (after school and into the evening).</p> <p>Committee Members: Brian Kelley, Russ Marty, Nate Wolshuck, Mike Edwards, Allison Allen, Lisa Schenk, Staci Peltz, Diana Beetler, Beth Kovach, Deanna Walther, Becky Bruck, Meg Riegler</p>

Retirement celebration	<p>The Retirement Celebration is back! Thursday, May 4th at Ziggy's Upstairs Room from 5:00-8:00pm.</p> <p>Please promote the Celebration in your buildings for members to attend and celebrate our retirees this year. An email was sent out to ATA on April 11th about the celebration. The flyer is also attached. Please RSVP as soon as you can.</p>
OEA Endorsed candidate for STRS board	<p>Arthur Lard is the endorsed OEA candidate for the STRS Board. Ballots have been mailed-you should have received them to our home. Please exercise your right to vote. Information is attached for your review.</p> <p>If you haven't voted, please vote for a STRS candidate!</p>
Citizens For Amherst Schools Golf Outing	<p>Event takes place on June 9th. Please consider supporting this Amherst event which benefits our district! The committee is also accepting donations for raffle items and door prizes-if you have any, send them their way. Flyer attached.</p>

New Business

Staffing updates	<p>Mike M. has been very communicative and working collaboratively with updates to staffing positions.</p>
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Handouts/Attachments

<u>Spring Service Project</u>	<u>OEA Endorsed candidate for STRS Board</u>	<u>Amherst Schools Golf Outing</u>	<u>NEA Member Benefits</u>	<u>Retirement Celebration</u>
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Building Concerns

Powers	Nothing to report
Nord	Nothing to report
AJH	Nothing to report
Steele	Concerns with CCP classes/LCCC training expectations for teachers.

Tidbits~Recognition

Congratulations:

Jenna Taylor had a baby girl named Laken.

Katlyn Bailey had a baby girl named Lucy.



Those in Attendance: Lynn Andrews, Veronica Keck, Mary Kay Mullen, Lisa Schenk, Diana Beetler, Deanna Walther, Chris Barbaro, Heidi Triska, Lisa Harcula, Steve Latto, Wendi Lowe, Russ Marty, Nate Wolshuck, Mike Edwards, Becky Bruck, Brian Kelley

Adjournment: Chris Barbaro moved that the meeting be adjourned and Veronica Keck seconded the motion.

Legislative Council Meeting Dates: Next meeting: May 4th, 2023 at 3:45pm-Ziggy's upstairs

Next BOE Meeting Monday, April 24th (Any Officer or Rep. that is available to cover @ JVS)

[Amherst Teachers' Association Officers, Building Reps, and LPDC Reps for 21-24](#)

ATA Officers 22-23

President	Lisa Schenk (AJH)
Vice President	Russ Marty (Steele)
Secretary	Becky Bruck (Powers)
Treasurer/Membership	Wendi Lowe (Steele)

Building Representatives 22-24

Powers	Nord	AJH	Steele
Lynn Andrews Veronica Keck Heidi Triska	Diana Beetler Mary Kay Mullen	Lisa Harcula Steve Latto Mary Romano	Chris Barbaro Mike Edwards Nate Wolshuck

Social Chairperson	Deanna Walther
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Election Chairperson	Lisa Misson
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LPDC Representatives

Powers	Nord	AJH	Steele.
Diane Carpenter	Erin Kinser Jessica Stellwagen	Lisa Schenk Jennifer Rush Mary Bartek	Sarah Rigda

Negotiated Contract & Bylaws

<u>ATA Negotiated Contract</u> (June 30, 2019 thru June 29, 2022-2023-1 year extension)	<u>Constitution & Bylaws</u>
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