



**Association of Texas Professional Educators**

**Region 20 ATPE**

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<b>Mary Reyes</b> President	<b>Marcie Helmke</b> Vice President	<b>Rosa Linda Santoyo</b> Secretary
<b>Margie Hastings</b> Treasurer	<b>Byron Hildebrand</b> Past President	<b>Tina Briones</b> Director

**Region 20 General Meeting Minutes**

**Summit Caucus Austin Convention Center**

**Thurs. July 9, 2015**

- I. **Welcome:** President: Mary Reyes opened meeting at 10:28 a.m.
- II. **Introduction of Officers:** Mary Reyes introduced all officers. She reminded everyone to vote before 12:30 p.m. and had Byron Hildebrand running for State Treasurer say a few words at this time.
- Special guest: Senator Jose Menendez spoke on issues that had passed and some that are still working. He mentioned that when ATPE members showed up in a sea of red in the audience and them getting so involved made a big influence at the State Capital in Austin in February. He stressed that we need to still push issues and talk with your state representatives, this nature comes from our voices being heard. He stressed why the state cared if it reduces the strength of labor forces. "The Freedom to Speech Bill" helps our school districts; fireman and policeman when it comes to issues like payroll deduct being taken away. We do not want to see payroll deduct go away. A 2/3 of our teachers have killed the bills when a teacher in Round Rock came and spoke about these issues so, Jock Strauss helped change bills. We need to re-engage our neighbors especial the older generations on these issues in our schools. They have grandkids that this will affect too.
  - Payroll Deductions: Payroll will stay the same and not be removed from deduction
  - Lower the GPA for Teachers going into teaching. College Students that has a low GPA will be allowed to take a different test of knowledge to pass for teaching.
  - Voted "No" to vouchers and anything to do with education.
  - Passed/507 Video cameras in the Special Ed setting if a parent ask.
  - Standardized testing 3<sup>rd</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> grades (STAAR testing and Social Studies) a student that does not pass the STAAR will go through a panel so they can graduate.
  - Passed/ Suicide bill- First time hires/NTO will have 2hrs. Training and all others will be done every 3 years.

- Passed/3% raise to teachers- they wanted it to come from the state but districts will be in control of this. Salary rate set nonexempt workers/ they want to put them on salary or they get paid overtime that would be time and a ½.
- Social Security Act: you will have to work for 30 yrs. to get full benefits. 1/3 for 10 yrs. and 2/3 for 2 yrs.
- Bill Passed on the 4<sup>th</sup> grade writing test ability. Test will be designed to pass in less time to finish.
- Still working on: No Child Left behind bill / they will be taking a vote on soon (Senator Hatch will present this)
- Still working on: Work on PK to be full day instead of ½ day.

III. **PAC:** Mary Reyes announced that we won the Davy Crockett award for the third time in a row because of the PAC money raised this year 2014-15, it was over \$12,509.57. Envelopes went out around the room and Margie Hastings reminded that if anyone wants to win the SPURS ticket they had to donate at least \$10.00. Byrom Hilderbrand announced that we had collected over \$800.51 in this meeting. He pulled the winning envelope and the winner of the Spurs tickets was Wendy Britt: La Vernia.

IV. **New Business:** Bringing up membership is crucial.

**A. Meeting Dates:**

1. Sat. Aug. 29, 2015 at Luby's - Membership/bring in you budget and get an extra \$25.00.
2. Sat. Oct. 10, 2015 at Randolph - Legal Clinic
3. Spurs Event-TBD Region 1, 13 and 20 will be attending / open to all members and non-members.
4. Sat. April 30, 2016 at Luby's- Elections

**B. Door Prizes:** (2) \$10.00 gifts cards per meeting. Extra \$25.00 if you bring you budget to the first meeting. President and Treasurer attend: \$75.00 which will total \$100.00. If not you will only get \$50.00 for attending.

**C. Committees:** Please think about serving on one of these committees.

1. **State:** Bylaws, Resolutions, Legislative, Membership and Leadership
2. **Region:** Nominations/ Elections, Bylaws, Legislative, Resolutions and Leadership

V. **Proposed Budget:** 2015-16 was present at \$31,000.00 it was lower than we have ever been.

VI. **Review HOD Business:** Tina Briones presented the following we need to look at.

**A. Prefilled Motions:** Tina Briones talked about the Bylaws, Resolutions issues that were written incorrectly and explained how to file a motion.

**B. Bylaws:** We had 2 to be addressed at the HOD.

- Proposed Bylaws Amendment: No.1.Article III. Membership/Section 4: Classes of Membership. It would authorize the ATPE Board of Directors (BOD) to set and define ATPE's membership classifications by transferring the authority to do so from the HOD to the elected BOD.
- Proposed bylaws Amendment: No. 3. Article III: Membership. Section: 5 Dues. This will authorize the Board to Directors (BOD) to set the annual dues amounts for each of ATPE's membership classifications by transferring authority to do so from the HOD to the elected (BOD). There are striking out where they can change the name on the amendment. Bylaws to be considered.

**C. Resolutions:** We have only 1 to consider.

- Resolutions Number 13 Subject: Overturning Excusive Consultation Year adopted 2011. The ATPE Board of Directors and the Resolutions Committee recommend this resolution to expire.

**D. Legislative:** There was none that need any attention.

**E. Main Motions:** Tina Briones explained that HOD will debate the main motions during Thursday's new business. You can find this is on page 63 in your Summit 2015 workbook.

**VII. Introduction of 2015- 2016 Region 20 ATPE officers:** Remember to stand up when you are inducted at the Summit HOD.

- **President: Marcie Helmke**
- **Vice President: Margie Hastings**
- **Secretary: Rosa Linda Santoyo**
- **Treasurer: Teri Nail**
- **Region 20 Director: Tina Briones**
- **Past President: Mary Reyes**

**VIII. Announcements:**

Tina Briones explained the new process if she is absence or cannot attend a meeting that the President will step in for her duty but cannot be in the closed meeting. David De La Garza added that we need all officers' duties to be posted and kept for all officers and we need to look over them and apply them to our duties.

Summit reimbursements: Remember you have to attend: to get the full \$165.00 for attending/ there is a sign in sheet make sure you sign in.

- Wed. July 8, 2015 - Local Unit Planning with Region Reps or President 4:00 to 5:30
- Thurs. July 9, 2015 - HOD-8:30 to 10:15
- Thurs. July 9, 2015 - Region 20 Caucus 10:30 to 12:30
- Thurs. July 9, 2015 - HOD 12:30 to 4:00

**IX. Adjourned:** President: Mary Reyes adjourned the meeting at 12:11p.m.