THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES
June 7, 2006

Present: Philip Cordella, Vicky Pittman, Angela Sartori, Patricia Van Duser,
John Eitel, Jr., Stacy Eustance, Philip Gertler, Peter Gonzalez, William Lastowski, Donna
Liebman, and Karen Roberts.

Meeting was called to order at 4:52 PM

Approval of minutes from May 10, 2006
Moved: A. Sartori
Seconded: K. Roberts
Passes unanimously.

President’s Report

1. Phone Banks Caller Sheet
2. Letter to SJHS regarding Chestnut St. school site
3. MOA on Restructuring Professional Development for SJH and HJH
4. NYSUT Benefit Trust and Attorney General Spitzer
5. Attendance and Tenure
6. NYSUT/AFT Delegate elections
7. June 30-$500 due

Vice-President’s Report
APPR Review Committee
Sub Settlement Pending

Treasurer’s Report
Treasurer provided report

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION #1

Whereas, the NTA recognizes and supports the contributions of our retirees to their
profession and our union,
Whereas, the NTA has a long history of supporting its retiree members, most recently demonstrated by preserving the 100% fully paid health insurance benefit for retirees in its 2006-2010 contract,

Whereas, concerns have been expressed as to NTA’s future commitment to its retirees,

Resolved that the NTA adheres to 2005 NYSUT RA Resolution 111, “Resolved, that NYSUT suggest that locals consult their retirees during negotiations process to advise the local of the impact of proposed contract changes on its retiree members,” and be it further,

Resolved, that the NTA will consult representatives of the NTA Retired Teachers’ Chapter during negotiations when dealing with issues effecting retirees, and be it further

Resolved, that the NTA will continue its tradition of fighting vigorously and responsibly to get the best possible benefit for all its retirees.
(Submitted by Judith Richards)

Moved: D. Liebman
Second: P. Van Duser

Motion Passes (6-2-1)

MOTION #2

Whereas, the NTA is proud of its ongoing support for the Optimist Club sponsored Reading is Fundamental (RIF), be it

Resolved, that the NTA Board of Directors donate $600 to RIF.
(Submitted by NTA President Phil Cordella)

Moved: P. Van Duser
Second: V. Pittman

Motion Passes Unanimously (9-0)

MOTION #3

Resolved, that the NTA’s Board of Directors accept the proposed 2006-2007 meeting calendar.
(Submitted by NTA Secretary Patricia Van Duser)

Moved: P. Van Duser
Second: K. Roberts

Motion Passes Unanimously (9-0)

MOTION #4

Whereas, Steve DeMarco has agreed to represent the NTA and the Newburgh Enlarged City School District as part of a group of renowned national math educators participating in the USA-China math conference, and

Whereas, the knowledge acquired will be made available to our teachers, therefore be it
Resolved, that the NTA’s Board of Directors authorize $750 in matching funds to NTA member and ER&D Thinking Mathematic instructor Steve DeMarco in order to defray costs for an international trip to China in November 2006.
(Submitted by NTA President Phil Cordella)

Moved: J. Eitel
Second: P. Gertler

Motion Passes Unanimously (9-0)

MOTION #5 Amended

Whereas, the N.T.A. committee chairs receive a stipend and

Whereas, said stipends are paid for by N.T.A. members dues and

Whereas, committee chairs have a responsibility to attend delegate assemblies to inform members of their activities and answer questions and concerns and

Whereas, these committee reports provide information regarding how the union works for and represents the membership and

Whereas, this builds knowledge, which helps make our union strong, therefore, be it

Resolved, that when appointed, committee chairs understand that their attendance at all delegate assemblies is mandatory.

Moved: P. Gertler
Second: J. Eitel

Motion Passes Unanimously (8-0)

MOTION #6

Whereas, the work and representational responsibilities of the NTA do not cease over the summer, and

Whereas, the membership deserve access to the President or an NTA officer on a daily basis during this period, therefore be it

Resolved, that the NTA’s Board of Directors authorize payment of $32.22 per hour, (the XXVI O. contractual rate for ‘06-‘07) for a maximum of 7 hours per day, from June 26, 2006 - August 31, 2006 for one NTA Officer. **Amend budget for 2005-2006 & 06-07 accordingly and not to exceed $12,000.
(Submitted by NTA Treasurer Angela Sartori)

Moved: A. Sartori
Second: J. Eitel

Motion Passes (7-1)

MOTION #7

Whereas, NYSUT and NEA New York has merged, and

Whereas, the NTA’s Constitution must be amended to reflect this change, be it therefore
Resolved, that the NTA designate Thursday, September 21, for a general membership meeting for the sole purpose of amending the constitution to replace the words “AFT” with the words “national affiliates.”
(Submitted by NTA President Phil Cordella)

Moved: P. Van Duser
Second: J. Eitel
Motion Passes Unanimously (8-0)

MOTION #8

Whereas, as part of our yearly fiscal review be it

Resolved, that the NTA Board of Directors accept the independent audit of our finances for the fiscal year July 1, 2004 to August 31, 2005.
(Submitted by NTA Treasurer Angela Sartori)

Moved: A. Sartori
Second: J. Eitel
Motion Passes Unanimously (8-0)

MOTION #9

Whereas, the Newburgh Teachers' Association supports the revitalization of the city of Newburgh be it

Resolved, that the NTA purchase 4 tickets for the Save the Ritz event in order to help restore the former 1913 Cohen Opera House to benefit Safe Harbors on the Hudson.
(Submitted by NTA President Phil Cordella)

Moved: P. Van Duser
Second: A. Sartori
Motion Passes Unanimously (8-0)

MOTION # 8

Whereas, NTA retiree VOTE/COPE helps sustain and improve benefits for retirees, and

Whereas, COLA enhancement and retiree health insurance moratorium protection are just two issues effecting all of us, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the NTA 2006 retiree VOTE/COPE campaign be conducted from July 1, 2006 – December 22, 2006 and the minimum requested donation be $30.
(Submitted by NTA Retiree VOTE COPE Chairperson, Joyce Rollins)

Moved: J. Eitel
Second: V. Pittman
Motion Passes Unanimously (8-0)

ADJOURNMENT 6:25
Moved: V. Pittman
Second: S. Eustance
Motion Passes Unanimously (8-0)
Special Meeting to Approve Committees
Call to Order AT 6:26 PM

MOTION #1

Whereas, the committee approval must be presented and approved each June, be it

Resolved, that the NTA’s Board of Directors approve the committee appointments and spending proposal.
(Submitted by NTA President Phil Cordella)

Moved: P. Van Duser
Second: V. Pittman  
Motion Passes Unanimously (8-0)

GOOD AND WELFARE:

- Thank you Flip for the many years of service.

Motion to adjourn was made at 6:33 PM
Moved: V. Pittman
Seconded: K. Roberts

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Van Duser