THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES
June 8, 2005

Present: Philip Cordella, Vicky Pittman, Patricia Van Duser, Angela Sartori, Mary Anne Corbett, Dennis D’Alessandro, John Eitel, Philip Gertler, Peter Gonzalez, Donna Liebman.

Absent:

Meeting was called to order at 4:05PM

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of the NTA’s Board of Directors May 11, 2005

Moved: V. Pittman
Seconded: A. Sartori

Passes unanimously (9-0)

*Ms. Corbett arrived after the vote.

President’s Report:

2. September 16, 2005 is the first payday for teachers and teaching assistants.
3. September 16, 2005 is be the date for our district-wide “Welcome Back” event
4. Contract Negotiations Update – The District and the union met June 3, 2005. Present at the meeting, which was held at the NTA Office, were Teaching Assistants Sheila Manning and Joni Mongelli; teachers Jim Nee, Steve DeMarco, Patricia Hunter, Beverly Woods, Jeffrey Benton, Phil Cordella, and NYSUT Labor Relations Specialist Wally Fults; and District Representatives Attorney David Shaw, John Knight and Mary Ellen Leimer. The parties had a lengthy, (over three hours), and frank exchange which was productive enough for the parties to agree to meet again. At the end of the second meeting scheduled for June 24, 2005, if there isn’t any agreement, we will terminate negotiations unless a settlement is imminent. The District’s proposals were limited to health insurance and salary. Our current contract has one full year remaining through June 2006. The discussions referenced above are for after July 1, 2006.
5. Over 170 will be attending the Friend of Education Dinner June 17, 2005.
6. Ms. Joyce Rollins will be replacing Mr. Morano as Retiree VOTE/COPE Chair. See motion
7. A request to help sponsor HJH Universal Ropes Course was received on May 23, 2005.
8. Making Strides for Breast Cancer October 16, 2005

Vice-President's Report:
   a. APPR is moving forward

Treasurer's Report:
   (see attached)

Old Business:

New Business:

Motion # 1

Whereas, There has been some confusion regarding the scope and implementation of the Board/NTA agreement regarding the “90 credit” matter, and

Whereas, a Pendulum article added to the confusion, be it

Resolved: That the NTA President issue a memorandum to all NTA members explaining and clarifying the agreement.
(Submitted by the UTA Caucus)
Moved:    J. Eitel
Seconded: S. Eustance
PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

Motion # 2

Resolved, That the NTA president update the Board of Directors and the Delegate Assembly on a monthly basis on the status of contract negotiations.
(Submitted by the UTA Caucus)
Moved:    P. Gertler
Seconded: D. D'Alessandro
PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

Motion # 3

Resolved, That the NTA president issue a memorandum to all NTA members explaining and clarifying the agreement regarding the site-base substitutes and their placement in positions for the 2005-2006 school year.
(Submitted by the UTA Caucus)
Moved:    D. D'Alessandro
Seconded: P. Gertler
PASSES (8-0-2 abstentions)
Motion #4

Whereas, The duties and responsibility for recordkeeping, correspondence and various daily activities associated with Teaching Assistant Chapter of the Newburgh Teachers' Association are sizeable and necessary, and;

Whereas, continued progress in these areas are paramount for the success of the Newburgh Teachers' Association and Teaching Assistant Chapter, be it therefore;

Resolved: That the NTA Board of Directors authorize the purchase of a new computer for the Chairperson and Secretary of the NTA’s Teaching Assistant Chapter.
(Submitted by Teaching Assistant Chairperson Sheila Manning)
Moved: J. Eitel
Seconded: P. Van Duser
Passes unanimously

Motion #5

Resolved. That the NTA' Board of Directors accept the proposed 2005-2006 NTA calendar.
(Submitted by the NTA Secretary Patricia Van Duser)
Moved: P. Van Duser
Seconded: V. Pittman
Passes unanimously

Motion #6

Resolved. That the NTA’s Board of Directors approve the 2005 -2006 NTA Committee appointees and stipends as submitted.
(Submitted by NTA President Phil Cordella)
Moved: P. Van Duser
Seconded: V. Pittman

Amended Motion-Remove Educational Planning Committee from the list of committees.
Moved: A. Sartori
Seconded: S. Eustance
Motion passes (7-2)
*Ms. Liebman left

Amended Motion: To increase the committee allotment from $38,000 to $39,775 and restore the ER&D Chairperson’s stipend to $6,000.
Moved: S. Eustance
Seconded: D. D’Alessandro
Motion passes (7-2)
Motion # 7

Resolved. That the NTA’s Board of Directors accept the recommendation of the recently created ad hoc committee to study the feasibility of embarking on a campaign to sponsor a Habitat for Humanity house.
(Submitted by the Ad Hoc Sub Committee)
Moved:   D. D’Alessandro
Seconded: J. Eitel                     Passes unanimously

Good and Welfare

- Thank you to Dennis D’Alessandro for his many years of dedicated hard work and service the NTA. May he have a happy and healthy retirement. This is Dennis’s last regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting.

Meeting adjourned 5:37 PM.