THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES
March 6, 2013

Present: Art Plichta, Jeanne Daley, Laurie Colacchio, Ellen Hart, David Brown, Carol Franklin, Judy LeRoy, Barbara Rubin, Matthew Scully, Sue Warren.

Call to Order
Meeting called to order 4:34 PM

Approval of Minutes
February 13, 2013

Moved: C. Franklin
Second: S. Warren
Passed

Abstain: J. Daley

President’s Report:
1. The APPR committee has been working with downtown to get clarity on what the local 20 will be for the new APPR.
2. The SAVE committee will be meeting on March 19th to discuss possible changes to the code of conduct. Please hand in your SAVE surveys to your head delegates by March 15th.
3. The plumber started work on the kitchen and is fixing the heater in Russ Coughlin’s office.
4. Nelson Colon was able to get the Teacher Center six computers for use upstairs.
5. The Pendulum was sent to the Sentinel and the proof should ready in a couple of days.
6. Wristband sales are at $700 dollars, proceeds to go to the NYSUT Disaster Relief Fund.
7. G and I went to the Committee of 100 on Monday, March 4, 2013 and lobbied at the offices of Skoufis, Rabbitt, Skartados and Gunther. We had the sense that they were really positive about supporting teacher and school issues by increasing funding for k-12 education; the state is funding schools well below 2008 levels. There was talk about getting rid of competitive grants, restoring cuts made to SUNY, increased funding to teacher centers, and a smoothing plan that supports the financial security of the TRS.
8. ED 13/14 is on March 14th at the Powelton Club and eleven members are going.
9. The 2012 - 2013 calendar was changed to reflect the date changes of the April BOD and DA.
10. April 4th is a day of Solidarity.

Vice-President’s Report:
1. The NTA website has a new feature that highlights what is happening in our schools.
2. The NTA purchased ingredients for the Empty Bowl event being held at NFA on March 21, 2013.
3. The kitchen at the NTA is becoming a reality.

Treasurer’s Report:
See attached

Old Business:
None

New Business:

MOTION #1:
Resolved, that the NTA Board of Directors approve the revised edition of the NTA committees and stipends.
(Submitted by BOD)

Moved: E. Hart
Second: B. Rubin
Passed Unanimously

MOTION #2:
Whereas, the Newburgh Teachers’ Association has a current Policy for Convention Delegates, and
Whereas, the policy does not clearly address reimbursement, be it therefore
Resolved, that the NTA Board of Directors approve the revision to the Policy for Convention Delegates.
(Submitted by BOD)

Moved: J. Daley
Second: D. Brown

This motion was postponed until April’s BOD meeting

Moved: M. Scully
Second: B. Rubin
Passed Unanimously
GOOD & WELFARE:
1. C. Franklin brought to the BOD’s attention that money from a Microsoft settlement which was intended to be given to each individual school in the district for technology purchases is now being taken by the district so they can prepare for the new online testing that will begin in the 2014-15 school year.
2. D. Brown discussed the concerns of teachers worried about school closings, layoffs and seniority issues.
3. J. LeRoy attended a Health and Safety Conference and spoke about the effects work place stress has on teachers. She reported that work place stress was being felt across the state and how it was having major effects on health, especially in today’s work environment. She also reported that the top two stressful jobs were in health care and education.

ADJOURNED:

6:04 PM,

Moved: L. Colacchio
Second: D. Brown

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Colacchio
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NTA Secretary