



# REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY

16 April 2014

## MINUTES

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### I. Welcome and call to order

The following schools and departments signed in:

Abbot, Bartlett H.S., Canton, Centennial, Channing, Clinton, Coleman, Creekside, Eastview,, Elgin H.S., Ellis, Fox Meadow, Garfield, Gifford Street H.S., Glenbrook, Hanover Countryside, Harriet Gifford, Hawk Hollow, Health Services, Heritage, Highland, Hillcrest, Hilltop, Horizon, Independence, Instructional Coaches, Kimball, Larkin H.S., Larsen, Laurel Hill, Liberty, Lincoln, Lord's Park, McKinley, Nature Ridge, Oakhill, Ontarioville, Ottercreek, Parkwood, PrairieView, Ridge Circle, Sheridan, South Elgin H.S., Spring Trail, Streamwood H.S, Sunnysdale, Sycamore Trails, TEI, Timber Trails, Washington, and Wayne.

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### II. Approval of the Minutes

Minutes from the March 19th, 2014 Representative Assembly were accepted with no corrections.

### III. IEA Action "A Better Illinois"

Guest speaker Sean Burns presented a video and powerpoint about the A Better Illinois campaign. He directed reps to the website FairTaxCut.com and reminded them that the petition deadline is May 1<sup>st</sup>.

### IV. SEHS Site Exception

Members from South Elgin High School presented their site exception for the upcoming school year. Quorum was confirmed by Kathy Diffatta. The site exception was moved by the ETA Board of Directors. The motion carried.

### V. ETA Leadership

IEA RA: Judi Arman presented the legislative platform. Meghan Doyle recognized Karen Westerman, of Region 63 U46's ESPS, as ESP of the Year. Information about student growth and IEA online PD was also shared.

District Committees:

Licenses are coming this summer. Teachers are encouraged to enter their CPDU's as soon as possible. U46 was the recipient of multiple SCORE grants from IEA.

TRS has a contribution change. TRS is part of our total compensation package.

Grading committee has changed to 4 point marks for next fall.

Those Who Excel: Help is still needed.

May RA: Retirement reception. New reps for 14-15 are invited.

### VI. Bargaining Updates

Dates are on the ETA calendar and were in the last rep email. The team is still on issues and has not started on options yet. We are using a federal mediator. Issues are few, but with some complications. Two observers are welcome at each meeting, schedule with

Kathy Castle. Communication was discussed. Texting is too expensive at this time. Website alerts are suggested. Text IAMETA at 22828. There will possibly be a Rep Assembly the first week of August. The RA needs to approve the agreement before the membership votes. Everyone is encouraged to be active and communicate over the summer.

### VII. Last Day of School

A new state law dictates that the last day of school must be 5 hours in student attendance.

### VIII. Breakfast in the Classroom

The district is reducing this program. ETA is organizing a food drive the last week of school.

### IX. Q & A

Historical ISBE ratings/U-46 ratings are the same as last year if your grouping did not change. Members need to be responsible for following their own ratings. Print your summative conferences when they happen. Ratings are words, not numbers.

The Strategic Hiring Plan is a public document in the March BOE documents. The district is not getting enough minority candidates, this is no different from the past.

### X. BAM

The Bam drawing was held. Hawk Hollow won. Leadership will be making arrangements to visit that site soon.

### Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,  
Sarah R. Madson  
Secretary