THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES
February 13, 2013

Present: Art Plichta, Laurie Colacchio, Ellen Hart, David Brown, Carol Franklin, Judy LeRoy, Stacy Moran, Matthew Scully, Sue Warren.

Call to Order
Meeting called to order 4:43 PM

Approval of Minutes
January 9, 2013

Moved: C. Franklin
Second: S. Moran
Passed

No: L. Colacchio and E. Hart

January 18, 2013

Moved: C. Franklin
Second: S. Moran
Passed

Abstain: L. Colacchio

President’s Report:
1. The NTA-Board Forum at South Middle School on January 31st was well received by all who were in attendance.
2. Labor Management successes: Coach Stipends for supervision have been corrected and payments for these corrections will be in the first pay check in March. Lead teachers at the high school will be reinstated for the rest of this year and next.
3. Budget workshop meetings will be on going: There is about a ten million dollar shortfall in revenues and even if the District raises taxes up to the cap, which in our case will be slightly over 6%, they are considering closing an elementary school and ending full day kindergarten. The District is losing about 1.5-2 million dollars to the charter school opening in July 2013.
4. Our third contract negotiating meeting is on Thursday, February 14, 2013.
5. I attended a meeting at Temple Hill Academy today because they are getting a new principal starting Tuesday, February 19, 2013. Vinny Lopez will be the new Principal of THA, and Roberto Cruz will become an AP at NFA Main.
6. The SAVE committee had a meeting Tuesday; the District is asking for input from our members in how to change the Code of Conduct and how to implement new procedures to help reduce suspensions. This is a result of the NAACP suit and past disproportionality for suspensions of minorities and Sp. Ed. students.

Vice-President’s Report:
None

Treasurer’s Report:
See attached

Old Business:
None

New Business:

MOTION #1:
Whereas, it is incumbent upon the NTA to promote an agenda that is beneficial to students and educators, and
Whereas, students and teachers are becoming stressed by the increase in high stakes testing, and
Whereas, the NYSUT Disaster Relief Fund needs our support, be it therefore
Resolved, that the NTA Board of Directors approve funding in the amount of $875 for the purchase of 1000 wristbands with the phrase, “Just Let Me Teach!”, and be it further
Resolved, that any profits from the sale of those wristbands be donated to the NYSUT Disaster Relief Fund.
(Submitted by A. Plichta)

Moved: L. Colacchio
Second: S. Moran

Passed Unanimously

MOTION #2:
Whereas, the Newburgh Teachers’ Association needs to maintain our office, and
Whereas, our part-time office assistant and webmaster has left the NTA, be it therefore
Resolved, that the NTA Board of Directors approve the allocation of up to 20 hours a week part-time secretarial work and maintenance of the website at an hourly rate of $17.00. These duties will be performed by Karen Mills and John Eitel.
(Submitted by A. Plichta)

Moved: S. Moran
Second: M. Scully

Passed Unanimously
GOOD & WELFARE:
1. D. Brown asked for a change in NTA April meetings so they did not conflict with the RA in Washington DC. The Board of Directors meeting will be rescheduled from Wednesday, April 10th to Wednesday, April 17th. The Delegate Assembly Meeting will be rescheduled from April 17th to April 24th. The Head Delegates Meeting is rescheduled from April 24th to May 1st. The Substitute Chapter Meeting is scheduled for April 2nd.

2. M. Scully stated that there was a consensus among teachers that the Newburgh Teacher Center was not offering enough classes especially for Domain 4 in the new APPR. He also suggested putting information about professional development for teachers on the NTA website.

ADJOURNED:

5:29 PM.

Moved: D. Brown
Second: S. Moran

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Colacchio

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NTA Secretary