BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING

MINUTES

March 4, 2020

PRESENT: Stacy Moran, Thea Bonne, Jillian Caci, Jen Catalano, Nick Karnavezos, Jen Laudiero, Judy LeRoy, Claudine Mazza, Matt Scully, Sue Warren

CALL TO ORDER: 4:33 PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
February 12, 2020
Moved: Matt Scully
Second: Claudine Mazza
Passes Unanimously

PRESIDENT’S REPORT:
• TRO Local Presidents Conference – doing research for substitute negotiations
• Meeting with music teachers – possible arbitration
• Meeting with Health & Safety NTA representatives and Judy LeRoy on 3/5/20
• Faculty meetings – Stacy would like to do a SAVE presentation in each building if she hasn’t done so already this school year
• Retirement incentive/NECSD budget

VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT:
• VOTE/COPE lunch bags have arrived and will be distributed soon
• Lap4Life will be June 20, 2020
• Teacher Center Symposium in Albany

TREASURER’S REPORT: NO REPORT
OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION #1:

Whereas, the Newburgh Teachers’ Association needs to maintain the safety and comfort of our officers, employees, and members who visit the NTA Office Building, and
Whereas, earlier this year the NTA Office Building had no heat and no hot water because of issues with the furnace/hot water heater units, and
Whereas, the NTA Office Building needs to always be usable for our officers, employees, and members; be it therefore
Resolved, that the NTA Building Corp hire Royal Class Service to complete a deep cleaning of all air conditioning units and the subsequent seasonal planned maintenance on entire heating/cooling system at a cost not to exceed $2,500.

(Submitted by NTA President Stacy Moran)
Moved: Thea Bonne
Second: Matt Scully
          Passes Unanimously

MOTION #2:

Whereas, the purpose of education is to educate a populace of critical thinkers who are capable of shaping a just and equitable society in order to lead good and purpose-filled lives, not solely prepare that populace for college and career; and
Whereas, instructional and curricular decisions should be in the hands of classroom professionals who understand the context and interests of their students; and
Whereas, the education of children should be grounded in developmentally appropriate practice; and
Whereas, the state assessments are not transparent in that—teachers and parents are not allowed to view the tests and item analysis will likely not be made available; and
Whereas, the assessment practices that accompany standardized tests including the political manipulation of test scores— are used as justification to label and close schools, fail students, and evaluate educators; therefore be it
Resolved, that the Newburgh Teachers Association opposes standardized high stakes testing that is currently pushed by the Federal and State governments, because this testing is not being used to further instruction for children, to help children, or to support the educational needs of children; and be it further
Resolved, that the Newburgh Teachers Association supports the rights of all parents - including teachers who are parents - to refuse standardized tests; and be it further Resolved, that the Newburgh Teachers Association will post a copy of this resolution and a link to the NYSAPE refusal letter on the NTA website and all social networks.

(Submitted by NTA BOD Member, Jillian Caci)

Moved: Jillian Caci

Second: Claudine Mazza

PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

GOOD AND WELFARE

- Teacher Center Symposium – Claudine Mazza

ADJOURNED: 5:31 PM