



AFT 6049 Oklahoma News

September 2012

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Upcoming Events

September

**Tuesday,
September 11th,
6:00PM:**

Membership Meeting in Will Rogers High School Annex

October

**Tuesday
October 2nd,
5:45PM:**

Executive Board and Officer Meeting in the Union Office

**Tuesday
October 9th,
6:00PM:**

Membership Meeting in Will Rogers High School Annex

All meetings are open to the bargaining unit, regardless of membership status. Join us! To stay up to date on union meetings and activities, call us at: 918.587.0886 or visit our website at:

[Ok.aft.org/
AFT6049Oklahoma](http://Ok.aft.org/AFT6049Oklahoma)

Negotiations Update

Your negotiations team consisting of Ed McIntosh, Paul Lindsey, Melissa Davis, Candace Atchinson, Brook Wagner, and chief negotiator Mike Osborn from the AFT, met with the management team consisting of William Naftzger, Trish Williams, Rob Galant, Blaine Young and Doug Mann, from Tulsa Public Schools on July 10, 2012, for the teams to meet each other and to receive financial data from the District.

We met again on August 22, 2012, in an all day session where both sides presented proposals and the teams got down to work in discussing proposal. So far, negotiations have been amicable with a good deal of discussion from both sides of the table in an effort to understand each side's proposals and how they would affect both our members and the District. In spite of that being just the second meeting, significant progress was made.

We have another all day session scheduled for September 5, 2012 where we hope to continue making the same kind of progress that will result in a tentative agreement to bring to the members for a vote as soon as reasonably possible.

September Member Spotlight



"I am a union member because the union keeps things fair between the employees and TPS. My union fought for me, wrote my grievances, and took them to the right authorities. I found out that TPS authorities were doing things they weren't supposed to be doing. My union representative went with me to meetings and helped me solve it. TPS doesn't always listen to the whole story, but the union makes them listen to you. If you know your rights, your union representative will stand up for you."- Sherrie Sandridge, school bus driver for ten years and AFT 6049 Oklahoma member for 6 years.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Brothers & Sisters of AFT 6049,

Welcome to the 2012-2013 school year. I hope that you all had a restful and enjoyable summer. As we gear up for the new school year, I wanted to take this opportunity to bring you up to speed as to where your union is.

You have a new Executive Board. Officers were elected on July 9th, 2012. We've been on board for a short time, but are settling into our duties with the assurance that you're right there with us. We have a couple of great people working in our office named Emily Wallace and Mike Osborn. Mike is our National Representative, and we are trying to ensure that you talk to a person when you call the office with a problem or just need some information.

During the school year, Emily will be out in the field, so a lot of you will be seeing her at your work sites. I'll be joining her at some of the sites. Regrettably, I won't be able to come to all the sites because I'm not in the union office full time yet. She is also the person responsible for our webpage being up and running. Call the office and thank her. Be sure to check the webpage for up to date information as to what's going on with your Union.

I know a lot of you are wondering when we will be getting a raise, as well as how much it will be. We are still in the process of negotiations. We are scheduled to go back to the negotiating table on September 5, 2012. Hopefully we'll have some news to pass onto you about that soon.

I hope you all have a wonderful and safe school year.

Respectfully,
Ed McIntosh
President AFT 6049 Oklahoma

