THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES
September 8, 2004


Absent: Peter Gonzalez

Meeting was called to order by the President at 4:05PM. The President asked the Directors if there was any objection to the order of business for the meeting. Seeing none, the meeting proceeded as follows:

Presentation by Executive Counsel (EC)
- July letter noted summarizing the report on the activities of the Executive Counsel for the contracted year ’03-’04.
- EC work on FMLA document noted – distributed to all teachers
- EC work on APPR noted – pending approval by Directors and Delegate Assembly
- Capital Proposition Motion distributed for future consideration
- EC distributed the following Memorandum of Agreements (MOA’s):
  - Voluntary transfers
  - Priority Site Specific Substitutes
  - 125 plan 2% medical insurance contribution language
  - Stipend for Head Counselor / Schedule J
  - National Board Certified Teachers
  - Creative Academy
  - In-service rate
  - Retirees (under step 27) from 2003-2004 school year

- EC reminded NTA to keep accurate membership records

Presentation by Chairperson Retiree’s Chapter
- Noted publication of Retirees’ Newsletter
- Presented motion for a retirees chapter budget line for future consideration.
MOTION #SOQB 1:

WHEREAS, Article VIII section 5.g. empowers the NTA board of Directors to “fill all officer and director vacancies which may occur except in the office of the president which shall be filled by the incumbent vice-president” and;
WHEREAS, as of August 31, 2004 the office of vice-president has been deemed vacant due to the fact that the incumbent vice-president has been deemed vacant due to the fact;
WHEREAS, his tireless efforts are duly recognized, be it therefore;
RESOLVED:
(Submitted by the NTA President Phil Cordella)
Moved by: P. Van Duser
Seconded by: D. Liebman
(5-3) Motion carried

MOTION #SOQB 2:

Moved that the NTA Board of Directors appoint Stacy Eustance to fill the unexpired term of NTA Vice-President.
(Submitted by the UTA Caucus)

Ruled out of order by the Chair

Unfinished Business

Whereas, the NTA has the responsibility to follow Robert’s Rules of Order, and;
Whereas, NYSUT, AFT, and AFL-CIO publish all motions and votes, be it therefore:
Resolved; That all motions and the vote taken be recorded in the minutes of the Board of Directors, the agenda of the Delegate Assembly, and the minutes of that Delegate Assembly.
Moved by: P. Gertler
Seconded by: D. D’Alessandro
Motion passes unanimously

New Business:
MOTION # 1

Whereas, the Newburgh Teachers’ Association’s long standing practice is to endorse the NYSUT supported teacher member to the New York State Teacher Retirement System and;
Whereas, Sheila Salenger has a long history of advocating for teachers’ retirement issues as an incumbent teacher member to the retirement system be it therefore;
Resolved: That the NTA retiree delegates vote for Sheila Salenger as the teacher representative to the New York State Teachers’ Retirement System convention this November.
(Submitted by NYSTRS Delegates)
Moved by: P. Van Duser
Seconded by: N. Karnevezos
Motion passes unanimously
MOTION # 5

Whereas, the NTA Board of Directors has authorized negotiations between the NTA President and the NTA’s Executive Counsel and;
Whereas, those negotiations have resulted in a mutually agreed upon contract and job description be it therefore;
Resolved: That the NTA amend its 2004-2005 budget to add $5,000 to the Executive Counsel line.
(Submitted by the NTA Treasurer)
Moved by: N. Karnaveczos
Seconded by: P. Hunter

Motion passes unanimously

MOTION # 6

Whereas, political action by the Newburgh Teachers’ Association has had a long and positive effect on the lives of our members and;
Whereas, the NTA participated in the NYSUT Endorsement Conference and;
Whereas, our political endorsements represent our acknowledgement of the hard work by public officials on behalf of public schools, teachers and their students be it therefore:
Resolved: That the NTA endorse the following candidates for election to public office on Tuesday, November 2, 2004:

President/Vice President -- John Kerry/John Edwards (D)
U.S. Senate -- Charles Schumcr
20th Congressional District -- no endorsement
22nd Congressional District -- Maurice Hinchey (D/L/L/W)
38th Senatorial District -- Thomas Morahan (R/L/C/W)
39th Senatorial District -- William Larkin, Jr. (R/C)
41st Senatorial District -- Stephen Saland (R/C)
42nd Senatorial District -- John Bonacic (R/L/C)
96th Assembly District -- Dennis Tracey (D/W)
97th Assembly District -- no endorsement
98th Assembly District -- Aileen Gunther (D/C/W)
100th Assembly District -- Thomas Kirwan (R/C/RTL)
101st Assembly District -- Kevin Cahill (D/L/W)
102nd Assembly District -- Joel Miller (R)

(Submitted by the NTA President)
Moved by: J. Eitel
Seconded by: D. D’Alessandro

Motion passes unanimously
GOOD & WELFARE:
  • Director Liebman met a retired Newburgh Teacher at Alant in Goshen

*Vicky Pittman joined the Directors after the completion of Special Order of Business Motion #1.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 6:46PM

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Van Duser
Secretary