BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES

September 9, 2009

Present: Patricia Van Duser, Judy LeRoy, Ellen Hart, Jeanne Daley, David Brown, Joshua Conn, Carol Franklin, James Nee, William Lastowski, Marlayna Wiley

Meeting was called to order at 4:28pm

Moment of silence for members and members’ family members who have passed away

Approval of minutes

June 10, 2009
Minutes of motion # 1 corrected
Moved: E. Hart; Seconded; D. Brown Motion passes unanimously

July 7, 2009
Correction of misspelled names done.
Moved: W. Lastowski; Seconded: J. LeRoy Motion passes unanimously

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

1. Completed new President’s training at NYSUT Headquarters this summer
2. BOE voted to lay off three teachers and four teaching assistants on August 28. William Morgan from Registration office was a big help.
3. Closing the Gap Initiative NEA grant from NYSUT. Turnkey training available over the next two years.
4. Website received awarded for 3rd place from ILCA-International Labor Communication Association.
5. Opening Day video.
6. Schedule of start and end times.
7. Pendulum is at the printers. Big thanks to Ashley Mahon and Jeff Gebhardt.
8. Dues schedule.
9. School is Cool Program.
VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT
2. Meeting with Teaching Assistants. Judy LeRoy will try to attend monthly meetings.
3. Breast Cancer Walk October 18th, 2009. Judy LeRoy and Sheila Manning are working on this project.

TREASURER’S REPORT
Reports were given out and explanations provided.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION # 1

Resolved, that the NTA Board of Directors approve the revised edition of the NTA calendar.
(Submitted by NTA President Patricia M. Van Duser)

Moved: J. LeRoy;
Seconded: D. Brown          Passes unanimously

MOTION # 2

Resolved, that the NTA Board of Directors approve the revised edition of the NTA committees and stipends.
(Submitted by NTA President Patricia M. Van Duser)

Moved: D. Brown
Seconded: J. LeRoy           Passes unanimously

MOTION # 3

- Whereas, it is in the best interest of our membership to have a professional, efficient and secure office space, be it therefore

Resolved, that the NTA’s Board of Directors authorize the President to obtain bids from reputable locksmiths to change all exterior locks and install an additional lock on the upstairs door.
(Submitted by NTA President Patricia M. Van Duser)

Moved: W. Lastowski
Seconded: J. Conn            Passes unanimously
MOTION #4

Whereas, the NTA members who are NYS Teacher Retirement System delegates will be electing a teacher member to the retirement board this November, and

Whereas, NYSUT has endorsed Mike Corn for teacher member to the retirement system, be it therefore

Resolved, that the NTA endorse the candidacy of Mike Corn and urge the delegates to vote accordingly.
(Submitted by NTA President Patricia M. Van Duser)

Moved: W. Lastowski
Seconded: J. Nee Passes unanimously

MOTION #5

Resolved, that the NTA Board of Directors accept the timeline and conditions as amended of the upcoming NTA Delegate/Alternate Election for the 2009-2010 school year as presented by the NTA Nominations and Elections Committee.
(Submitted by NTA Nominations and Election Chair Karen Roberts)

Moved: W. Lastowski
Seconded: D. Brown Passes unanimously

MOTION #6

Whereas, the NTA Constitution requires a middle level delegate to be elected to the NTA Board of Directors, and

Whereas, the district’s reconfiguration plan has designated Meadow Hill School and Temple Hill Academy as K-8 buildings and NFA North Campus is part of NFA

Whereas, grade 7 – 8 teachers should be considered middle level teachers, and

Whereas, grade 9 teachers at NFA North Campus be considered high school teachers, be it therefore

Resolved, that Meadow Hill School and Temple Hill Academy be assigned as amended the appropriate number of middle level delegates as per allowed by the NTA Constitution, and

Resolved, that NFA North Campus be assigned the appropriate number of high school level delegates as per allowed by the NTA Constitution.
(Submitted by NTA Nominations and Election Chair Karen Roberts)

Moved: J. Nee
Seconded: J. LeRoy Passes unanimously
MOTION #7

Whereas, the NTA has a long history of political endorsements and political success and;

Whereas, NTA members: Christopher W. Eachus is a candidate for re-election to the 15th, Anthony Marino is a candidate for re-election the 17th, and Domenic Tebano is a candidate for election to the 16th Orange County Legislative District, and be it therefore

Resolved, that the Newburgh Teachers’ Association endorse Christopher W. Eachus, Anthony Marino and Domenic Tebano for Orange County Legislature.
(Submitted by NTA President Patricia M. Van Duser)

Moved: J. Nee
Seconded: E. Hart
Passes unanimously

MOTION #8

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 are 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 18, 2009 at Woodbury Common Premium Outlets in Monroe, New York.
(Submitted by NTA Vice-President Judy LeRoy)

Moved: J. LeRoy
Seconded: J. Conn
Passes Unanimously

MOTION #9

Whereas, the NYSUT Constitution and the NTA Constitution provide for membership for members who were laid off, and

Whereas, it is important for the union to maintain on-going communications with laid-off members, and

Whereas, it is important that the NTA clearly monitor the preferential rehire lists in order to insure compliance by the District, be it therefore

Resolved: That the NTA waive any local dues assessment for laid off members, and be it further

Resolved: That local membership be open and maintained for the laid off members for the duration of their status on the preferential rehire lists.
(submitted by the UTA Caucus)
Moved:  M. Wiley  
Seconded:  C. Franklin  

Moved to table:  D. Brown  
Seconded to table:  J. Nee  

Motion Tabled 9-0

MOTION # 10

Whereas, the Newburgh Teacher Center represents a meaningful partnership between the NTA and the District, and

Whereas, that partnership agreement established a foundation for future staff development and educational partnerships, and

Whereas, those partnerships have redefined the role of professional educators within the District by empowering those educators with a significant professional voice, be it therefore

Resolved:  That the NTA recognize and applaud, by this resolution, the many valuable contributions to the District, the NTA and its membership by the Newburgh Teacher Center, and be it further

Resolved:  That the NTA recognize and applaud, by this resolution, the on-going efforts of the members of the Center’s Policy Board (past and present) and the Center’s coordinators and staff I helping to establish the spirit of true teacher professionalism in the District.  
(submitted by the UTA Caucus)

Moved:  W. Lastowski  
Seconded:  J. Nee

Moved to table:  J. Nee  
Seconded to table:  D. Brown  

Motion Tabled 9-0

MOTION # 11

Whereas, as it has been a long-standing NTA policy and practice that teachers appointed by the NTA be involved in the formulation of educational policy within the District, and

Whereas, BOE policy # 5201 appears to have been adopted without teacher input, be it therefore

Resolved:  That the NTA establish a committee to review the recently adopted BOE policy #5201 and to report back to the Delegate Assembly its findings and recommendations.  
(submitted by the UTA Caucus)

Motion ruled out of order based on cited BOE policy #5201 not provided.
GOOD AND WELFARE

- Mr. J. Nee would like to publicly refute the rumor being circulated that he is interning under Mr. P. Copeletti as an administrative intern.
- Mr. Brown spoke of having outside motions in a timely fashion for directors to fact find and be able to make an informed decision.

ADJOURNED:

Meeting was adjourned at 6:22pm

Moved: W. Lastowski
Seconded: J. LeRoy passes unanimously

Respectfully submitted: J. Daley