THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES
April 13, 2005

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

Absent: Maryanne Corbett, Stacy Eustance

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM

Approval of minutes from March 9, 2005 Passes unanimously.

President's Report
1. NTA Audit Financials to all members
2. Inclusion workshop sign up deadline has passed
3. Retirement Workshop May 3, 2005
4. Reading First SMOA approved
5. Budget Vote "5/17/05 It Matters!" Phone banks begin 5/2/05
6. NTA Building Corporation - tax returns filed

Vice-President's Report:

Treasurer's Report:
Treasurer provided report and reviewed proposed 2005-2006 NTA Budget

New Business:

MOTION #1

Resolved: that the NTA's Board of Directors vote to approve the NTA Budget for 2005-2006 as presented.
(Submitted by the NTA Treasurer Angela Sartori)

Moved by: D. D'Alessandro
Seconded by: P. Van Duser

Motion carries unanimously
Motion # 2

Whereas, there exists an opening for Retiree VOTE/COPE chairperson, be it therefore

Resolved: that the NTA’s Board of Directors appoint long time Head Delegate and retiree Dennis Morano as Retiree VOTE/COPE chairperson, and be it further

Resolved: that he receive the appropriate stipend, pro-rated.

(Submitted by the NTA President Phil Cordella)
Moved by: P. Van Duser
Seconded by: V. Pittman

Motion carries unanimously

Motion # 3

Whereas, the Newburgh Teachers’ Association has met with the District to review its proposed 2005-2006 school district budget, and
Whereas, the proposed budget includes teaching assistants for each of the nine elementary SAVE rooms, and
Whereas, the proposed budget maintains current staffing levels, avoiding layoffs, be it therefore

Resolved, that the Newburgh Teachers’ Association support the proposed 2005-2006 school district budget and actively work for its passage.

(Submitted by the NTA President Phil Cordella)
Moved by: P. Van Duser
Seconded by: P. Gonzalez

Motion carries unanimously

Motion # 4

Whereas, the NTA provides for new teacher initiatives, and
Whereas, Fosterstown/HOH has submitted a joint proposal which has been approved by the New Teacher Committee and NTA President; be it therefore

Resolved, that the NTA’s Board of Directors approve the New Teacher Initiative Grant for Fosterstown/HOH.

(Submitted by Phil Cordella, NTA President)
Moved by: P. Van Duser
Seconded by: J. Eitel

Motion carries unanimously

Motion # 5

Whereas, every two years the Newburgh Enlarged City School District must elect Delegates and Alternates to the Annual Convention of the New York State Teachers’ Retirement System; and
Whereas, the nominees for Delegate and Alternate have agreed to serve as resources on the local level to help organize and provide workshops on retirement issues relevant to our members; and

Whereas, the below mentioned individuals are dedicated professionals; and
Whereas, the below mentioned individuals are respected district wide; and
Whereas, the below mentioned individuals have agreed to work to the best of their abilities to assist our members; be it therefore

Resolved: That the NTA Board of Directors endorse the following NTA members as Delegates and Alternates to the Annual Convention of the New York State Teachers’ Retirement System.

Delegates
Jeff Benton
Peter Gonzalez
Nickolas Karnavezos
William Lastowski
James Nee
Beverly Woods
(Submitted by Jeffrey R. Benton, NYSTRS Delegate)

Alternates
Joni Mongelli
Myra Catala
Phil Giancante
Mary Mueller
Nelson Colon
David Brown

Moved by: P. Van Duser
Seconded by: A. Sartori
Motion to table

Moved by: D. D’Alessandro
Seconded by: V. Pittman

Passes unanimously

Motion # 6

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Whereas, the below mentioned individuals are dedicated professionals; and
Whereas, the below mentioned individuals are respected district wide; and
Whereas, the below mentioned individuals have agreed to work to the best of their abilities to assist our members; be it therefore

Resolved: That the NTA Board of Directors endorse the following NTA members as Delegates and Alternates to the Annual Convention of the New York State Teachers’ Retirement System.

Delegates
Jackie Borgia
John Eitel, Jr.
Stacy Eustance
Carol Franklin
Anthony Grice
Marisol Riverol

Alternates
Heather Kraus
Christina Cloyd
Dorothy Davidson
Ken Masten
Steven DeMarco
Veronica Cox
Moved by: P. Gertler
Seconded by: J. Eitel
Motion to table
Moved by: V. Pittman
Seconded by: A. Sartori

Passes unanimously

Motion # 7

Resolved: that the NTA's Board of Director's authorize the purchase of 288 union made NTA T Shirts (co-designed by NTA members and art teachers Liza Mills and Jeff Gebhardt) to be used as part of the 2005 Educational Issues Advocacy campaign in the amount of $2,799.12 plus tax and shipping.
(Submitted by EIA Chair Joe Lotito)
Moved by: D. D'Alessandro
Seconded by: V. Pittman

Passes unanimously

Motion # 8

Resolved: that the NTA Board of Directors approve the Supplemental Memorandum of Agreement (SMOA) dated March 29, 2005 for Building Specific Subs who were not referenced in the January 25, 2005 SMOA.
(Submitted by the NTA President Phil Cordella)
Moved by: P. Van Duser
Seconded by: J. Eitel

Passes unanimously

Motion # 9

Resolved: that the NTA Board of Directors approve the Supplemental Memorandum of Agreement (SMOA) agreeing to a pay scale and benefits for Regular Substitutes dated March 29, 2005.
(Submitted by the NTA President Phil Cordella)
Moved by: P. Van Duser
Seconded by: V. Pittman

Passes unanimously

Motion # 10

Resolved: that the NTA Board of Directors donate to Reading is Fundamental (RIF) in the amount of $400.00.
(Submitted by the NTA Member Tony Sculley)
Moved by: P. Van Duser
Seconded by: V. Pittman

Passes unanimously

Motion # 11

Whereas the NTA's ER&D Local Site Coordinator, in collaboration with the Newburgh Teacher Center and the Newburgh Teachers’ Association submitted over the
last 3 years ER&D course proposals to the Hudson Catskill Workforce Development Center and received approval to run said courses, and

Whereas said courses were to be reimbursed with Workforce Development Center funds through the NTA to be remitted to the NTC after said courses were run and the necessary paperwork submitted, and

Whereas, up until this school year said funds that had been received had to be held by the NTA because there was no collective bargaining agreement between the NTA and the NECSD with regards to depositing these funds,

Be it resolved that all monies received for courses approved by the Hudson Catskill Workforce Development Center and all monies yet to be received for said courses be remitted to the NTC for deposit.
(Submitted by the NTC Coordinator John Eitel, Jr.)

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

Motion # 12

Whereas, the AFT-Africa Aids campaign has become a central part of the NYSUT and AFT public awareness program, and

Whereas, the AFT Africa-Aids campaign has proven to be a strong initiative in saving lives and improving public education in Africa, and

Whereas, the AFT and NYSUT have been strong supporters of this successful program for over a year, and

Whereas, the involvement of as many locals as possible helps to ensure the continued success of this public awareness health program, be it therefore,

Resolved: That the NTA establish as policy to support the AFT Africa Aids Awareness campaign, and be it further

Resolved: That the NTA contribute $500.00 to the AFT Africa Aids Awareness campaign.
(Submitted by NTA members Jeffrey R. Benton and William Lastowski)

Moved by:        P. Van Duser
Seconded by:    J. Eitel                   Passes unanimously

Motion # 13

Whereas, SITESABES (First Independent Democratic Union of Teachers) is faced with many obstacles in its formative years, and

Whereas, SITESABES has been unduly harassed and menaced by authorities, and

Whereas, SITESABES has shown resilience and tenacity in the face of adversity, and

Whereas, SITESABES and its members continue to portray the qualities and characteristics that personify the best of public educators, and

Whereas, SITESABES needs the support and aid from their sisters and brothers of public education at this crucial juncture in their organization efforts, be it therefore

Resolved: That the NTA adopt as policy to pledge support for SITESABES, and be it further,
Resolved: That the NTA contribute $500.00 to SITESABES and its organization efforts.
(Submitted by NTA members Jeffrey R. Benton and William Lastowski)
Moved by:  P. Van Duser
Seconded by:  P. Gonzalez

Passes unanimously

GOOD & WELFARE:
• Acknowledgement of the NTA Benefit Trust Fund’s great job in presenting the Fund’s plan and procedures to the NTA’s Teaching Assistant Chapter.
• Acknowledgement of the NTA Treasurer’s Budget presentation
• NYSUT has a new president - Mr. Richard Iannuzzi who was endorsed by the Unity Caucus

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 5:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]
Patricia M. Van Duser
Secretary