

**Delegate's Assembly**  
**BOCES United Professionals**

*Date & Time:* February 3, 2009, 3:30 PM  
*Location:* Alternative High School Library

*Present:* Alati, J. (EMCC;) Layne, N (Creekside;) Lord, A. (Alternative Education;) ;) Eisley, K (Deaf Ed. ;) Price, M (Creekside;) Gorski, V. (Inst. Specialists;) Snyder, L. (Bird;) Tinney, K. (Mental Health;) Sanderson, J (Morgan;) Sherwood, M. (OT/PT;) Cousineau, L. (Pre-School;) Paciorek, M. (Speech;) McKeever, J. (START) Dustman, J (Retirees;) (Speech;) McKeever, J (START;) Jacobs, A. (Retirees;) Towsley, R. (Retirees.)

*Officers Present:* Hoskins, N. (Co-President;) Baker, C. (Co-President;) Jordan, A. (Secretary;) Miller, D. (Treasurer.)

*Absent:* Carr, L (Creekside;) Houston, G. (Interpreters;) Howe, L (Retirees;) Gresens, D. (Vice President.)

*Programs W/O Delegate:* Teachers of ASL, Alternative High School, Audiology, ESOL, Vision, Rush Program,

<i>MINUTES</i>	<i>Speaker</i>
<b>1. Call to Order – 3:30 PM</b>	<i>Hoskins, N.</i>
<b>2. Announcements</b> A. Applications for the <b>2009 Harry Karpinski Leadership Scholarship</b> are available. Please contact Andrew Jordan (V4 Foreman Center, xt:2092) for extra copies. B. The 2009 “Its For the Kid’s” Charity Golf Tournament to benefit the BOCES Educational Foundation will be held at Ravenwood Golf Club on May 15, 2009. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The Foundation has recently awarded a grant to the class of Deidre Coon of the START Program to attend a presentation at the Strassenburg Planetarium. Grant monies are still available. Grant applications can be found on the Monroe #1 BOCES homepage (<a href="http://www.monroe.edu">www.monroe.edu</a>)</li> </ul>	<i>Baker, C.</i>  <i>Jordan, A.</i>
<b>3. Business</b> A. Rumors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. In this challenging economic climate, they are running rampant. Unless you are told something by a person of authority at Monroe #1 BOCES, all rumors should be considered untrue. If you are uncomfortable, or concerned about something you have heard, please make an appointment to speak with your supervisor regarding the issue. If you are uncomfortable meeting with your supervisor alone, please contact one of the Officers.</li> <li>b. It has been released that Dan White has created a committee to review the feasibility of saving the Pre-School Program from closing two years from this June.</li> <li>c. There is NO truth to the rumor that representative districts will be withdrawing students from programs in large numbers. Some Rochester City School District students will be taken back at the close of this school year.</li> <li>d. If layoffs should occur, the seniority list will govern in what order people will be let go (starting with part-time employees, and then according to hire date, starting with those most recently hired.)</li> <li>e. There has been an excellent response to the retirement incentive plan approved by the Board of Education. While a state retirement incentive was previously a consideration, because of the poor economic climate, and concern with regard</li> </ul>	<i>Hoskins, N.</i>

<p>to the retirement trust fund, it is no longer being discussed. If, a state retirement incentive is passed, BOCES will reopen the district incentive for <b>only those eligible</b> for the state incentive.</p> <p>f. Please understand that the officers are agonizing over each and every decision made by the Administration, and how it may affect layoffs. All of the Officers ache for members who may lose their jobs. The Officers are working tirelessly to protect the rights of all members. If you are concerned, please do not hesitate to contact us.</p> <p><b>B. IEP Work Days</b></p> <p>a. Contractually, all staff are to be provided two IEP Work Days per year. If you are center based, or district based, those days are provided as part of your school calendar. If you are itinerant staff, you are also entitled to these days. Please meet with your supervisor to schedule these days.</p> <p>b. There is a concern that center based IEP Work Days may be scheduled too early in the year. It was unanimously agreed by center based Representative Delegates that the Officers should request the District schedule one full, and two half-day IEP Work Days not before January 1 of any school year. Currently IEP Days are scheduled before draft IEP's are available. It was also suggested, and unanimously agreed, that the Officers should request that no professional development be scheduled on IEP Days to ensure Teachers can effectively use that time for IEP's.</p> <p><b>C. Teacher Center/Mentor Program</b></p> <p>a. The Governor's budget recommendation has eliminated all funding for Teacher Centers throughout New York State. It has also cut the \$50,000 grant for the Monroe #1 BOCES Mentor Program. <b>AT HOME</b>, please visit the NYSUT webpage (<a href="http://www.nysut.org">www.nysut.org</a>.) where you will find pre-made and addressed letters to your legislators to lobby for increased teacher center support as the budget process moves forward. <b>STAFF MAY NOT USE WORK TIME, OR BOCES COMPUTERS TO SEND THESE LETTERS.</b></p>	<p><i>Baker, C.</i></p> <p><i>Hoskins, N.</i> <i>Sanderson, J.</i></p> <p><i>Gorski, V.</i></p>
<p><b>4. Adjourn – 4:07 PM</b></p>	<p><i>Hoskins, N</i> <i>(Chair)</i></p>