THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES
March 9, 2005

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

Absent: Stacy Eustance

Meeting was called to order at 4:05 PM

Approval of minutes from February 9, 2005 passes unanimously.
Approval of minutes from Special Meeting February 23, 2005 passes unanimously.

President’s Report
1. Field trips and Extra Activities Transportation
2. Elementary Number Grade Policy Gr. 3-6
3. Reading First Meadow Hill School
4. Handle With Care Training Seminar
5. NYSUT Staples Partnership Grant
6. NTA Audit Report Follow Up
7. Vice President Duties
8. SRP Leadership Training
9. Human, Women and Civil Rights Conference
10. Forum on Health Care
11. ER&D Winter Institute
12. ED 13-14 Contiguous Meeting
13. Committee of 100 Lobbying
14. Health and Safety Conference
15. NTA Position on Proposed School District Budget (April motion)

Vice-President’s Report:
1. NTA member responsibilities informational sheet
2. Administration Surveys
Treasurer’s Report:
Treasurer provided report

New Business:
MOTION # 1

Resolved: That the NTA Board of Directors reaffirm the Board of Directors’ motion (below) dated and adopted on.

(Submitted by the U.T.A. Caucus)

January 7, 2004 Motion

Whereas, various District grant application initiatives may require collaborations and sign-offs by the NTA, and

Whereas, it is desirable to have a union policy with respect to a protocol, and

Whereas, it is critical that the union underscore its' long-standing policy of involving directly those unit members that will be impacted by the grant initiative, or any new educational venture or undertaking, be it

Resolved: That the NTA adopt the following protocols:

A. Any grant initiative (educational venture) should be well-planned and research-based;

B. Teachers, appointed by the bargaining unit, should be directly involved at the initial planning stages through the completion and possible implementation of the grant (program);

C. Prior to beginning the new initiative, the union will require that at least 80% of the staff (members) who may be impacted by the grant, to authorize the NTA to collaborate with the District on said initiative;

D. Any grant initiative which could impact on the contract and which could lead to a change in terms and conditions of employment, will require a written and signed negotiated waiver or supplemental memorandum of agreement with respect thereto;
E. The waiver or supplemental memorandum of agreement will be subject to a ratification of those impacted members or schools, said ratification will require an 80% super majority;

F. Procedures for the ratification shall be determined by the NTA's Board of Directors in accordance with Article IX. 4 of the Constitution and Bylaws.

Moved by: J. Eitel
Seconded by: D. Liebman

(Original Motion is still in effect)

Motion is ruled out of order by the chair.

Motion # 2

Whereas, Grievance Chairperson David Brown has written a letter requesting Alternate Delegate Jeffrey Benton (SJHS) be added to the NTA’s Grievance Committee (enclosed), and

Whereas, Jeffrey Benton posses the skills and knowledge necessary to contribute to this committee, be it therefore

Resolved, that Jeffrey Benton be appointed as a member of the NTA’s Grievance Committee, and be it further

Resolved, that his committee stipend reflect a prorated amount from the date of his appointment.

(Submitted by NTA President Phil Cordella)

Moved by: P. Van Duser
Seconded by: D. Liebman

Motion passes 6-3

Motion # 3

Resolved, that the NTA accept the time sheet submitted by Nickolas Karnavezos.
(Submitted by NTA President Phil Cordella)

Moved by: P. Van Duser
Seconded by: A. Sartori

Motion passes 8-1

Motion # 4
Resolved, that the NTA's Board of Directors accept the resignation of John Wolner as NTA Retiree VOTE/COPE Coordinator.

(Submitted by NTA President Phil Cordella)

Moved by: D. D'Alessandro
Seconded by: J. Eitel

Motion passes unanimously

Motion # 5

Whereas, the delegates from the Newburgh Teachers’ Association will be attending the NYSUT Representative Assembly, and

Whereas, the delegates will be participating in a state-wide election for NYSUT officers, be it therefore

Resolved, that the NTA delegates who go and vote cast their ballots for:

Richard Iannuzzi – NYSUT President
Alan Lubin – NYSUT Executive Vice-President
Maria Neira – NYSUT 1st. Vice President
Kathleen Donahue – NYSUT 2nd. Vice President
Ivan Tiger – NYSUT Secretary-Treasurer

(Submitted by NTA President Phil Cordella)

GOOD & WELFARE:

• A.F.T. Photo of P. Cordella and S. Eustance.
• Jeffrey R. Benton Chairing a Organization Committee at the NYSUT RA

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 4:42 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Van Duser
Secretary