THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES  
May 8, 2013


Call to Order  
Meeting called to order 4:35 PM

Approval of Minutes  
April 17, 2013

Moved: D. Brown  
Second: J. LeRoy  
Passed


April 26, 2013 Special Board of Directors Meeting

Moved: J. Daley  
Second: M. Scully  
Passed

Abstain: L. Colacchio, E. Hart, C. Franklin, S. Warren

President’s Report:  
1. The Ed/Advocacy Committee met with several of our members to conduct BOE Candidate interviews on Monday, May 6, 2013. All of the candidates came in for interviews. G. set up a schedule for phone banks if the Board of Directors decides to support the District budget and the recommended BOE Candidates.

2. I want to publicly thank Karen Roberts for all her hard work in planning and organizing the ratification vote and overseeing it on Tuesday, May 7, 2013. I would also like to thank: Laurie Colacchio and Gail Nichols from the Election Committee and Michelle Bowe, who returned to the Election Committee to assist with the vote.
3. I would like input from the Board of Directors, regarding the release of the seniority lists to head delegates. A teacher at South foiled the list from the District clerk and it was provided in a given tenure area. I have concerns because it has been held confidential by the NTA for several years, and with staff cuts looming, questions will arise over seniority issues for many teachers. If it is too easy to access then people with years and years of teaching, not in any danger of layoffs, may challenge the list, not affording those in more tenuous positions the chance to get their own concerns addressed in a timely manner. I am very open to the idea of providing the lists, just not the timing, right now.

4. I would like the Board of Directors to consider the problem of the extra ballot in yesterday’s ratification vote at NFA and work to decide how it can be addressed to insure the integrity of the voting process.

Vice-President’s Report:
None

Treasurer’s Report:
See attached

Old Business:

Motion:
Whereas, the Newburgh Teachers’ Association has a current Policy for Convention Delegates, and
Whereas, the policy does not clearly address reimbursement, be it therefore
Resolved, that the NTA Board of Directors approve the revision to the Policy for Convention Delegates.
(Submitted by President A. Plichta)

Moved: J. Daley
Second: M. Scully

Motion to Table until June 5, 2013

Moved: M. Scully
Second: D. Brown
Passed Unanimously

New Business:

MOTION #1:
Whereas, the Board of Directors of the NTA has the constitutional responsibility to interpret the constitution and bylaws of the NTA, and
Whereas, the Board of Directors of the NTA has the constitutional responsibility to determine procedures for a referendum, and
Whereas, one more ballot was cast at NFA Main, then was signed for, and
Whereas, those ballots represent a very large percentage of the entire vote, and
Whereas, the NTA does not want to see those voters disenfranchised, be it therefore
Resolved, that the NTA Board of Directors approve the counting of those ballots, and be it further
Resolved, that the NTA Board of Directors specify that all of the ballots are tallied next Tuesday,
5/14/13, and if the contract is ratified or not ratified by only one vote, a new election for In-service
members will be held.

Moved: S. Warren
Second: D. Brown
Passed Unanimously

MOTION #2:
Whereas, the Newburgh Teacher’s Association has an obligation to protect the integrity of the
ratification vote, and
Whereas, a completely secure location needed to be provided for the In-service ballots, while waiting
for the absentee ballots to be mailed in for a vote count on May 14, 2013, be it therefore
Resolved, that the NTA Board of Directors approve the purchase of a combination safe with a
combination only known by the Election Committee. The cost of the safe is $281.10.
(Submitted by President A. Plichta)

Moved: J. Daley
Second: E. Hart
Passed Unanimously

MOTION #3:
Whereas, the Newburgh Teachers’ Association regularly interviews school board candidates for
endorsement, and
Whereas, it is paramount importance to support Board of Education members who will be supportive
of teaching and education, be it therefore
Resolved, that the NTA Board of Directors endorse John Eliadis, R. Andrew Johnston, and Susan
Prokosch for election to the Newburgh Board of Education
(Submitted by Ed. Advocacy Committee)

Moved: J. Daley
Second: E. Hart
Motion Fails

S. Warren

MOTION #4:
Whereas, the Newburgh Teacher’s Association plays a significant role in passing our school district
budget, and
Whereas, a contingency budget would be very harmful to teachers and the education of our students,
be it therefore
Resolved, that the NTA Board of Directors support the 2013-2014 school district budget, and be it
further
Resolved, that the NTA Board of Directors authorize the expenditure of $750 for mailings to NYSUT members in our district in support of the school budget.
(Submitted by President A. Plichta)

Moved: L. Colacchio
Second: D. Brown Passed

No Vote: L. Colacchio, S. Moran, and M. Scully

MOTION #5:
Whereas, the Newburgh Teachers’ Association had to call on the Nominations and Election Committee to plan and execute a contract ratification vote, and
Whereas, the Nominations and Election Committee worked diligently and professionally to hold the election, be it therefore
Resolved, that the NTA Board of Directors approve a stipend of $200 for Michelle Bowe, and increase the June stipend for Karen Roberts to $500.
(Submitted by President A. Plichta)

Moved: S. Warren
Second: C. Franklin Passed Unanimously

MOTION #6:
Whereas, the Newburgh Teachers’ Association is supporting the June 8, 2013 Rally to support Public Education in Albany, and
Whereas, in the current political, economic climate it is so important to show our unity, be it therefore
Resolved, that the NTA Board of Directors approve the expenditure of $500 for NTA t-shirts.
(Submitted by President A. Plichta)

Moved: J. LeRoy
Second: S. Moran Passed Unanimously

MOTION #7:
Whereas, the Newburgh Teacher’s Association has a past history of communicating with the community at large through the newspaper, and
Whereas, a strong statement of support for teachers is needed to counteract the negative public perceptions, and
Whereas, the Newburgh Teacher’s Association needs to support the school budget, be it therefore
Resolved, that the NTA Board of Directors approve the expenditure of $750 for ¼ page in The Record and ads in The Sentinel and Mid-Hudson Times.
(Submitted by President A. Plichta)

Moved: E. Hart
Second: J. Daley Passed Unanimously
MOTION #8:
Whereas, the Newburgh Teacher's Association has long supported worthwhile causes, and
Whereas, the Hudson Valley Area Labor Federation provides a scholarship to a student from a union
family, be it therefore
Resolved, that the NTA Board of Directors approve the contribution of $250 for this scholarship.
(Submitted by President A. Plichta)

Moved: L. Colacchio
Second: D. Brown

Passed Unanimously

MOTION #9:
Whereas, the Newburgh Teacher's Association has supported Habitat for Humanity in the past, and
Whereas, Habitat for Humanity is such a worthwhile cause, which directly affects the students in our
District, be it therefore
Resolved, that the NTA Board of Directors investigate the feasibility of working with local unions to
sponsor a Habitat house in our community.
(Submitted by President A. Plichta)

Motion to Table until June 5, 2013

Moved: J. Daley
Second: J. LeRoy

Passed Unanimously

GOOD & WELFARE:

There was a general discussion about counting the ballots and it was agreed that the election committee
would count the ballots with a head delegate or designee. It was also agreed that the exact vote would
not be released until after the budget vote. L. Colacchio said that the District calendar for this year has
190 days and asked that it be addressed with the District as our contract specified 189 days for teaching
staff. She also voiced concern about the idea that the District is considering adding 15 minutes to the
school day for next year.

ADJOURNED:

7:25 PM.

Moved: J. Daley
Second: E. Hart

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Colacchio

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NTA Secretary