

HILLSBOROUGH ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

Minutes - January 12, 2004

In Attendance: Ken Allen, Nuri Ayres, Lou Cerreta, Mary Cunningham, Connie Hayden-McPeak, Jean Leone, Nelson Luis, Lois Mautte, Mari McBryar, John Miliziano, Bill Orr, Mike Phillips, Peter Russo, Sherrie Sikes, Pat Smith, Tee Solomon, and Charlotte Valenti.

On behalf of the president, Dr. Kenneth Allen, President-Elect, called the regular Board of Directors meeting to order at 5:05 PM.

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

I. Secretary – Peter Russo:

The December minutes were reviewed. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried. Dr. Miliziano gave an update on the status of the HASA web page and the large number of hits recorded since May, 2003.

II. Treasurer – Nelson Luis

Mr. Nelson Luis presented the December treasurer's report. It was reported that a surplus would exist at the end of the fiscal year. Dr. Miliziano mentioned that the PAC account would need replenishment of funds going into an election year, and suggested that it be considered as one option for some of the surplus dollars. A motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report for audit.

III. Membership Report – Ken Allen

Dr. Allen presented the December report. He named seven new members and a loss of two members for a total of 669 members for December 2003. The issue of retirees' dues was discussed. It was decided that current members in good standing who retire mid-year after already having paid at least \$25 would be carried as active members for the remainder of that fiscal year without being charged an additional \$25 to become retired members.

IV. President's Report – Charlotte Valenti

Ms. Valenti asked for topics for the January Superintendent's Roundtable. Those topics included (1) Increased mileage issue; (2) Principals Out of School form; (3) School Board's endorsement of FAIR amendment petition; (4) Legislative Agenda for 2004; (5) Issues for the annual School Board Forum; (6) BEST Career Ladder; (7) Salary review study; (8) Lawson Project problems.

On the subject of topics for discussion, issues were suggested for topics to be presented to the School Board members at the annual School Board Forum on February 24th. Those topics included: (1) BEST Career Ladder; (2) Salary review study; (3) Increased mileage reimbursement; (4) FAIR amendment petition; (5) Senate bills 300 and 305 (sick leave and terminal pay bills).

V. Executive Director's Report – John Miliziano

Dr. Miliziano invited new HASA board members to become involved and learn lobbying at FASA's annual *Legislative Days*, coming March 15-17, 2004. He also informed the group that FASA has been referring more and more administrators from around the state to HASA to answer their questions about associations/coalitions. The HASA board agreed that it appears that HASA has the respect of many in FASA and in Tallahassee.

Much discussion was held regarding Senate Bill 300 and House Bill 305. Although FASA supports the bills, several HASA board members had questions. More research and discussion will be needed before clarification can be given regarding the elements of the proposed bill(s).

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS/OLD BUSINESS:

The Special Projects committee reported that the Spring Social will held April 28th at the TECO plaza, downtown Tampa. Dr. Miliziano asked if it would be possible to revise the theme to especially honor the retirees at this event. The Special Projects committee agreed to consider making the theme along those line. and the theme will along those lines. It was also agreed that excess dollars from the Fall Social might be utilized for the Spring Social if needed.

Pat Smith reported on updates with the scholarship program. She proposed that the \$500 scholarship not be limited to USF attendees, but to dependents of a HASA member who are entering the education field as a junior/senior. It was moved and seconded to accept the proposal and the motion carried. It was suggested that the scholarship application be submitted to Cathy Davis for posting in *Hotmail* on the web page.

C. NEW BUSINESS/ROUNDTABLE:

Dr. Miliziano informed the group that a unified Legislative Agenda is in the works, including such groups as the Hillsborough District School Board, HASA, FASA, HAPE, and the Tampa Bay Area Coalition. Some of last year's initiatives will be on the agenda, including (1) A 2.0 multiplier, (2) Best 3 years for retirement calculations, (3) 25 year retirement without penalty, and (4) Reinstatement of the sick leave bill as was previously in effect.

Dr. Miliziano reported that the TBAC (Tampa Bay Area Coalition) has been discussing sponsorship of a coalition event such as a reception in Tallahassee. More information will be provided as details are determined.

A draft copy of the FAIR amendment petition cover letter was reviewed by the HASA board members. Some concerns were raised about distributing the petition at Advisory Council and PTA meetings. Dr. Miliziano offered to have Dr. Lennard review the letter for his input.

Problems with the new operating system **Lawson** were discussed. It was mentioned that Jack Davis needs to be made aware of problems that schools/district level offices are experiencing. Dr. Lennard is aware of the difficulties and the Lawson Project is also on the agenda for Superintendent's Roundtable.

Jean Leone thanked Dr. Miliziano for his participation at the recent retirees' recruitment breakfast(s). She told the Board that Dr. Miliziano spoke very well and made a very good impression on the attendees at those events.

With no further HASA business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Russo

Peter Russo, Secretary

**These minutes are not official until approved at the February, 2004 meeting.*