THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES
January 11, 2006

Present: Philip Cordella, Vicky Pittman, Angela Sartori, Patricia Van Duser,
Mary Anne Corbett, Stacy Eustance, Philip Gertler, Peter Gonzalez, Donna Liebman.
Absent: J.Eitel, Jr.

Meeting was called to order at 4:15 PM

Approval of minutes from December 14, 2005
   Moved: W. Lastowski
   Seconded: V. Pittman
   Passes unanimously.

President’s Report
1. Listed additional renovation items and money spent
2. NTA is a co-signer of the United Way Letter
3. Inclusion survey sent out to participating schools
4. Orange County Teachers Association meeting February 2.
5. VOTE/COPE checks was sent. Thank you to the 854 in-service teachers and 226
   retired teachers who contributed over $45,000.
6. District Diversity Recruitment Committee appointments
7. MOA ½ sick day. Clarification regarding testing days forthcoming
9. NTA Officers nomination period is closed. Incumbents are running unopposed
10. Federal Government accepted our NTA Building Corporation’s non-profit status

Vice-President’s Report:
   1. Substitute Teachers’ Chapter Negotiations

Treasurer’s Report:
   Treasurer provided report

“Dedicated to Excellence”
OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION #1:
Whereas, Article V. of the Newburgh Teachers’ Association Constitution and Bylaws states that “in-service and special members shall pay dues and vote,” and

Whereas, Section 2, Membership b.1. states, “Special Membership in the N.T.A. shall be available to retired teachers.”

Resolved, that the nominations and elections Chairperson amend the first line in the December 12, 2005 memo to read, “on Tuesday, February 14, 2006 in-service and special members of the Newburgh Teachers’ Association will elect the officers of the Newburgh Teachers’ Association,” and be it further,

Resolved, that the nominations and elections Chairperson send the amended memo to all special members with an explanation of and provisions for, voting in person or by absentee ballot.

(Submitted by NTA Member P. Gertler)
Moved: P. Gertler
Seconded: S. Eustance
Motion defeated (6-2 with 1 abstention)

MOTION #2:
Resolved, that the NTA’s Board of Directors approve the resolution entitled “Reaffirm Support for New York State Teacher Centers and Increased Funding” consideration at the 2006 Representative Assembly. (enclosed)

(Submitted by NTC Coordinator John Eitel, Jr.)
Moved: K. Roberts
Seconded: P. Gertler
Motion passes unanimously

MOTION #3:
Whereas, informed and educated leaders are the foundations of the NTA and are able to serve the members for many years to come, be it therefore

Resolved, that the NTA’s Board of Directors support the application of NTA Secretary Patricia Van Duser to the New York State United Teachers’ Leadership Institute at Cornell Labor Relations School this summer.

(Submitted by NTA President Phil Cordella)
Moved: V. Pittman
Seconded: A. Sartori
Motion passes (7-1 with 1 abstention)
MOTION #4:
Whereas, the District calendar has been changed, be it

Resolved, that the NTA board of Directors change the NTA Board of Directors meeting date of April 12, 2006 to April 5, 2006.

(Submitted by NTA President Phil Cordella)

Moved: P. Van Duser
Seconded: D. Liebman

MOTION #5
Whereas, NTA Grievance Committee Member Myra Catala has submitted a leave of absence notification from her position on the grievance committee effective immediately, be it

Resolved, that NTA Secretary Patricia Van Duser be appointed an acting NTA Grievance Committee Member for the remainder of the fiscal year, effective immediately.

(Submitted by NTA President Phil Cordella)

Moved: W. Lastowski
Seconded: A. Sartori

Motion passes unanimously

MOTION passes (7-1 with 1 abstention)

GOOD & WELFARE:

- Information on Point Reduction Course from TAs
- Thank you to all who helped with the moving of the new office space

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 5:18 PM

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]
Secretary