THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES
March 8, 2006


Meeting was called to order at 4:11 PM

Approval of minutes from February 8, 2006
Moved: K. Roberts
Seconded: V. Pittman
Passes unanimously.

President's Report

1. MLK ad prepared by Jeff Gebhart
2. School Board Election – 6 candidates for three spots- April 3, 2006
3. Candidate Interviews Monday, April 3, 2006
4. NTA invited to add Members to Wellness Committee
5. NYSUT Executive Vice President Alan Lubin to be in Newburgh March 23, 2006
6. Statewide Effort to defeat Governor’s School Voucher Scheme
8. NTA Board Forum Monday, March 13, 2006 6:00 PM Fostertown School

Vice - President's Report
1. Substitute negotiations

Treasurer's Report
Treasurer provided report

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS
MOTION #1:
Resolved, that the Board of Directors reconsider the attached motion originally submitted to the Board of Directors on September 22, 2005.

(Submitted by NTA Member Flip Gertler)

Ruled Out of Order
Motion to Appeal the Chair’s Ruling
Moved: P. Gertler
Seconded: J. Eitel

Motion to Appeal the Chair’s Decision Defeated (6-4)

MOTION #2:
Whereas, the NTA provides for new teacher initiatives; and

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

Resolved, that the NTA’s Board of Directors approve the New Teacher Initiative Grant for South Junior High School as submitted.

(Submitted by NTA President Phillip Cordella)
Moved: W. Lastowski
Seconded: S. Eustance

Passes Unanimously

MOTION #3:
Resolved, that the letter to Mr. Gertler, attached, from Frank G. Colone, Chairperson, Retired Teachers’ Chapter dated January 13, 2006, be incorporated into the minutes of the March 2006 Board of Directors meeting.

(Submitted by NTA Member Flip Gertler)
Moved: P. Gertler
Seconded: S. Eustance

Motion defeated (6-4)

MOTION #4:
Resolved, that the letter to Mr. Gertler, attached, from Frank G. Colone, Chairperson, Retired Teachers’ Chapter dated January 18, 2006, be incorporated into the minutes of the March 2006 Board of Directors meeting.

(Submitted by NTA Member Flip Gertler)
Moved: P. Gertler
Seconded: S. Eustance

Motion defeated (6-4)

MOTION #5:
Resolved, that the NTA election of February, 2003 be confirmed by the NTA’s Board of Directors.

(Submitted by the Retired Teachers’ Chapter of the NTA)
Ruled Out of Order

MOTION #6:
Whereas the Pendulum is the Official In-House publication of the Newburgh Teachers’ Association, and

Whereas the Pendulum has a proud history of representing the NTA to its members, and

Whereas the Pendulum has won many journalism awards for its articulate and insightful stories promoting the NTA and teachers unionism is general, and

Whereas the Compact News is a publication of the Board of Education and primarily promotes the viewpoint of the Board of Education, to the community, and
Whereas the Design and Production Editor of the Pendulum is also the Design and Promotion editor of the Compact News, and

Whereas it is a violation of journalistic ethics for an editor of a union publication to also serve as an editor of a management publication, and

Whereas it is impossible to serve two masters, and

Whereas the dues paying members of the NTA have a right to have their views presented in an uncompromised manner, and

Whereas the Board of Education has the same right, and

Whereas the Design and Production Editor of the Pendulum and the Compact News is the same person, therefore be it

Resolved, that the president of the NTA require that the Design and Production Editor of the Pendulum and Compact News resign from either of the two positions, and be it

Resolved, that the Production Editor of the Pendulum be terminated if he does not resign from his position as Production Editor of the Compact News.

(Submitted by NTA Member Flip Gertler)

Moved: P. Gertler
Seconded: J. Eitel

Motion defeated (6-2-2)

MOTION #7:
Whereas the editors of the Pendulum receive annual stipends to produce the NTA’s official in-house newsletter with no stipulation as to the number of issues they must produce and

Whereas in the past the editors of the Pendulum have produced as many as ten issues per year, and

Whereas the editors have produced only two issues this year, and

Whereas the members of the NTA have a right to have their dues money spent in a fiscally responsible manner, therefore be it

Resolved, that, beginning forthwith, the NTA change its method of paying the editors of the Pendulum from an annual stipend, to a per issue stipend.

(Submitted by NTA Member Flip Gertler)

Motion withdrawn by the Maker

GOOD AND WELFARE:
- Recognition of work of Head Delegate and future committee chair assignments
- Karen Roberts reported on Catskill Labor Council Legislative Breakfast
Motion to adjourn at 5:13 PM:
Moved: A. Sartori
Seconded: W. Lastowski

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia M. Van Duser

Copy of Motion cited in # 1

Motion of September 22, 2005
Whereas, the NTA ratified a contract extension on September 2, 2005, and

Whereas, Article I of the contract recognizes retired teachers for the purposes of negotiations regarding health insurance benefits, and

Whereas, the NTA did not provide an opportunity for retired teachers to participate in the ratification process, and

Whereas, the Taylor Law requires recognized unit members to ratify proposed agreements, be it therefore

Resolved, That the NTA acknowledge the right of retired teacher members to participate (and vote) in the ratification process as it pertains to health insurance issues for retirees as stipulated in Article I, and be it further

Resolved, That the NTA include retired teacher members in future ratification processes as identified.
(Submitted by the Retired Teachers’ Chapter)