

**Approved OEA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, May 15, 2003**

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

Excused: Ough, Traylor, and Turner

Members present: Stella Collins, Mike Zak, Bonnita Solberg, Barbara Range, Janice Lord-Walker, Linda Pickens, Mike Dunlap

CTA Staff: Bruce Colwell, Ara Prigian, and John Grace

Guests present: Senator Don Perata, ACORN Representatives Jackie Kennedy and Doug Bloch

Call to Order: 4:30pm

Senator Don Perata

SB 39 will be heard next week in Assembly. Amendments to the bill included the District being permitted to dispose of surplus property and use the money to reduce deficit. O'Connell has not yet chosen an Administrator. Administrator cannot abrogate existing contract. Senator Perata wants to sit down with the appointed administrator to ensure that education issues are a top priority. Charter Schools have never been evaluated and it would be to the benefit of the district for an administrator to take a closer look at the impact of Charter Schools.

Guest

Linda Pickens voiced concerns over her overcrowded classroom.

Mike Dunlap spoke of the need to broaden the leafleting campaign.

Executive Session entered 6:00pm, returned 6:20 (Objections to Bargaining Session – Mandel, Rendon)

PRESIDENT

The President presented a packet detailing the following:

?? Amended SB 39; Memo from PERB declaring bargaining impasse and the appointment of a mediator; Grievance (Elementary Prep); Memo requesting the use of McClymonds High School Auditorium for mass membership meeting on June 4; Retirement Party, June 11; Letter to Don Perata from USWA regarding aggressive policing tactics; Document from AFL-CIO CLC recommending education advocates for administrator.

?? ACORN financial request of \$2500 to defray organizational and mobilization costs to be debated. A joint fundraising effort was proposed.

SECRETARY

OEA Executive Board Meeting Minutes of April 24th and April 30th, 2003 approved with changes.

TREASURER

Draft OEA budget for 2002-03 and OEA Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual reviewed. A friendly amendment was made under category 5201 - President's Benefits = \$19,700. 5202 – President's Expenses = \$4300.
John Grace - Cost for OEA building signs = \$5900. OEA - \$4600, CTA - \$1300.

1ST VP

Ben Visnick presented an organizing plan around Oakland's Charter Schools. He also presented a draft memo regarding the MetLife/OEA scholarship. Ben then spoke of favorable rulings regarding the ALJ's decision.

2ND VP

Organizing for June 2nd Rep Council and June 4th Mass Membership Meeting. Putting together organizing team for summer. Need to schedule informational meeting for laid off teachers to guide them through the next steps.

Relena Ellis, Waiver Committee

The body approved recommendation for approval of a modified calendar waiver request for eight schools.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Bruce Colwell

Prob Non-Reelect meeting went well. Lewis Cohen taking issue seriously. Rescissions are taking place. Bruce urged the board to form a sub-committee for organizational purposes.

NEW BUSINESS (Allen not present for following votes)

Motion #1 (Mordecai/Rendon)

?? That we have informational picketing on May 21st.

The motion passed.

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

No – Gorham, Griffin, Wong

Abstain – Swayne

Motion #2 (Rendon/Balderston)

?? That OEA hold informational picketing on the same day as the RIF meeting at the end of May.

The motion passed unanimously.

Motion #3 (Mandel/Rendon)

?? That the OEA/Labor community schedule our second demonstration demanding Redistribution of Corporate Wealth for Tuesday, June 10, focused on the Port of Oakland.

The motion passed.

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

No – Swayne, Mordecai, Wong

Abstain - Griffin

Move to table mileage credit of Elections Chair approved until a policy is devised.

Adjournment 9:30pm.

Minutes

Tony Miele
Secretary ^{©OEA}