

Approved OEA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, March 20, 2003

OEA Executive Board Members present: Quintana, Visnick, Gorham, Miele, Swayne, Rendon, Ough, Mandel, Balderston, Allen, Mordecai, Ellis, Traylor, Griffin, Turner, and Wong.

CTA Staff: Bruce Colwell, Ara Prigian

Staff: John Grace

Call to Order 4:45pm

PRESIDENT

Categorically funded teachers are getting reassignment letters.

The President reemphasized her position regarding OUSD's ability to avoid layoffs as stated on the "*Where's The Money?*" flyer.

Superintendent never brought fiscal impact analysis of cost involving Charter and NSAS. As a result, OCO is willing to converse with OEA regarding keeping cuts away from classes.

Sheila then urged board members to get release time to come into OEA center to assist affected members throughout crisis.

Meeting for all OEA RIF members at Oakland Tech, Friday, March 21, 2003.

RIF meeting is a legal meeting only. Any campaigning must take place outside.

A debate followed regarding how to begin the RIF meeting. Suggestions were made to begin the meeting with a brief statement from the President regarding our position and next strategic move. A majority of the board agreed.

The President presented the following documents:

Notice of Withdrawal, Dismissal of Complaint and Closure of Case (coaches).

OUSD Negative Certification regarding 2002-03 financial obligations.

Re-adoption of District Budget for 2002-03 Fiscal Year.

Letters from members in opposition to march for corporate wealth.

John Grace presented leases regarding the OEA rentals.

Pitney Bowes suit is continuing. They will pick up machines stored in garage.

The rules were suspended to take up the following motion.

Motion #1 (*Visnick/Balderston*)

- **That we approve the attached draft proposed leases for Dr. Nguyen Dang and Harry Licursi.**

The Motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session entered 6:10pm. Returned 8:20pm.

(Objections to Bargaining Update session – Mandel and Rendon)

OEA Staff Organization Counterproposal to OEA reviewed. Staff issues discussed. Bargaining Update presented. The following motions were reported out.

Motion #2 (Balderston/Visnick)

- That we approve the OEASO contract with OEA for 2002-03 and that we refer the OEASO contract for 2003-2006 to the OEA Fiscal Oversight Committee for fiscal impact analysis.

The Motion passed unanimously. Not present for vote – Gorham, Ough

Motion #3 (Balderston/Griffin)

- That the OEA President contact the CTA President, Wayne Johnson, with our continued and ongoing concerns about our Executive Director, Ara Prigian, since January 2003.

The Motion passed.

Yes – Visnick, Gorham, Miele, Rendon, Balderston, Allen, Mordecai, Ellis, Griffin, Turner

No – Swayne

Abstain – Mandel, Traylor, Wong

Not present for vote - Ough

Copies of memos were distributed by OEA members from Castlemont and Skyline High Schools. The memos addressed each school's community regarding the budget crisis and its impact on education.

TREASURER

Renee Swayne voiced concerned that if the motion doesn't pass regarding the dues increases, how might we move on.

SECRETARY

Executive Board Meeting minutes of March 6th and March 11th approved with changes.

1ST VP

Ben Visnick presented a *Call for Unity* flyer noting a Rally on the State Building on Wednesday, March 26, 2003.

Ben also voiced concern over former OEA Executive Director Peter Haberkamp's ties to OCO and his attempts at solidarity amidst the OUSD state of affairs.

A discussion commenced regarding Annuities. President will provide updates of each Annuity Board meeting.

Swayne – All of our money is in guaranteed funds and did not take hits in market plunge. A discussion followed regarding member fund options.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A motion to bring a tabled motion from 2/20/03 was approved (Mandel/Visnick).

Motion (Mandel/Rendon)

- That OEA joins in the Amici Curiae (Friend of the Court) Brief filed on behalf of ILWU 10; N.A.L.C. Golden Gate Branch #214; National Union of Journalists (U.K.); International Longshoremen's Association Local 1422; Independent Local Unions "Zahyst" and "Uspih" (Ukraine) on Appeal from the Order of the Pennsylvania County Court of Common Pleas (Dec. 11, 2001) (Dembe, J.) denying relief under the Post-Conviction Relief Act, the Common Law, the Pennsylvania Constitution, and the US Constitution. The evidence to be presented at the denied hearing establishes Mumia Abu-Jamal's actual innocence.

A motion was passed to bring the above motion in front of the Rep Council.

Yes – Visnick, Miele, Rendon, Mandel, Balderston, Ellis, Griffin

No – Swayne, Mordecai

Not present for vote – Gorham, Ough, Allen, Traylor, Turner, Wong

NEW BUSINESS

Motion #4 (Rendon/Mandel)

- That the OEA endorse the march and rally to end the war in Iraq to take place on April 5 in Oakland.

The Motion passed.

Yes – Visnick, Miele, Rendon, Mandel, Balderston, Ellis, Griffin

No – Swayne, Mordecai

Not present for vote – Gorham, Ough, Allen, Traylor, Turner, Wong

Motion #5 (Rendon/Mandel)

- That the OEA endorse the rally for "Education not Incarceration" to take place in Sacramento on May 8.

The Motion passed.

Yes – Visnick, Miele, Rendon, Mandel, Balderston, Ellis, Griffin

No – Swayne, Mordecai

Not present for vote – Gorham, Ough, Allen, Traylor, Turner, Wong

Adjournment 9:45pm

Minutes

Tony Miele
Secretary 