THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS Minutes
Special Meeting
August 7, 2012

Present: Art Plichta, Jeanne Daley, Laurie Colacchio, Ellen Hart, Josh Conn, Carol Franklin, Matthew Scully.

Call to Order

Meeting called to order 2:30 PM

Approval of Minutes

July 23, 2012

Moved: E. Hart
Second: J. Daley

Passed with 3 abstentions

President’s Report:

1. I attended the AFT Convention in Detroit July 25 – 30, 2012. The General message of the convention was that unions need to be very supportive of each other and really work for positive change with elected officials that will be supportive of labor and the middle class. There has never been a time when we needed greater involvement in the election process.

2. Teachers need to be solution driven to solve some of the great problems facing education in this country.

3. We need to form alliances with parents and community groups to show that we care about our students and have the community support us.
4. We need to make sure that teachers are involved in the professional development that we need to face the changes in the APPR and the common core etc. We need a teacher center that will be an asset to teachers. Churning vs. Learning; just getting rid of ineffective teachers and hiring new ones or helping teachers develop their skills through PD to help our students. Professional Development should be aimed at helping all teachers improve their craft and student achievement.

5. Ten percent of Poughkeepsie teachers were trained as teacher evaluators.

Vice-President’s Report:

Spoke about the Newburgh Armory Unity Center and making a donation from the Welcome Back Bash.

Treasurer’s Report:

Attached

Old Business:

MOTION #1:

Whereas, much of the work of the NTA is handled by committees, and:

Whereas, those committees need to be running effectively by September 1st and:

Whereas, the stipends for those positions should be commensurate with the work involved and:

Whereas, the concerns of the Board of Directors from July 23, 2012 meeting were discussed and addressed regarding specific stipends for specific committee positions, be it

Resolved, that the committee assignments and stipends be changed as reflected in the document provided.
(Submitted by NTA President Art Plichta)

Moved: J. Daley
Second: E. Hart Passed with 3 abstentions
New Business:

MOTION #2:

Resolved, that the Board of Directors accept the election timeline and rules of elections for the 2012-13 school year as presented by the NTA Nominations and Elections Committee.
(Submitted by the NTA Nominations and Election Chair Karen Roberts)

Moved: L. Colacchio
Second: J. Daley

Passed unanimously

MOTION #3:

Resolved, that the Board of Directors accept the NTA calendar as presented.
(Submitted by NTA President Art Plichta)

Moved: E. Hart
Second: L. Colacchio

Passed unanimously

GOOD & WELFARE:

1. Art spoke about Educate NY Now and gave a hand out to the BOD.

ADJOURNED:

Motion to adjourn at 3:42 PM

Moved: M. Scully
Second: J. Conn

Passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Colacchio
NTA Secretary