BOARD OF DIRECTORS Minutes
March 14, 2012

Present: Patricia Van Duser, Judy LeRoy, Ellen Hart, Jeanne Daley, Josh Conn, Carol Franklin, Sherri Hall, J. Nee, Matthew Scully, Susan Warren.

Call to Order
Meeting called to order at 4:44 PM
Moment of silence for Mr. Archie Reid

Approval of minutes
February 15, 2012

Moved: S. Warren
Second: J. Conn
Passes with 1 abstention

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

1. In Labor Management, the NTA agreed that K-8 will use Terra Nova testing in October and May to measure growth. The mid-terms and finals will not be given. This will fulfill the 20% local assessment of the APPR.
2. Special election on Tuesday, March 20, 2012 for the late Tom Kirwan’s seat. NYSUT Fundraiser for Frank Skartados was held at Billie Joe’s Ribworks. Democratic Committee looking for support. Phone banks set up for this evening and Thursday, March 15, 2012.
3. NYSUT website has 1-800 number to call our Assembly members to fight Tier 6.
4. NTA Seniority list available at the NTA office.
5. Health Insurance straw poll appears to not be in favor of making any changes.
6. The Teaching Assistant seniority list has errors that can be changed by Human Resources. Dues report gives clear information- if dues are not being paid, seniority is not being accrued. Any concerns should be directed to Mrs. S. Manning.

VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT

NYSUT LRS Mr. K. Destefano met with Teaching Assistants Executive Committee. A subgroup of Teaching Assistants plan to advocate for no layoffs of Teaching Assistants.
TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial reports attached.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION #1

Whereas, Celebration of Teaching and Learning 2012, is a premier professional development conference being held at the Hilton New York, in NYC on March 16 and March 17;

Whereas, developing our knowledge of the Common Core in Math and ELA are important in developing our APPR and improving technology support to the classroom; be it therefore

Resolved, the NTA Board of Directors authorize the President to send six NTA members to attend this conference. The cost of $375/ person for two day registration has been covered by NYSUT (a savings of $2250) and the only expenses associated are with travel (rooms, travel and meals).

(Submitted by NTA President Patricia Van Duser)

Moved: J. LeRoy
Second: M. Scully

Passes unanimously

MOTION #2

Whereas, it is the responsibility of the Board of Directors to authorize the President to renew the agreement with Pitney Bowes for the postage meter and the folder/ inserter (DI200), be it therefore

Resolved, that the NTA Board of Directors approve the new contract as presented.

(Submitted by NTA President Patricia Van Duser)

Moved: J. Nee
Second: J. Conn

Passes unanimously

MOTION #3

Resolved, that the NTA Board of Directors accept the timeline and conditions of election of NYSUT /AFT/ NEA Election as presented by the NTA Nominations and Elections Committee.

(Submitted by NTA Nominations and Election Chair Karen Roberts)

Moved: J. Nee
Second: S. Warren

Passes unanimously
MOTION #4

Whereas, the Board of Education is in the process of formulating the 2012-2013 budget to be submitted for voter approval, and

Whereas, tentative budget plans call for additional and significant cuts in direct services to students, and

Whereas, the budget is being formulated based exclusively on financial information being supplied by the District, and

Whereas, it is desirable and important to get a separate and impartial review of the current and the proposed budgets, as well as current appropriations, and

Whereas, voter approval of the budget is based upon a general acceptance of the accuracy of the financial information provided by the District, be it therefore

Resolved, that the NTA commission a thorough budget analysis to be conducted by an impartial and professional accountant and auditor, and be it further

Resolved, that this budget/appropriations review be provided to the NTA prior to the May 9, 2012 meeting of the Board of Directors.
(Submitted by Jeanne Daley and Art Plichta)

Moved: J. Daley
Second: J. Nee

Motion Defeated 7 to 2

MOTION #5

Whereas, the current budget formulation is based upon a Board decision to propose a budget that stays within the tax cap, and

Whereas, the state-imposed tax cap will have profound effects on the new budget, as well as future budgets, be it therefore

Resolved, That the NTA ask the Board to formulate a 5 year budget projection that assumes budgets in conformity with the cap and their potential impact on the educational services and programs in future years.
(Submitted by Jeanne Daley and Art Plichta)

Moved: J. Daley
Second: E. Hart

Motion Defeated 7 to 2
GOOD AND WELFARE
C. Franklin stated the need for more computers in our district.
Congratulations to D. Brown for his NYSUT Leadership award.

ADJOURNED:
Motion to adjourn at 5:51 PM.

Moved: J. Conn
Second: S. Hall

Passes unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne M. Daley
NTA Secretary