

# NBFT SPOTLIGHT



**AFT Connecticut**  
*A Union of Professionals*

Wishing All Union  
Brothers and  
Sisters a Happy  
New Year 2022



## 2021-2022 NBFT Membership Meetings

- February 8
- March 8
- May 10
- \*All membership meetings for now will be on zoom. Link will be sent out the day of meeting from Steve.



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# Election

## ARTICLE X – ELECTIONS

### Section 1

Officers shall be elected in the 3rd month of odd numbered years. Terms of office shall be two years. The organization will elect the following officers:

- President
- Four (4) Vice-Presidents (one for the high schools, one for the middle school and two for the elementary schools)
- Recording Secretary
- Executive Secretary
- Treasurer

### Section 2

To be eligible for office, a person must be a member of the organization for a period of six months prior to the date of the election.

- An elected officer must also be currently employed as an educator in New Britain Public Schools.
- If an elected officer retires from a teaching position before the end of their term, they may finish their term in office but cannot be re-elected.

### Section 3

The Election Committee shall conduct all general and special elections of the organization.

- The Election Committee shall consist of three members, one from each level (elementary, middle, high), appointed by the President with the consent of the Executive Board.
- Any member of the Election Committee nominated for or seeking office must vacate his/her position and be replaced by a substitute appointed by the President with the consent of the Executive Board.

### Section 4

Sixty days prior to the date of the election the Election Committee shall:

- notify all members of the procedure for making nominations for offices to be filled, and of the date of the election electronically or by written notice in the Union newsletter, distributed to the Membership in each building.

### Section 5

To be nominated a candidate must submit to the Election Committee a petition containing the signatures of thirty (30) members of the NBFT. Said petitions must be submitted prior to the February membership meeting. No officer nomination shall be made from the floor at any time.

### Section 6

Prior to the February meeting, incumbents must notify the Election Committee in writing that they wish to continue in their same office. Incumbents do not need a petition.

# President's Message

Union Brothers and Sisters,

I would like to start off my message with a sentiment of gratitude for Sal's service to our Union. His service to our Union was always in the forefront of all his duties. Thank You, Sal.

I will continue to prioritize the Union's needs, recognizing the special work we do for our students of New Britain. We are a Union of professionals giving our all to our students on a daily basis. They need us now more than ever as this pandemic continues to impact our daily lives. That being said, all Union Officers will work to ensure our contractual rights are protected while working collaboratively with all stakeholders.

I hope you enjoyed your holiday break with friends and family. It was a time needed to recharge our minds, body, and spirit. The year of 2022 will present challenges for all of us but together we will rise above and meet those challenges. Your Union Leaders are here for you and appreciate your dedication and service to the students of New Britain.

In support and appreciation.

Steve Gray

Union Presidents NBFT Local 871

## NBFT Welfare Report

By Nicole Solimine

On behalf of the entire Membership the NBFT congratulates its members for these happy occasions: Deirdre Falla (DiLoreto) first grandchild born.

Our sympathy to the family and friends of the following members for their recent losses: Marie Field (Gaffney) father passed, Julie Yepes (Gaffney) mother passed, Dan Blanchard (Brookside) father passed, Patti Kozikowski (Smith) sister passed.



## CHILDREN'S ENRICHMENT FUND

- Do you want to support the children of New Britain in times of need?
- Please consider donating as little as the cost of a cup of coffee a week. The children's enrichment fund last year for example helped one of our student's family who lost everything in a house

### Two ways to sign up

#### Paper Card

Get a card from your union rep and fill it out. Then interoffice to payroll.

#### Electronic signup

- Click on the link below.
- Print the application.
- Fill out the form.
- Scan using copier and email it to yourself.
- Forward scanned PDF attachment from your district email account and email it to payroll@csdnb.org

[Click here to sign up to support the Children's Enrichment Fund](#)



**Building Economic Equality - New Britain (BEE-NB)**

# Community Survey Launch

Join Building Economic Equality-New Britain (BEE-NB) on **Saturday, January 8, 2022 at 11:00 AM** in the Multi-Purpose Room of E.C. Goodwin Technical High School for the launch of our community survey! This new coalition is for all residents and workers ready to fight for economic justice in New Britain.

This event will have social distancing and masks will be required. Lunch will be provided.

RSVP here: <https://tinyurl.com/nbsurveylaunch>




**SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 2022 • 11:00 AM**  
**735 SLATER RD., NEW BRITAIN, CT 06053**

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presents to our **para & teacher** members...

PROMOTING  
  
 IN THE CLASSROOM  
 .....  
 •VIRTUAL WORKSHOP•

TUESDAY  
JANUARY 11, 2022

5-6:30PM

ZOOM LINK TO BE  
PROVIDED AFTER  
REGISTERING.

PRESENTED BY: **STACY VOCASEK**  
EASTCONN FED. OF TEACHERS #4238 MEMBER

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