THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES
September 13, 2006

Absent: A. Sartori

Meeting was called to order at 4:37 PM.

Moment of Silence for William Dederer.

Approval of minutes from June 7, 2006.
Moved: K. Roberts
Seconded: P. Gonzalez
Passes unanimously.

President’s Report
- September 6, 2006 Press Conference NYSUT President Dick Iannuzzi and Congressional Candidate John Hall
- Letter from NTA Retiree Chapter’s NYC law firm
- Record Inspection Day TBD
- “Welcome Back Party” October 13, 2006 Laborer’s Hall - Little Britain Road
- Ground Breaking “NTA for Habitat House” NOON – box lunch provided, October 18, 2006
- Substitute teacher contract settled
- Tenure Reception - October 20, 2006
- New LRS: Ken Franzblau
- AFT update
- Lesson plan issues

Vice - President’s Report
APPR discussion – September 21, 2006
Sub ratification October 19, 2006

Treasurer’s Report
Treasurer’s report provided by NTA President Phil Cordella

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS
MOTION #1

Resolved, that the NTA Board of Directors accept the September 13, 2006, recommendation of the NTA’s Election Committee and authorize a new election for NYSUT and AFT Delegates.

(Submitted by NTA President Phil Cordella)

Moved: D. Liebman
Seconded: J. Eitel

Motion passes unanimously.

MOTION #2

Resolved, that the NTA’s Board of Directors approve Pat Hunter as Editor of the Pendulum, Chris Eachus as VOTE/COPE Committee Member, Dominick Tebano, Educational Issues Advocacy Committee Member, and Ann Marie Healy, NTC Policy Board Chair.

(Submitted by NTA President Phil Cordella)

Moved: P. Van Duser
Seconded: P. Gonzalez

Motion passes unanimously.

MOTION #3

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, Michael Corn 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 Michael Corn as the teacher representative to the New York State Teachers’ Retirement System convention this November.

(Submitted by NTA President Phil Cordella)

Moved: J. Eitel
Seconded: W. Lastowski

Motion passes unanimously.

MOTION #4

Whereas, the Newburgh Teachers’ Association has been a proud and active sponsor of Making Strides Against Breast Cancer; and,

Whereas, participation by NTA members, their families, and their friends is greatly encouraged to make this year’s event a success; be it therefore,

Resolved, That the NTA support and advocate participation at this year’s Making Strides Against Breast Cancer event on October 15, 2006 at 8:30 AM at Woodbury Common Premium Outlets in Monroe, New York.

(Submitted by NTA Secretary Patricia Van Duser)

Moved: P. Van Duser
Seconded: K. Roberts

Motion passes unanimously.
MOTION #5

Whereas, the terms and conditions of our careers are affected by politics at all levels; and,

Whereas, VOTE/COPE is necessary to supply the resources necessary to support pro-public education candidates and initiatives, run campaigns for school budget initiatives, and help elect pro-education school board members; be it therefore,

Resolved: That the Newburgh Teachers' Association designate September 1, 2006 to December 23, 2006 for this calendar year's VOTE/COPE campaign.

(Submitted by NTA VOTE/COPE Chair Carol Franklin)

Moved: W. Lastowski  
Seconded: J. Eitel  
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 Local Presidents' 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 7, 2006 except where noted:

U.S. Senate  
Hillary Clinton

NYS Governor  
Eliot Spitzer

NYS Attorney General  
Andrew Cuomo

23rd Congressional District  
John Hall

22nd Congressional District  
Kirsten Gillibrand

23rd Congressional District  
Maurice Hinchey

38th Senatorial District  
Thomas Morahan

39th Senatorial District  
William Larkin, Jr.

41st Senatorial District  
Stephen Saland

42nd Senatorial District  
John Bonacic

96th Assembly District  
Nancy Calhoun

98th Assembly District  
Aileen Gunther

100th Assembly District  
Thomas Kirwan

101st Assembly District  
Kevin Cahill

102nd Assembly District  
Joel Miller

(Submitted by NTA Vice President Vicky Pittman)

Moved: V. Pittman  
Seconded: D. Liebman  
Motion passes unanimously.
MOTION #7

Whereas, The NTA’s Financial Records are open and accessible; be it

Resolved, That the NTA’s Board of Directors designate a day as Records Inspection Day as soon as the health of the NTA Treasurer is improved.

(Submitted by NTA Treasurer Angela Sartori)

Moved: J. Eitel
Seconded: V. Pittman

Motion passes unanimously.

MOTION #8

Resolved, That the NTA set the new dues rate for per diem substitutes and those similarly situated at $1.00 per day.

(Submitted by NTA Treasurer Angela Sartori)

Moved: V. Pittman
Seconded: J. Eitel

Motion passes unanimously.

MOTION #9

Whereas, NTA members who take unpaid Leave of Absences (LOA) and wish to keep active their NTA, NYSUT, and AFT membership; be it,

Resolved, That the NTA set the Leave of Absence dues at $44.00 per year.

(Submitted by NTA Treasurer Angela Sartori)

Moved: P. Van Duser
Seconded: W. Lastowski

Motion passes unanimously.

MOTION #10

Whereas floods have ravaged many parts of NYS effecting fellow NYSUT members and their families, be it

Resolved that the NTA donate $1000 to the NYSUT Disaster Relief Fund to help our needy brothers and sisters.

(Submitted by NTA President Phil Cordella)

Moved: P. Van Duser
Seconded: J. Eitel

Motion passes unanimously.
MOTION #11

Whereas, NTA for Habitat campaign has raised money for housing for the neediest in our communities, and

Whereas, teachers will be volunteering to help in the construction of the NTA house on S. Clark St.,

Resolved, that the NTA’s Board of Directors authorize the purchase of commemorative T-Shirts to those members who work on the Saturday construction crews.

(Submitted by NTA President Phil Cordella)

Moved: W. Lastowski
Seconded: P. Van Duser

Motion passes unanimously.

MOTION #12

Resolved, that the NTA’s Board of Directors accept the resignation of Stacy Eustance, NTA Director, Middle Level.

(Submitted by NTA President Phil Cordella)

Moved: J. Eitel
Seconded: P. Van Duser

Motion passes unanimously.

MOTION #13

Resolved, that the NTA’s Board of Directors approve the expenditure for customized NTA badge holders at the cost of $3.65 per holder

(Submitted by NTA VOTE/COPE Chair Carol Franklin)

Moved: P. Van Duser
Seconded: D. Liebman

Motion passes unanimously.

MOTION #14

Resolved, that the NTA’s Board of approve the expenditure for Cherry Asphalt to seal and stripe the NTA parking lot for $2,400 plus tax.

(Submitted by NTA President Phil Cordella)

Moved: P. Van Duser
Seconded: J. Eitel

Motion passes unanimously.
MOTION #15

Whereas, Safe Homes of Orange County is an organization which provides legal services, 24 hour hot line services and a shelter for battered women serving the women of the Newburgh Enlarged City School District and the rest of Orange County; be it

Resolved, that the NTA's Board of Directors approve the expenditure for the 20th Anniversary of the Safe Homes of Orange County commemorative journal ad and dinner tickets in the amount of $400.

(Submitted by NTA President Phil Cordella)

Moved: P. Van Duser
Seconded: K. Roberts

Motion passes unanimously.

MOTION #16

Whereas, the NTA has a long history of collaboration with the Newburgh Black and Hispanic Coalition and the work it does for the entire Newburgh school community; be it therefore

Resolved, that the NTA's Board of Directors once again approve the expenditure for the Black and Hispanic Coalition dinner and journal not to exceed $600.

(Submitted by NTA President Phil Cordella)

Moved: P. Gonzalez
Seconded: P. Van Duser

Motion passes unanimously.

Good and Welfare

- A speedy recovery to Angela Sartori;
- Karen Roberts spent a lot of time working with the Hudson Valley Labor Federation and has been elected to the executive Committee of the Area Labor Federation;
- John Eitel, Jr. would like to thank Jim Nee and Patricia Van Duser for their efforts in his Stage III hearing;
- Patricia mentioned that the Cornell’s Leadership Institute provided unlimited ideas and a great support network. It was a fabulous experience;
- Thank you to the Election committee for their continued hard work;
- Thank you to Peter Gonzalez for speaking at the John Hall event with graduate Laura Garcia.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made at 6:05 PM.

Moved: W. Lastowski
Seconded: K. Roberts

Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,

[Signature]

Patricia M. Van Duser
NTA Secretary