Special Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes

April 26, 2013

Attendance: Art Plichta, Jeanne Daley, Barbara Rubin, Stacy Moran, Matt Scully, David Brown and Judy LeRoy

CALL TO ORDER:

7:30 AM

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION #1:

Resolved, that the NTA Board of Directors approve the conditions of the ratification vote and the timeline of that vote.

(Submitted by Karen Roberts, NTA Nominations/Elections, Chair)

Moved: B. Rubin

Second: J. Daley

Passed unanimously
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES
April 17, 2013


Call to Order
Meeting called to order 5:00 PM

Approval of Minutes
March 6, 2013

Moved: S. Warren
Second: J. LeRoy

Passed

Abstain: S. Moran

President’s Report:
1. NYSUT Representative Assembly April 11 - 13, 2013: There were several great speakers at the RA and they included Randi Weingarten, Tom DiNapoli, Chuck Schumer, and John Nichols, who writes for the Nation, as well as NYSUT officers. The basic message was Talk Truth to Power; we have told it like it is; now it is time to let us teach. It is time to take back public education. There will be a rally in Albany on Saturday, June 8th, for support of public education. We need to get teachers, teaching assistants, parents, and grandparents etc. involved and attend the rally in Albany.
2. Negotiations: We have told the District that we would only accept a change in our health insurance as an option for those who would like to save some money and think the MVP PPO plan would be beneficial to them; everyone else would keep their present insurance. The District has asked me to survey our members and see how many would consider a switch to the MVP PPO insurance program, on a voluntary basis.
3. We are trying to make revisions to the APPR plan that will make it better for teachers as we go forward. The District is well aware that this must be ratified by the membership and it must be fair and reasonable to teachers.
4. I attended the AFT Executive Leadership Conference in March, and 16 newly elected presidents from all over the country met in Washington, D.C. to discuss issues and strategies for locals in the new political and economic environment. It was a positive experience.
Vice-President’s Report:
1. The RA in Washington, D.C. was wonderful, and 12 NYSUT representatives from the NTA attended.
2. I will help with the Rally on June 8, 2013.

Treasurer’s Report:
No monthly report this month, focus was on the NTA’s budget for 2013 - 2014.

Old Business:
None

New Business:

MOTION #1:
Whereas, it is the responsibility of the NTA to adopt an operating budget yearly, be it therefore
Resolved, that the NTA Board of Directors approve the 2013 – 2014 NTA Budget as presented.
(Submitted by BOD)
Moved: C. Franklin
Second: J. LeRoy
Passed Unanimously

MOTION #2:
Whereas, the Newburgh Teachers’ Association’s annual Friend of Education dinner is a festive culmination of our school year, and the NTA awards outstanding individuals, institutions or groups who have contributed to education, be it therefore
Resolved, that the Board of Directors of the NTA approve and allocate the expenditure of the annual Friend of Education dinner and awards ceremony being held at the Powelton Club, not to exceed the cost of $8,000.00.
(Submitted by BOD)
Moved: J. Daley
Second: E. Hart
Passed Unanimously

MOTION #3:
Whereas, The NTA awards its annual Friend of Education honor to those individuals, institutions or groups which have made a noticeable and positive contribution to education in our community, and
Whereas, Frank Skartados is the District 104 Assemblyman who represents our District, and
Whereas, Frank Skartados has acquired $250,000 additional funds for last year and this year for the Newburgh Enlarged City School District, and
Whereas, Frank Skartados has a positive political agenda towards education, and
Whereas, Frank Skartados is supportive of labor and the middle class, be it therefore
Resolved, that the NTA bestow its highest honor to NYS Assemblyman Frank Skartados, and award him the 2013 NTA Friend of Education Award.
Moved: J. Leroy
Second: J. Daley
Passed Unanimously
GOOD & WELFARE:

1. D. Brown looked into the cost of tee-shirts for the NTA, for use at the Rally being held on June 8 in Albany. He supplied some information from a local vendor who has done work for teachers and parent teacher organizations. D. Brown is going to investigate the cost of these tee-shirts and report back to the BOD.
2. L. Colacchio will also look into the cost of tee-shirts from another vendor and report the cost back to the BOD.

ADJOURNED:
6:22 PM.

Moved: C. Franklin
Second: D. Brown

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Colacchio

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NTA Secretary