BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MINUTES
March 12, 2008
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Present: Phil Cordella, Vicky Pittman, Angela Sartori, Karen Roberts, David Brown, Patricia Hunter, William Lastowski, Donna Liebman, and Sharon Minard

Meeting was called to order: 5:15 PM
Approval of Minutes February 4, 2008
Moved: S. Minard
Seconded: D. Brown
Passed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes of February 27, 2008
Moved: S. Minard
Seconded: D. Liebman
Passed Unanimously

President’s Report

1. The NTA Board of Education interviews are scheduled for April 2, 2008 beginning at 4:30 pm. Four candidates, to date, have asked for our endorsement.
2. This “Week at the NTA” is now on the Website.
3. The meeting date with NW delegates and alternates is April 1, 2008.
4. Compact training is coming up – all schools are encouraged to send teams.
5. The NTA President reviewed a proposal by the District regarding walk-throughs.

Vice-President’s Report

1. Mini Leadership Conference to be held on Saturday to organize an agenda for the Board Forum

Treasurer’s Report

Report given at meeting

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS
MOTION #1:

Whereas, the NTA provides for new teacher initiatives, and

Whereas, Temple Hill Academy has submitted a proposal which has been reviewed by the NTA President; be it therefore

Resolved, that the NTA’s Board of Directors approve the New Teacher Initiative Grant for Temple Hill Academy.

(Submitted by NTA President Phil Cordella)  
Moved: V. Pittman  
Seconded: D. Brown  
Passed Unanimously

MOTION #2:

Resolved that the NTA’s Board of Directors approve the 2008-2009 NTA Budget as presented by the Treasurer.

(Submitted by NTA Treasurer Angela Sartori)  
Moved: D. Liebman  
Seconded: D. Brown  
Passed Unanimously

MOTION # 3:

Whereas, the NTA awards its annual Friend of Education honor to those individuals, groups, or institutions which have made a noticeable and positive contribution to education in our community, and

Whereas, this school year has been a special one for Annette Lucille Miele-Saturnelli, Ed.D., and

Whereas, Dr. Annette M. Saturnelli has never forgotten her years teaching and the professional responsibilities that entailed, and

Whereas, the Newburgh Teachers’ Association has worked hand in hand, enjoying a positive collaborative relationship based on mutual respect and trust, and

Whereas, this award, for the first time in its 28 year history is going to a district administrator, and

Whereas, Dr. Annette M. Saturnelli is a mover and a shaker who works tirelessly for the benefit of all children; be it therefore

Resolved, that the NTA bestow its highest honor to Dr. Annette M. Saturnelli and award the 2008 NTA Friend of Education Award; and be it further

Resolved, a plaque declaring such be awarded, and that this motion’s passage serve also as approval of lifetime honorary membership in the Newburgh Teachers’ Association.
MOTION #4:
Whereas, the Newburgh Teachers' Association has a deep commitment to the welfare of children;
Whereas, several staff, including secretarial and teaching, have worked in the past to raise money for this worthwhile research facility, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital;
Whereas, a staff member's child and family have already been affected and helped by this research hospital;
Whereas, more financial help is needed in the immediate future and in the upcoming year;

Be it Resolved; that the NTA donate a sum of $500 dollars to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, and furthermore, in school year 2008-2009, the NTA help with the creation of a District-wide fund drive.

(Submitted by NTA member Pat Hunter)
Moved: P. Hunter
Seconded: D. Liebman
Passed Unanimously

MOTION #5
Whereas, the NTA provides for new teacher initiatives; and
Whereas, North JHS has submitted a proposal which has been reviewed by the NTA President; be it therefore

Resolved, that the NTA's Board of Directors approve the New Teacher Initiative Grant for North JHS.

(Submitted by NTA President Phil Cordella)
Moved: D. Brown
Seconded: K. Roberts
Passed Unanimously

MOTION #6
Whereas, the NTA provides for new teacher initiatives; and
Whereas, Balmville School has submitted a proposal which has been reviewed by the NTA President; be it therefore
Resolved, that the NTA’s Board of Directors approve the New Teacher Initiative Grant for Balmville School.

(Submitted by NTA President Phil Cordella)
Moved: S. Minard
Seconded: D. Liebman  Passed Unanimously

GOOD AND WELFARE:
The NTA is the recipient of the NYSUT 2008 Community Service Award.
The NTA Teaching Assistant Chapter won Honorable Mention in General Excellence, Class II in the NYSUT Journalism Competition.
The NTA website won Honorable Mention in the Website design category in the NYSUT Journalism Competition.

Motion to adjourn: 7:25 PM
Moved: P. Hunter
Seconded: V. Pittman

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Roberts
NTA Secretary