THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES
April 5, 2006

Absent: S. Eustance

Meeting was called to order at 4:14 PM

Approval of minutes from March 8, 2006
Moved: A. Sartori
Seconded: D. Liebman
Passes unanimously.

President’s Report

1. Middletown and Washingtonville Teachers Settled their Contracts
2. NTA has requested copies of Chestnut St. soil and water samples for review
3. Anne Frank exhibition at Locust Grove Sponsored April 30, 2006
4. Candidate Interviews Continuing Monday, April 10, 2006
5. District’s Assessment Schedule Updated
6. NYSUT has bestowed the Local Community Service Award to the NTA
7. Phone Bank dates set May 1, 2006 – May 11, 2006
8. School District Budget Facts

Vice-President’s Report
1. Sabbatical Committee has completed it work
2. Substitute Negotiations Friday, 4/07/06

Treasurer’s Report
Treasurer provided report

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION #1
Resolved, that the NTA’s Board of Directors approve the proposed NTA 2006-2007 budget and dues structure as submitted by the NTA Treasurer.
(Submitted by NTA Treasurer Angela Sartori)
Moved: P. Van Duser
Seconded: P. Gertler
Motion Passes Unanimously (9-0)
MOTION #2

Whereas, the NTA provides for new teacher initiatives; and

Whereas, North 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 North Junior High School as submitted.
(Submitted by NTA President Philip Cordella)
Moved: W. Lastowski
Seconded: J. Eitel

Motion Passes Unanimously (9-0)

MOTION #3

Whereas, NTA members will begin the 2006-2007 school year with a settled collective bargaining agreement good through 2009-2010 school year, and

Whereas, it the mission of our union to protect public education by advocating for and assuring adequate staffing, appropriate funding of needed programs, and a commitment to quality education, and

Whereas, the defeat of a school budget and imposition of an austerity budget would wreak havoc on current conditions including but not limited to staff levels, extra curriculum activities, needed supplies, and more be it therefore

Resolved, that the NTA advocate for the passage of the 2006-2007 school district and library budget and work diligently to secure its passage.
(Submitted by NTA President Phil Cordella)
Moved: P. Van Duser
Seconded: D. Liebman

Motion Passes Unanimously (9-0)

MOTION #4

Whereas, there has been a significant increase in new members since January 1, 2003, and

Whereas, there is a lack of knowledge regarding the July 1, 2002 – June 30, 2006 contract and recent contract extension, and

Whereas, continuing concerns such as health insurance, vouchers and other issues continued to be important to NTA members, and

Whereas, recent concerns such as social security reform and pensions are now major concerns for active and retired teachers and will continue to be in the coming years and

Whereas, the importance of political action and Vote Cope must be continually reinforced, therefore be it

Resolved, that the NTA develop a comprehensive plan to inform and educate the membership regarding the aforementioned issues, and be it further

Resolved, that this plan be developed and coordinated jointly by the leadership and the Vote Cope Committee, Political Action Committee, New Member Committee and the Pendulum, but not limited to those committees, and be it further

Resolved, that these committees report their progress monthly to the delegate assembly.
(Submitted by NTA Member Flip Gertler)
Moved: P. Gertler
Seconded: D. Liebman

Motion Passes Unanimously (9-0)
MOTION #5

Resolved, that the NTA’s Board of Directors endorse the following candidates to the Newburgh Enlarged City School District Board of Education.

(Note: specific names are not available until April 3; 2006 interviews are completed)
(Submitted by NTA President Phil Cordella)
Withdrawn by the maker

MOTION #6

Resolved, that the NTA’s Board of Directors approve $2,000 plus shipping and taxes for new gray T-Shirts for NTA volunteers for our upcoming school board and budget elections.
(Submitted by NTA Educational Issues Advocacy Chair Joe Lotito)
Moved: P. Van Duser
Seconded: D. Liebman
Motion Passes Unanimously (9-0)

MOTION #7

Whereas, the public library system has been established to provide access to information regardless of age, race, creed, and socioeconomic standing, and

Whereas, the greater Newburgh community has benefited for many years from the opportunities provided by the Newburgh Free Library, and

Whereas, the Newburgh Free Library actively participates in fostering and readily encourages the educational pursuits of the school district, the students, and the teachers, be it therefore

Resolved, that the NTA’s Board of Directors bestow the 2006 Friends of Education Award to the Newburgh Free Library.
(Submitted by NTA President Phil Cordella)
Moved: V. Pittman
Seconded: P. Van Duser
Motion Passes Unanimously (9-0)

MOTION #8

Whereas, the NTA supports Habitat for Humanity, be it

Resolved that the NTA support the Smiles for Life Foundation by informing its members that they can have their teeth whitened (50% off) for $300 and 100% of the $300 is donated to Newburgh’s Habitat for Humanity.
(Submitted by NTA Member John Eitel, Jr.)
Moved: J. Eitel
Seconded: K. Roberts
Motion Passes Unanimously (8-0)

GOOD AND WELFARE:

- Tenure recommendations
- Committee of 100 met.
- District Seniority List
- Thank you Angela for the great job on the budget
- Thank you Vicky for her job on the sabbatical committee.

MOTION TO ADJOURN @ 5:40 PM:

Moved: W. Lastowski
Seconded: A. Sartori
Motion Passes Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,
Patricia M. Van Duser