THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES
February 9, 2005

Present: Philip Cordella, Vicky Pittman, Angela Sartori, Patricia Van Duser, Mary Anne Corbett, Dennis D’Alessandro, John Eitel, Stacy Eustance, Philip Gertler, Peter Gonzalez, Donna Liebman.

Meeting was called to order at 4:05 PM

Approval of minutes from January 9, 2005 passes unanimously.
Moved: S. Eustance
Seconded: P. Gonzalez

President’s Report
1. Teaching Assistants contract passed
2. Template Letter from Directors
3. Elementary Curriculum Alignment Feedback Forms
4. NTA Dues amount $678
5. Computerized Report Cards
6. New Office Help-Lorraine Mahon
7. Electronic Dues

Vice-President’s Report
1. Make sure teachers are keeping active records and we are supporting our members.

Treasurer’s Report:
Treasurer provided report. (See attached)

Old Business:

New Business:
MOTION # 1a

Resolved, That the NTA ratify the following Supplemental Memorandum of Agreements (attached).
(Submitted by Frank G. Colone, Executive Counsel)

Moved: J. Eitel
Seconded: D. D’Alessandro  Motion passes unanimously.

MOTION # 1b

Resolved, That the NTA ratify the following Supplemental Memorandum of Agreements (attached).
(Submitted by Frank G. Colone, Executive Counsel)

Moved: D. Liebman
Seconded: P. Gertler  Motion passes unanimously.

MOTION # 2a

Whereas, the NTA provides for new teacher initiatives; and

Whereas, Heritage Junior High School has submitted a proposal which has been approved by the New Teacher Committee and NTA President; be it therefore

Resolved, That the NTA’s Board of Directors approve the New Teacher Initiative Grant for Heritage and South Junior High School.
(Submitted by Phil Cordella, NTA President)

Moved: J. Eitel
Seconded: D. D’Alessandro  Motion passes unanimously.

MOTION # 2b

Whereas, the NTA provides for new teacher initiatives; and

Whereas, South Junior High Schools has submitted a proposal which has been approved by the New Teacher Committee and NTA President; be it therefore

Resolved, That the NTA’s Board of Directors approve the New Teacher Initiative Grant for Heritage and South Junior High School.
(Submitted by Phil Cordella, NTA President)

Moved: J. Eitel
Seconded: S. Eustance  Motion passes unanimously.
MOTION # 3

Whereas, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Newburgh has provided 15 homes for working people in the Newburgh Enlarged City School District; and

Whereas, the NTA has a history of supporting Habitat’s goals and work; be it therefore

Resolved, That the Newburgh Teachers’ Association actively support and participate in the May, 2005 annual walk for housing.
(Submitted by Judy Byrne, NTA Retiree)

Moved: P. Van Duser
Seconded: D. Liebman

Motion passes unanimously.

MOTION # 4

Whereas, the terms and conditions of our careers are affected by politics at all levels; and

Whereas, VOTE/COPE is necessary to supply the resources to run campaigns for school budget initiatives and help elect pro-education school board members; be it therefore

Resolved, That the Newburgh Teachers’ Association designate March 1, 2005 to June 24, 2005 for this years VOTE/COPE campaign; and it be further

Resolved, That the NTA continue to advocate for $50 minimum contribution for all members and work towards enrolling those members currently not giving.
(Submitted by Kim DeFillipo, NTA VOTE/COPE Chair)

Moved: D. D’Alessandro
Seconded: P. Gertler

Motion passes unanimously.

MOTION # 5

Whereas, NTA Teaching Assistant Chapter Chairperson Sheila Manning will be attending the NYSUT Representative Assembly pre-conference for School Related Professionals on Wednesday and Thursday April 6 to April 7, 2005; be it therefore

Resolved, That the NTA’s Board of Directors authorize Ms. Manning to stay over Wednesday, Thursday and Friday April 6, April 7, and April 8, 2005, evening and remain at the convention to its conclusion and that the NTA cover the costs associated with those expenses.
(Submitted by Phil Cordella, NTA President)

Moved: P. Van Duser
Seconded: V. Pittman

Motion passes unanimously.
MOTION # 6

Whereas, the NTA Local #2867, AFL-CIO has successfully negotiated 100% health insurance coverage for Newburgh Retirees; be it therefore

Resolved, that Retirees contribute to the 2005 NTA/VOTE/COPE Retiree Drive (from Wednesday, March 2-Wednesday, August 31, 2005); and be it further

Resolved, that NTA Retirees are urged to give at least $25.00.
(Submitted by the UTA Caucus)

Moved: J. Eitel
Seconded: D. D’Alessandro

Motion passes unanimously.

MOTION #7

Whereas, NYSUT President Thomas Y. Hobart is retiring this year; and

Whereas, President Hobart has established an enduring legacy of growth and progress for NYSUT as well as the American Labor movement; be it therefore

Resolved, That the NTA’s Board of Directors approve $375 for an ad for a commemorative journal dedicated to the goals and accomplishments of his 33 year career (see attached).
(Submitted by Phil Cordella, NTA President)

Moved: P. Van Duser
Seconded: D. Liebman

Motion passes 8-2.

MOTION #8

Resolved, That the NTA adopt the School Safety Plan as submitted (see attached)
(Submitted by Frank G. Colone, Executive Counsel)

Moved: D. D’Alessandro
Seconded: D. Liebman

Motion passes unanimously.

MOTION #9

Whereas, there currently exists a policy for numerical report card grades for the secondary schools, and

Whereas, the elementary teachers in grades 3-6 are now required to give numerical grades, be it therefore
Resolved, that the NTA strongly urge that the District establish a policy for elementary report card number grading that is consistent with the secondary report card grading policy, and that the NTA President write a letter to the Newburgh Board of Education advocating our position.

Moved: P. Van Duser
Seconded: D. Liebman

Motion passes unanimously.

GOOD & WELFARE:
- Orange County Teachers’ Association Meeting-support casinos & AIS issues.
- Look into Mentor guidelines.
- No credit from out of district courses-prior approval is needed from Mrs. Sobel.
- Budget support hinges on no cuts of teaching positions.
- Grade issues for second marking period must be as earned.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 5:29PM

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Van Duser
Secretary