

**United Educators of San Francisco
Assembly Meeting
Wednesday, February 21, 2007, 4:15 p.m.
Official Minutes**

President Kelly opened the meeting by describing the upcoming March 10 UESF Spring Conference, "Safe and Orderly Schools". There is a survey on school safety on the UESF website that members were encouraged to take. Members were encouraged, and to encourage others at their sites, to attend the conference. A flyer about the conference was available at the meeting.

Minutes

Approval of Minutes Susan Solomon
M/S/C to accept the minutes of the January 17, 2007 Assembly meeting minutes as presented.

Special Order of Business

1. Blanket Nominations for all Executive Board and Labor Council Offices....Susan Solomon All UESF members in good standing are hereby nominated to be candidates for UESF Executive Board and SFLC.
2. Candidate Presentations: All candidates for the presidency of the California Federation of Teachers, incumbent president Mary Bergan, vice president for community colleges Martin Hittleman, and EC/K-12 vice president George Martinez, were given five minutes each to address the Assembly. A 35-minute question and answer period followed.

Two members of AFT Local 2121; Melissa Dart, president of the Daly City CFT local; and 3 members from the Morgan Hill CFT local joined UESF to hear the candidates.

Resolutions

1. M/S/C with 3 abstentions as amended: Resolution on Contract Negotiations (passed by Exec. Bd.)Dennis Kelly
Whereas UESF and the SFUSD are about to enter contract negotiations on both the certificated and classified contracts, and
Whereas there is a stated wish of the membership to conclude these negotiations at the soonest possible time and with the best possible results, and
Whereas the spring of 2007 offers an unprecedented time to reach an appropriate contract settlement, conclude the search for a permanent superintendent, and work with the district on a revenue enhancement to benefit the district and UESF members,
Therefore be it resolved that the 2007 contract negotiations be conducted with the goal of reaching a settlement before the end of the Spring Semester, and
Be it further resolved that the UESF contract proposals reflect this overarching goal, and
Be it finally resolved that the Bargaining Team be directed to focus the proposals they have developed with the accomplishment of this goal in mind.
M/S/C: To attach "Articles Identified as Priorities for Bargaining", p. 12 of the meeting packet, to the resolution.

Brother Kelly gave an overview of details of the priorities. Sister Plack pointed out that the Executive Board debated whether UESF should take a long time again to make many

changes to the existing contract, or should take advantage of the current situation (recent election of the new school board, which is generally favorable; the search for a new superintendent; plans for a parcel tax initiative) in the district to settle the contract in a timely way. Strategies that will be considered include reopeners and settling a contract that would be for less than 3 years.

M/S/C with 1 abstention to extend the meeting for another 30 minutes.

The first Table Talk of the year was distributed at the meeting and will be distributed at sites through the building representatives.

There was a discussion about the practical meaning of the resolution.

Reports

1. President’s ReportDennis Kelly

- a. Bargaining Report: Much of the report was covered during the discussion of the above resolution. In addition to the above, plans to support bargaining include showing up at the Feb. 27 board meeting in UESF tee shirts and mailing the current Educator. The first bargaining session was on February 15. Although the original plan was for the first session to be solely about setting ground rules and planning sessions, the UESF bargaining team presented several proposals in order to make efficient use of time. Brother Kelly introduced the area representatives who were present at the meeting, Pat Crawford, Tracey Metheny-Thomas, Roni Howard, Mishwa Lee, and Earl Lene De Santiago.

2. Executive Vice-President’s ReportLinda Festa Plack

- a. reminder about the March 10 Spring Conference
- b. Parcel tax: There will be a David Binder poll to gather information about how voters would respond to a parcel tax initiative. UESF has been meeting from the Ed Fund, groups that have worked on other propositions, the district.

M/S/F to extend the meeting by 10 minutes.

Adjournment: 6:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Solomon, Secretary