BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES
May 5, 2010

Present: Patricia Van Duser, Judy LeRoy, Ellen Hart, Jeanne Daley, David Brown, Josh Conn, Carol Franklin, Sherri Hall, William Lastowski, Marlayna Wiley

Meeting was called to order at 4:20 PM

Approval of minutes:

April 7, 2010
Moved: D. Brown
Second: J. Conn 
Passes Unanimously

April 19, 2010
Moved: C. Franklin
Second: E. Hart 
Passes Unanimously

PRESIDENT’S REPORT
1. Recap of NYSUT R.A.
2. NYSUT.org for more information.
4. Committee of 100 May 10 and 11, 2010 in Albany.
5. Senator Larkin fundraiser dinner.
8. Defining excellence when talking in public discussion.
9. Board of Education executive session discussion.
10. Brainstorming ideas attached.

Vice President’s Report
1. NYSUT R.A. was incredible experience.
2. Continues to meet with TA chapter. E. Hart also attended last meeting.

Treasurer’s Report
1. Attached
NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION # 1

Whereas, the NTA historically has played a significant role in passing school district budgets and electing members to the Board of Education, and

Whereas, for the past two years the District and the Board of Education have instituted a “full-board open budget development process” which has resulted in consecutive years of negative tax increases and the layoffs of 39 members last year and an undetermined number of layoffs this year, and

Whereas, to the Board’s credit, a proposal to decimate a whole department by Central Administration was averted through bold direct lobbying on the part of our members and community partners, and

Whereas, District/NTA collaboration remains a goal of the NTA while never compromising programs and working conditions, and

Whereas, there will come a time when a positive partnership to promote innovation and progressive educational planning will be needed by both parties with broad financial commitments, and

Whereas, history has taught us that only if the school budget passes will proper resources become available to nurture positive labor-management relations, be it therefore

Resolved that the NTA support the passage of the 2010-2011 NECSD Budget, and be it further

Resolved that for the second year in a row, the NTA remains neutral in its candidate endorsement process while pledging to develop productive and professional relationships with the three members elected from the field of eight candidates.

(Submitted by NTA President Patricia Van Duser)

Moved: M. Wiley
Seconded: W. Lastowski                  Passes Unanimously

MOTION # 2

Resolved, the NTA Board of Directors approve the 2010-2011 NTA Calendar.

(Submitted by NTA Secretary Jeanne Daley)

Moved: J. Daley
Seconded: E. Hart                  Passes Unanimously
MOTION # 3

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, Nicholas Terralavaro.

(Submitted by NTA member and Scholarship Committee Chairman Joshua Miller)

Moved: W. Lastowski
Seconded: J. Daley  Passes Unanimously

GOOD AND WELFARE:
1. NYSUT ED Contiguous Meeting at the Powelton Club Wednesday, May 26, 2010. AFT President Randi Weingarten will be here.
2. RSVP to Phil Cordella’s retirement party.

ADJOURNED:
Motion to adjourn at 5:11 PM

Moved: M. Wiley
Second: D. Brown  Passes Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne M. Daley
NTA Secretary