THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES
May 10, 2006


Meeting was called to order at 4:13 PM

Approval of minutes from April 5, 2006
Moved: V. Pittman
Seconded: A. Sartori
Passes unanimously.

Approval of minutes from April 24, 2006
Moved: S. Eustance
Seconded: P. Gonzalez
Passes unanimously.

President’s Report

1. Phone Banks and Board Elections
2. NYSUT’s Wendy Hord is reviewing copies of Chestnut St. soil and water studies
3. School Health and Safety Committees critical role during construction projects
4. NTA representatives attending NYSUT High School Conference, Committee of 100 Lobbying and Committee of Practitioners
5. SAVE Committee has Streamlined Discipline Form
6. NYSUT/AFT Delegate elections May 23, 2006
7. Public Education under attack – NYSUT political clout needed now more than ever

Vice - President’s Report

Treasurer’s Report
Treasurer provided report

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION #1

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AFT Local #2867

AFL-CIO
Whereas, the NTA provides for new teacher initiatives; and

Whereas, Meadow Hill 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 Meadow Hill School as submitted.

(Submitted by NTA President Philip Cordella)
Moved: W. Lastowski
Seconded: P. Van Duser  
Passes unanimously.

MOTION #1A

Whereas, the NTA provides for new teacher initiatives; and

Whereas, Newburgh Free Academy has submitted a proposal which has been approved by the New Teacher Initiative Committee and NTA President with expectations not to exceed $1500; be it therefore

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

(Submitted by NTA President Philip Cordella)
Moving: W. Lastowski
Seconded: J. Eitel  
Passes unanimously.

MOTION #1B

Whereas, the NTA provides for new teacher initiatives; and

Whereas, Balmville 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 Balmville School as submitted.

(Submitted by NTA President Philip Cordella)
Moving: W. Lastowski
Seconded: P. Van Duser  
Passes unanimously.

MOTION #1C

Whereas, the NTA provides for new teacher initiatives; and

Whereas, New Windsor 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 New Windsor School as submitted.
(Submitted by NTA President Philip Cordella)

Moved: W. Lastowski
Seconded: K. Roberts       Passes unanimously.

MOTION #1D

Whereas, the NTA provides for new teacher initiatives; and

Whereas, Gidney Avenue 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 GAMS as submitted.

(Submitted by NTA President Philip Cordella)

Moved: W. Lastowski
Seconded: J. Eitel       Passes unanimously.

MOTION #1E

Whereas, the NTA provides for new teacher initiatives; and

Whereas, Heritage 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 HJHS as submitted.

(Submitted by NTA President Philip Cordella)

Moved: W. Lastowski
Seconded: J. Eitel       Passes unanimously.

MOTION #2

Whereas, the Newburgh Teachers' Association has established a college scholarship in the name of South Junior High School Math Teacher and former NTA President John DeMiceli, and

Whereas, the award is given to an NFA senior who has demonstrated excellence, leadership and academic ability, be it therefore

Resolved, that the NTA award this year's John DeMiceli scholarship to NFA graduating senior Emily Johnson.

(Submitted by Phil Cordella NTA President)

Moved: V. Pittman
Seconded: J. Eitel       Passes unanimously.
MOTION #3

Whereas, it is the policy of the NTA to reaffirm on a yearly basis its intent to conduct an annual Leadership Training Conference, and

Whereas, the benefits and gains for the union and the members are evident in the passage of important bonds, implementation of action plans, and the discussion of important information topics necessary for NTA representatives to properly perform their duties, be it therefore

Resolved, that the NTA Leadership Conference for 2006 be held November 10-12, 2006 in Saratoga Springs, New York.

(Submitted by NTA Secretary Patricia Van Duser)
Moved: P. Van Duser
Seconded: J. Eitel Passes unanimously.

MOTION #4

Whereas, hundreds of workers are without unions and need the basic protection and support enjoyed by their union brothers and sisters, and

Whereas, the Workers’ Rights Law Center of New York is a not for profit law project which provides free legal services to low-wage and immigrant workers and has done extensive work in the Newburgh area, be it therefore

Resolved, that the NTA’s Board of Directors approve a contribution of $500 to the Workers’ Rights Law Center.

(Submitted by NTA Member Karen Roberts)
Moved: K. Roberts
Seconded: P. Gonzalez

MOTION #5

Whereas, St. Mary’s Roman Catholic Church has been an integral part of the City of Newburgh and the Newburgh community for 131 years, and

Whereas, St. Mary’s Church provides education, positive activities, guidance, and inspiration to the students of Newburgh, their friends, and their families, and

Whereas, the NTA is dedicated to the community our membership serves, be it therefore

Resolved, that the NTA President be authorized to sign a letter from the St. Mary’s Government Committee acknowledging the NTA’s support for the church’s efforts to persuade the Archdiocese to allow the Parrish to serve its vital role in the Newburgh community.

(Submitted by NTA President Phil Cordella)
Moved: P. Van Duser
Seconded: P Gonzalez Passes unanimously.
MOTION #6

Whereas, the Newburgh National Night Out Against Crime and Violence is scheduled for August 1, 2006 from 6:00 – 10:00 pm, and

Whereas, the Newburgh Teachers' Association is a community partner and can sponsor T-shirts, food vendors and a journal ad for $180.00, be it therefore

Resolved, that the NTA’s Board of Directors authorized $180.00 to support the Newburgh National Night Out Against Crime and Violence.

(Submitted by NTA President Phil Cordella)
Moved: P. Van Duser
Seconded: S. Eustance

Passes unanimously.

GOOD AND WELFARE:
- Election time question
- NYSUT RA News: John Eitel was the only newly Nationally Board Certified Teacher present.

Motion to adjourn was made at 5:10 PM
Moved: W. Lastowski
Seconded: A. Sartori