

I. Meeting called to order at 10:02 by President Stacey Caruso- Sharpe with the reading of the NYSUT CODE OF CONDUCT.

A. Elections will be held at 10:15 for Director positions - Term of office July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2023

B. RA was held Friday 30 May - 31 May 2021 For more information go to NYSUT website:

<https://www.nysut.org/~media/files/nysut/mynysut/member/2021/ra2021resolutionsbook01.pdf?la=en>

1. Resolutions were discussed in committee and then recommended to Board of Directors. There were two resolutions regarding retirees:

a. RESOLVED, that NYSUT discuss and work with the departments which could be most affected, for preliminary advice, including but not limited to the legal department, the elections committee, the officers, etc. and be it further RESOLVED, that after those discussions, the NYSUT Board of Directors consider creating a task force to review and advise the NYSUT Board regarding increasing the voting power of retiree members.

b. RESOLVED, that NYSUT reaffirm current policy that encourages locals to maintain retirees within the local structure, and recognize that the options of (1) local membership with member rights as delineated in the in-service constitution, and (2) retiree chapters are the preferred methods of maintaining active retiree members; and be it further RESOLVED, that NYSUT provides appropriate support for those locals who provide or who want to explore providing constitutional language for creating one of the structures above.

C. School budget Vote May 18 Noon - 9 PM

D. Support SRPs via NYSUT MAC! Ask lawmakers to ensure that SRPs are afforded the same rights and protections as other education professionals. SRP lobby day was last week, May 6. Things such as advocating for bus monitors were stressed.

E. Funding is provided for summer school. The focus should be fun, creative, and educational.

F. Free NYSUT workshop regarding Implicit Bias in life will be held online May 24 and May 26 from 4 pm - 6 pm.

G. Many Threads, One Fabric next session May 25th Operationalizing Peace in America's Schools

H. Donations to the NYSUT Legacy Fund may be made in memory of or in honor of anyone across the state. Worthy initiatives up to \$1,000 may be granted. Retiree Services Program Enhancements and Grants will be available.

I. May 12 Civil and Human Rights Committee meeting on Asian Hate. This is open to all members. Must register first - www.nysut.org/news/2021/may/human-rights

J. NYSUT Health and Safety Conference 2021 will be held virtually May 21-23.

K. Social Services will provide tips for dealing with anxiety about going back to normal. "The Emotional Edges of the Pandemic" - Languishing - NYSUT member benefits, social services

L. May is Mental Health Awareness Month - Resilience webinars will be held on May 11 or May 18 at 4 pm. The focus is on ways to prioritize your own wellbeing.

M. If you know anyone who is retiring, please share RC 12 information with them and encourage them to stay involved into retirement and sign up to receive RC 12 notices. Also encourage them to ask their local president to change their status to a 3 so they do not become disassociated from their local.

N. Hospital Safe staffing legislation passed by the NYS Senate and Assembly.

O. VOTE/COPE - Encourage all retirees to give to VOTE/COPE via pension deduction.

P. RC Leadership Training was held last month. This was in response to NYSUT RAC ideas.

II. At 10:15 Raymond Pitcher made a motion to accept the slate of Directors designated and allow the Secretary to cast one vote. Second by Cathy Picciocca. The following Slate of Directors was approved. Margaret Dafeldecker, Vickie McGowan-Horan, Theresa Kovian, Marg Bouck

III. Vice President - Kathlene Lyman
Retiree names were received from Broadalbin Perth.

III. Treasurer's report April 21,2021- May 12, 2021 was shared on the screen.

Savings	\$131.73	Social Money Market	\$15,800.88	Business Money Market	\$40,145.36
Business Checking	\$3.00	Social Checking	\$218.67		

Send contributions to Dolores Talmadge, 206 Main Street, Fort Plain, NY, 13339
Make checks payable to NYSUT Retiree Council 12. Questions call (518)993-2854

IV. Secretary Report was shared on the screen.
Vicky made a motion to accept minutes, Second by Margaret Dafeldecker

V. Second Vice President Bev Alves

- A. Diversity equity and Inclusion Committee
- B. Area 8 has the highest mortality rate of infancy.
- C. Healthcare justice system
- D. PNCP
- D. Two motions separate motions for Palliative Care were passed in NYSRTA and StateWide

VI. Directors

A. Vickie McGowan-Horan - Schenectady

1. Incumbents are running for the school board
2. The acting superintendent resigned. Some wonder if the board should open the selection process to candidates who do not live in Schenectady.
3. All staff who were originally laid off were hired back. There is an increase of about 30 elementary, middle school, and social worker positions.
4. The budget for next year seems good.

VII. Retiree services - Jen Shaad-Derby

- A. NYSUT is slowly reopening. To enter the building, one needs to call 518-213-6000 or nysut.org. Individuals who enter may need to show proof of vaccination and wear a mask.
- B. Fall membership meeting is scheduled to be held at the Otesaga on September 30. Right now, 75% capacity is allowed with an anticipation of 100% for summer. One may ask how many feel comfortable attending. It will be up to the establishment whether vaccinations are required.
- C. Next May's General Membership meeting will be held at Glen Sanders.

VIII. Website Newsletter - Carolyn Darkangelo

Both productions are beautifully managed. June 1 is the deadline for next Outlook. Online version is open to for all to contribute. The Outlook has limited space.

IX. RA - Jeanne Williams Bennett reported that the range of speakers at the Assembly were phenomenal. Paul Tonko and Anthony Delgado provided great messages. Awards were given out for this year and last year. Back in the 1960's Jonthan Kozol shared about inequalities, disparities, finance and education around the country. It seems we are still fighting the same battles 60 years later. For more information go to the following link:

<https://www.nysut.org/news/2021/may/ra-awards>

X. Social Committee has not met.

Three trips originally scheduled from 2020 were moved to 2022:

A. Mount Rushmore, Badlands and Black Hills of South Dakota trip for September 30-October 10, 2022

B. The trip to Mackinac Island, Michigan has been rescheduled for June 12 - 18, 2022.

New trips may be coming!!! Broadway is opening in September! Proctors in December! Keep posted to learn about new adventures!

C. NYC Music Man trip scheduled for April 6, 2022

XI. StateWide - Dolores Talmadge gets newsletter for the group as Treasurer. Members encouraged to join to get on mailing and email list to continue to be informed.

XII. NYSRTA - renew as organization - Monday morning newsletter.

XIII. TOWNHALL QUESTIONS:

1. Is three meetings enough for the members of RC12?

It was stressed to make sure we attempt to engage informational speakers and spread the meetings out location wise for our members.

2. What are some topics and venues for future meetings?

Suggestions included the following: making sure retirees social security and pensions are being safe guarded, patient rights, support systems for those who are alone and have no one to help in emergencies, Office of the Aging possibilities, diversity/inclusion, identity thief,

3. This year marks the 100th anniversary of NYS Retirement System. Hopeful, David O'Keefe will speak at our September 30 meeting.

4. Paula volunteered to organize a group to receive information from our directors and officers from different counties to compile a list of services provided. Stacey will send an email out to all to see who may be interested in researching this information.

5 There was a request to exploring different venues especially for March. A place called Chieftain in Cobleskill on Main Street and Riverstone in between Amsterdam and Scotia were mentioned. Keeping in mind that we have members attending from different counties and different commuting distances is prevalent in decisions making. Keep the March meeting to present resolutions for RA

XIV. The meeting was called to a close around 11:45 and a brief chair yoga class was led by Cathy Picciocca.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Picciocca
RC12 Secretary