BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MINUTES
January 8, 2009
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Present: Phil Cordella, Vicky Pittman, Angela Sartori, Pat Hunter, Sharon Minard, James Nee, and Nancy Sparacio.
Karen Roberts and Donna Liebman were present in the building addressing the NTA Head Delegates

Meeting was called to order: 4:20 PM
Approval of Minutes Dec. 10, 2008 Meeting
Moved: J. Nee
Seconded: S. Minard

Motion Passes (5-0-1)

President’s Report
1. Happy New Year and thanks to the Directors for attending the re-scheduled meeting.
2. NTA President Phil Cordella distributed the staff reorganization and retirement incentive SMOAs.
3. The District, through cooperative elementary building administrators, has confirmed the one grade level per month model discussed at the last DA.

Vice - President’s Report
1. Binder is nearing completion regarding performance conditions. Recommendations to LMC forthcoming.

Treasurer’s Report
Report given at meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
MOTION #1
Whereas, National Board Certification of a professional represents the attainment of credentials that exceed standard credentialing levels; and

Whereas, National Board Certification helps to spread best practices to the classrooms and schools; and
Whereas, NYSUT encourages members to embrace the challenge of higher credentials whenever they are available in their field; and

Whereas, school psychologists can achieve national certification through a rigorous set of requirements comparable to other nationally certified professionals, including teachers; and

Whereas, NYSUT supports grant programs and subsidies to assist candidates in achieving national certifications; and

Whereas, NYSUT supports the concept of state-wide stipends to recognize who achieve national certification; therefore be it

Resolved, that NYSUT supports recognition of nationally certified school psychologists through comparable stipends offered to nationally certified teachers.

(Submitted by NTA Member Kelly Caci)
Moved: P. Hunter
Seconded: S. Minard

NEW BUSINESS
MOTION #1
Whereas, the NTA Board of Director’s has determined it could not support the wording in the previous defeated motion for consideration at the NYSUT RA regarding psychologists and comparable recognition to National Board of Professional Teaching Standard certification in the form it is currently worded, be it therefore

Resolved, that the NTA Board of Directors urge that the NYSUT Delegates to participate in and consider working to endorse the spirit of the previous motion in the committee process and on the floor of the NYSUT Representative Assembly.

(Submitted by NTA President Phil Cordella)
Moved: P. Hunter
Seconded: S. Minard

MOTION #2
Whereas, the Glenn Hines Boys and Girls Club is an integral part of the greater Newburgh School District community, be it therefore

Resolved, that the NTA’s Board of Directors approve a $500 one time donation to the Glenn Hines Boys and Girls Club.

(Submitted by NTA Director Sharon Minard)
Moved: S. Minard
Seconded: N. Sparacio

MOTION #3
Whereas, the new member initiative serves to inform members of the working of our union, and
Whereas, Heritage JHS has submitted a new member initiative which has been reviewed and approved by the new member initiative chair and committee as well as the NTA President, be it therefore

Resolved, that the NTA Board of Directors approve the Heritage JHS new member initiative proposal as revised.
(Submitted by NTA President Phil Cordella)
Moved: V. Pittman
Seconded: P. Hunter
Passed Unanimously

MOTION #4
Whereas, the new member initiative serves to inform members of the working of our union, and

Resolved, that the NTA Board of Directors approve the West Street School new member initiative proposal as revised.
(Submitted by NTA President Phil Cordella)
Moved: N. Sparacio
Seconded: V. Pittman
Passed Unanimously

MOTION #5
Resolved, that the NTA Board of Directors approve 6 additional tickets for the Hudson Valley Area Labor Federation Labor Heroes Dinner at a cost of $360.00.
(Submitted by NTA Vice President Vicky Pittman)
Moved: N. Sparacio
Seconded: V. Pittman
Passed Unanimously

GOOD AND WELFARE:

NTA President Cordella has written a letter to the professional staff regarding his decision not to seek re-election. He shared it with the Directors.
Congratulations to Jim Nee, the NTA President and the rest of the LMC on the new SMOAs.

Motion to adjourn: 5:00 PM
Moved: J. Nee
Seconded: P. Hunter
Passed Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Cordella, NTA President