

At the December 8th 2008 Board of Directors meeting, the SEA BOD passed the following Motions:

It was moved, seconded and carried to:

Approve the agenda as printed.

It was moved, seconded and carried to:

Approve the minutes from the November Board meeting with the addition of "Tarpley" after Debra.

New Business

David Abrams moved, seconded, and carried that:

The SEA BOD of Directors recommend to the next Representative Assembly of the SEA to take formal action authorizing: 1. Notification of all SEA members of the issues addressed by the Cambodian Women's Health Organizations proposed project: Killing Fields Remediation and Healing of Cambodia and the web site address describing the Google 10 to the 100th competition with the date that voting by the general public begins January 27th 2009 described at http://www.project10tothe100.com/how_it_works.html.

	Yes	No	Abstain
Abrams, David	X		
Addae, Olga	X		
Beeler, Grace	--	--	
Belcher, Vivian	X		
Bratsanos, Marianne	X		
Daniels, Kent			X
Davis-Porter, Dazanne	--	--	
Dunn, John		X	
Epstein, Mark	X		
Gundle, Noam	X		
Jones, Marguerite	X		
Lawson, Michael	X		
Lindquist, Brian	--	--	
McDonald, Joyce			X
Passi, Debra	X		
Saturnino, Grace	X		
Saxon, Kathy	--	--	
Shy, Donna			X
Stout, Wynne	X		
Tarpley, Debra			X
Wooten, Verleeta	--	--	

John Dunn moved, it was seconded and it was carried that:

The Board not recommend Jambor's motion to rescind the standing resolution from 2005 regarding closures.

John Dunn argued that if this is rescinded we will lose the language re: best utilization of staff and moving staff and students together. Noam stated that in 2005 we were talking about a different situation. There are numerous other options and strong union leadership to protect jobs. Olga explained that both the 2005 resolution and the resolution passed in November, 2008 confirm the SEA organizational position of not opposing closures.

Noam shared that there is a new school closure plan and a new Supt in Seattle. He believes the closures would negatively affect our members and students. Vicky Jambor is offering a motion to rescind the standing resolution from March 28, 2005 that reads:

SEA supports consolidation in order to best utilize the limited resources in our district to preserve staff and programs and best utilize the facilities we have. We support that, wherever possible, each program from a closed school be moved as an integral piece.

	Yes	No	Abstain
Abrams, David		x	
Addae, Olga			
Beeler, Grace	--	--	--
Belcher, Vivian	X		
Bratsanos, Marianne	X		
Daniels, Kent		X	
Davis-Porter, Dazanne	--	--	
Dunn, John	X		
Epstein, Mark		X	
Gundle, Noam		X	
Jones, Marguerite	X		
Lawson, Michael	--	--	
Lindquist, Brian	X		
McDonald, Joyce	--	--	
Passi, Debra	X		
Saturnino, Grace	X		
Saxon, Kathy	--	--	
Shy, Donna	X		
Stout, Wynne			X
Tarpley, Debra	X		
Wooten, Verleeta	X		

Noam moved, it was seconded that:

The Board recommend the Vicky Jambor motion:

Whereas The Seattle School District has proposed closing at least 9 schools which can impact job security and class size for SEA represented members, and

Whereas the school closures are supposedly aimed at addressing a 24 million budget shortfall (or higher), but by the Districts own figures the school closures will only save 3.6 million, and

Whereas in the last round of school closures in 2006, as the Seattle PI pointed out, “A new district analysis showed that, of 732 students at closed schools, only about half of the students went to the schools to which they were assigned. Another 155 left the district,” and

Whereas driving students out of the district due to closing their neighborhood school means that the district will lose the state money attached to each pupil, and

Whereas the Seattle Schools' priority is to educate students and strengthen communities and these school closures will not positively affect either of these goals,

Be it resolved the Seattle Education Association opposes the closure of Seattle Public Schools in 2009-10 and encourages the district to look first for other funding and cost savings measures, including administrative cuts.

Be it further resolved the SEA leadership will present said motion in writing to the School Board within the week and release a statement to the press about it. A copy of such letter or email will be made available at any members' request and presented at the January Representative Assembly.

Noam stated that the process has not been transparent; inequitable damage; we are educating students. The anti-union culture of the board and central administration doesn't appreciate this. In our contract; In solidarity with communities.

The motion to recommend failed. The result is that the Board's position is “No position.”

The roll call was as follows:

	Yes	No	Abstain
Abrams, David	--	--	
Addae, Olga			
Beeler, Grace	--	--	
Belcher, Vivian		X	
Bratsanos, Marianne			X
Daniels, Kent	X		
Davis-Porter, Dazanne	--	--	
Dunn, John		X	
Epstein, Mark	X		
Gundle, Noam	X		
Jones, Marguerite	X		
Lawson, Michael	--	--	
Lindquist, Brian	X		
McDonald, Joyce	--	--	
Passi, Debra		X	
Saturnino, Grace		X	
Saxon, Kathy	--	--	
Shy, Donna		X	
Stout, Wynne	X		

Tarpley, Debra		X	
Wooten, Verleeta		X	

It was moved, seconded and carried to:

The SEA approve the expenditure of \$1000 to support the Oak Harbor Freightliners strikers. \$1000 would come from Crisis Action.

The motion passed. The vote was as follows:

	Yes	No	Abstain
Abrams, David	--	--	
Addae, Olga			
Beeler, Grace	--	--	
Belcher, Vivian	X		
Bratsanos, Marianne	X		
Daniels, Kent	X		
Davis-Porter, Dazanne	--	--	
Dunn, John	X		
Epstein, Mark	--	--	
Gundle, Noam	X		
Jones, Marguerite	X		
Lawson, Michael	--	--	
Lindquist, Brian	X		
McDonald, Joyce	--	--	
Passi, Debra	X		
Saturnino, Grace	X		
Saxon, Kathy	--	--	
Shy, Donna	X		
Stout, Wynne	X		
Tarpley, Debra	X		
Wooten, Verleeta	X		