BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES
January 13, 2011

Present: Patricia Van Duser, Judy LeRoy, Ellen Hart, Jeanne Daley, Josh Conn, Linda Vinti, Marlayna Wiley.

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM

Approval of minutes:

December 15, 2010

Moved: E. Hart
Second: J. Conn 
Passes unanimously

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. In memory of the late Dr. Annette Saturnelli, Superintendent of Schools, the NTA made a donation to Carlys Fund.
2. Congratulations to the Giansanti family on the birth of their granddaughter Adeline, and the Eitel family on the birth of their grandson Ethan.
3. On January 11, 2011, Jim Butterworth conducted a review of district mission statement, goals and future vision. In attendance were representatives from: Central Office, Board of Education, NTA and CSEA.
4. On January 6, 2011, the Leadership Consult Group met with NTA members to discuss the personal and professional qualities and experiences that the NTA would like the new superintendent of schools to possess.
5. Up coming training includes Data Driven Dialogue and Learning Focus Groups in Simsbury, CT.
6. Labor Management will be meeting January 26, 2011 to discuss the reconfiguration process, Infinite Campus, and the ground rules for the upcoming negotiation sessions.
7. NYSUT will hold the Celebration of Learning seminar March 18 and 19, 2011 in New York City.
8. Met with some Home Teachers to write rules for completing time sheets, which are legal documents.
10. Discussed opportunity for elementary teachers who would be willing to move up to the Middle School Level in acquiring additional certification.

VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT

1. Attended the Executive Committee meeting on January 10, 2011.
2. Teaching Assistant Chapter meeting cancelled due to snow storm.
3. Defensive Driving Course coming up January 22, 2011.
4. Teaching Assistant Chapter made a donation to Hospice in memory of Dr. Saturnelli.
5. Teaching Assistant training day is February 5, 2011 at the NTA Office.

TREASURER’S REPORT

1. Monthly report attached.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION # 1

Whereas, Central Hudson is offering free money for businesses to upgrade to brighter, but more energy-efficient lighting, and

Whereas, the NTA has had an audit done of our current lights and given an estimate for the installation of the new more energy-efficient lights, and

Whereas, Central Hudson pays 70% of the project and the NTA is responsible for 30% with 0% financing, and

Whereas, the savings seen by the NTA will pay back the debt in less than two years, be it therefore

Resolved, that the NTA Board of Directors authorize the President to execute a contract with Alliance Energy Solutions for $2,116.73 to reduce the NTA’s carbon footprint.
(Submitted by NTA President Patricia M. Van Duser)

Moved: M. Wiley
Second: J. Daley

Passes unanimously
MOTION #2

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; be it therefore

Resolved, that the NTA President recognize newly National Board Certified Teacher, Angela Boone, Meadow Hill Guidance Counselor and Chris Courtsunis, NFA Science Teacher.

(Submitted by NTA President Patricia M. Van Duser)

Moved: J. Daley
Second: E. Hart

Passes unanimously

MOTION #3

Resolved, that the NTA’s Board of Directors appoint Terri Vidi to Central Compact Chairperson.

(Submitted by NTA President Patricia M. Van Duser)

Moved: D. Brown
Second: J. Daley

Passes unanimously

MOTION #4

Whereas, the NTA’s Facebook page is increasing in popularity,

Whereas, Facebook has been a good avenue to share information and resources with all members, be it therefore

Resolved, that the Newburgh Teachers’ Association Board of Directors approve the $300 purchase of gift cards (12- $25 gift cards) to be given out to members that like a Facebook page on non-payday Fridays (2 in Jan, 2 in Feb, 2-March, 2 in April, 2 in May and 2 in June) with the goal of reaching 500 friends on our page.

(Submitted by NTA Board of Director David Brown)

Moved: D. Brown
Second: J. Conn

Passes unanimously

GOOD AND WELFARE

President Van Duser’s reminder that February 1, 2011 is the last day to submit Prescription Reimbursement requests to the Benefit Trust. Courier delivery is not “time stamped”, so to avoid delays, use US Mail or submit via courier earlier than 2/1/11.
Motion to adjourn at 4:17 PM:

Moved: M. Wiley
Second: E. Hart

Passes unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne M. Daley
NTA Secretary