BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MINUTES
June 10, 2009
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Present: Philip Cordella, Vicky Pittman, Angela Sartori, Karen Roberts, David Brown, Pat Hunter, William Lastowski, Donna Liebman, Sharon Minard, and Nancy Sparacio
Additional Attendees: Sue Warren, Election Committee Member, Ellen Hart, Treasurer-Elect

Meeting was called to order: 4:15 PM

Approval of Minutes May 6, 2009 Meeting
Moved: W. Lastowski
Seconded: v. Pittman
Motion Passes Unanimously

President’s Report
1. There are 37 and 1/2 lay offs. M. Leimer and NTA President Phil Cordella met with 36 of those staff members. Recall rights and COBRA was explained. Members were shown how to apply for unemployment and received the NYSUT handbook.
2. On June 10, 2009 27 Stewart and NJH teachers were placed in positions due to reconfiguration.
3. With the SMOA teachers high on the seniority list can choose SAVE, ED Tech, or Dean of Students if only a Teacher Certification is needed for the position.
4. NYS Board of Regents passed a regulation that teachers on special assignment can accrue seniority in the tenure area they left.
5. Substitutes- Tier 5 will have members paying 3% for life. Cannot retire until age 62.
6. CSEA agreed not to oppose Tier 5 in negotiations with the Governor.
7. NTA will send a letter to subs encouraging them to join the system so they will stay at tier 4.
8. NTA President will be attending NEA Convention in San Diego in July.

Vice - President’s Report
None

Treasurer’s Report
Report given at meeting.
UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION #1
Whereas, the NTA Nominations and Election Committee has given its report and recommendation to the NTA Board of Directors, be it therefore

Resolved, that the NTA Board of Directors certify the NTA election results as proposed. (Submitted by NTA Nomination and Election Chair Karen Roberts)
Moved: N. Sparacio
Seconded: S. Minard
Motion Passes (5-0-5)

MOTION #2

Resolved, that the NTA approve the draft NTA Calendar for the 2009-2010 school year.

(Submitted by NTA President Phil Cordella)
Moved: S. Minard
Seconded: P. Hunter
Motion Passes Unanimously

MOTION #3

Resolved, that the NTA Board of Directors accept the 2009-2010 NTA committee Appointments and stipend as proposed.
(Submitted by NTA President Phil Cordella)
Moved: V. Pittman
Seconded: A. Sartori
Motion Passes Unanimously

MOTION #4

Whereas, the NTA is a labor organization built upon the selfless contributions of its members, and

Whereas, members rise to such leadership positions as officers and directors in order to effect positive change, promote the common good and tirelessly fight for rights earned and rights needed, and

Whereas, outgoing NTA President Phil Cordella, at the final meetings under his chairmanship wishes to acknowledge, thank, and express his sincerest appreciation for the time and effort by outgoing officers and directors (those whose term ends June 30, 2009) for their service to the entire membership of the NTA and for their assistance be it

Resolved, that the NTA Board of Directors officially recognize and publicly thank the following people:
Resolved, that outgoing Head Delegates and former Head Delegates be cited similarly and they are:

Head Delegates:  Faye Canfield  Sharon Minard
                Phil Giantsante  Donna Liebman
                Robin Grove  Nancy Sparacio
                Yvette Lewis  Tom Miller
                Geri Luloff

and that all other retiring members be acknowledged for either their contribution to their union as a delegate, alternate, or member who holds member who holds their union proud.

(Submitted by NTA President Phil Cordella)

Moved: D. Liebman
Seconded: N. Sparacio

Motion Passes Unanimously

MOTION #5

Whereas, the Newburgh Teachers' Association telephone and voice mail systems are over ten years old and do not exemplify a professional image, and

Whereas, the problems with the telephone and voice mail system have been identified as, but not limited to, obsolete equipment resulting in the inability to obtain service, members unable to contact the desired extension, announcements of full mailboxes when mailboxes are in fact empty, caller ID not functioning properly, and lack of ability to change greeting for holidays, snow days and other office closings, and

Whereas, price quotes have been received from three vendors, and the price quote from IP Logic includes a NEC UX5000 Solution which offers the greatest level of expansion, voicemail up to 125 hours, and Automatic Call Distribution, and

Whereas, IP Logic has received excellent recommendations from clients, is a certified NEC partner and Microsoft Gold Certified Partner, and has shown its commitment to the NTA by reducing their price quote by over $600.00, be it therefore

Resolved, that in order to allow the NTA Office to operate at a maximum level of efficiency, the NTA Board of Directors approve the purchase of the NEC UX5000 Solution from IP Logic for $4,990.08 from the 2009-2010 budget.

(Submitted by NTA President Phil Cordella)
Moved: V. Pittman  
Seconded: A. Sartori

Motion to postpone until next Board of Directors Meeting  
Moved: K. Roberts  
Seconded: D. Brown  
Motion Passes Unanimously

GOOD AND WELFARE:  
Letter from Frank Colone to Karen Roberts regarding retirees voting in the most recent NYSUT/AFT/NEA Delegate election.

Sharon Minard reported on the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists Conference in Atlanta, GA. Alan Lubin attended as well and applauded locals that send representatives to this conference. Tom Sweeney of AFL-CIO was honored. A chapter of the Coalition is forming in Newburgh. The focus is how communities can come together with the unions.

Karen Roberts thanked Phil Cordella for his years of service as NTA President.

Nancy Sparacio, Sharon Minard and Donna Liebman thanked the Directors and Officers for their years of service.  
Donna Liebman commented that it is her hope that the spirit of collegiality continue.

Pat Hunter commented on how it was intellectually stimulating and that the tone of the board was collegial.

NTA President Phil Cordella thanked each Officer and Director individually.

Motion to adjourn: 6:12 PM  
Moved: P. Hunter  
Seconded: S. Minard  
Motion Passes Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Roberts  
NTA Secretary