BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MINUTES

January 9, 2008
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Meeting was called to order: 4:20 PM

Approval of Minutes of December 12, 2007
Moved: P. Hunter
Seconded: S. Minard
Passed Unanimously

President’s Report
1. The NTA has given input on next year’s District calendar.
2. The NTA President and Superintendent are continuing to participate in the national discussion on quality professional development. The concluding meeting is this Monday.
3. We have been asked to the delegate/alternate representatives from West St. with the new Middle Level Alternative Program in the building now.
4. Audit of Curriculum Survey of Enacted Curriculum dates set
5. Next secondary Math Advisory Committee is January 10, elementary is now Jan 24.
6. Lawsuit update
7. Staff reorganization talks going slowly – CORE meeting tomorrow may answer some questions.
8. Meeting dates with NW delegates and alternates still being worked out.
9. Stairs
10. Teacher Center moving to Chestnut Street School

Vice-President’s Report
1. Committee of 100 will be held on March 18, 2008 and May 13, 2008. The Third Grade performance conditions and the Library Media Specialists may need to be re-scheduled.

Treasurer’s Report
report given at meeting
UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MOTION A

Whereas, it has been the past practice of the NTA’s Nomination and Election committee to establish conditions of election, and

Whereas, those conditions have established the right of candidates or advocates for or against propositions and referendum to distribute literature paid for by themselves or their slate, and

Whereas, that the NTA Treasurer has determined that a voucher submitted to pay for campaign literature related in the recent NTA Constitution and Bylaws amendment requested that the union expend funds for the mailing of literature supporting a certain position, be it therefore

Resolved, that the NTA Board of Directors not pay the voucher requests submitted by NTA Retiree Chair dated September 28, 2007 and October 3, 2007.

(Submitted by NTA Treasurer Angela Sartori)
Moved: A. Sartori
Seconded: N. Sparacio Passed Unanimously

The votes to support this motion and not to pay the vouchers were due to the precedent setting nature of this request on all future referendum and elections and that counsel advised us that there is no legal requirement to support this type payment of one position over another using union dues.

MOTION B

Whereas, the District calendar indicates a second parent/teacher conference night for February, 20, 2008 be it

Resolved, that the NTA’s Board of Directors change the date of the February 2008 Delegate Assembly to February 27, 2008.

(Submitted by NTA member Robin Grove)
Moved: K. Roberts
Seconded: W. Lastowski Passed Unanimously

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION #1:

Whereas, the NTA has received a request for payment by Frank Colone for $4,664.00 legal services for Shebitz Berman & Cohen, P.C. dated December 24, 2007, be it

Resolved, that the Board of Directors not approve the December 24, 2007 voucher request for $4,664.00.
(Submitted by NTA Treasurer Angela Sartori)
Moved: A. Sartori
Seconded: N. Sparacio  Passed Unanimously

MOTION #2:

Whereas, the NTA has received a request for payment by Frank Colone for $1,137.00 legal services for Shebitz Berman & Cohen, P.C. dated December 24, 2007, be it

Resolved, that the Board of Directors not approve the December 24, 2007 voucher request for $1,137.00.

(Submitted by NTA Treasurer Angela Sartori)
Moved: N. Sparacio
Seconded: A. Sartori  Passed Unanimously

MOTION #3:

Whereas, the Teachers and Teaching Assistants of the Newburgh Enlarged City School District have the right to be provided with up-to-date salary information including salary schedule, step location, years of service, and accumulated credits to date, and

Whereas, the District has not provided this information to all teachers in over five years, be it therefore,

Resolved, that the NTA formally request that the District provide this information to all teachers and teaching assistants no later than the March 28, 2008 pay date.

(Submitted by Susan Killeen and William Lastowski)
Moved: W. Lastowski
Seconded: J. Nee

Motion to table to next meeting

Moved: W. Lastowski
Seconded: J. Nee  Passed Unanimously

MOTION #4:

Whereas, the NTA provided for new teacher initiatives; and

Whereas, GAMS has submitted a proposal which has been reviewed by the NTA President; be it therefore

Resolved, that the NTA’s Board of Directors approve the New Teacher Imitative Grant for Gidney Avenue Memorial School as submitted.
(Submitted by NTA Head Delegate Faye Canfield)

Moved: D. Brown  
Seconded: N. Sparacio  

Passed Unanimously

GOOD AND WELFARE:
Congratulations to Director Lastowski on his engagement.

Building use by non-members.

Motion to adjourn: 5:30 PM
Moved: W. Lastowski  
Seconded: V. Pittman

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Karen Roberts  
NTA Secretary