THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS Minutes
September 12, 2012

Present: Art Plichta, Jeanne Daley, Laurie Colacchio, Ellen Hart, Sherri Hall, Barbara Rubin, Matthew Scully, Sue Warren.

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order 4:38 PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 19, 2012

Moved: S. Warren
Second: S. Hall
Passed 3 yes and 3 abstentions

August 7, 2012

Moved: J. Daley
Second: L. Colacchio
Passed 4 yes and 3 abstentions

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

1. The officers met to discuss the delegate and BOD elections and how to make sure they are done according to the constitution and bylaws of the NTA. We met with Karen Roberts yesterday (Sept. 11) to discuss how that impacts the upcoming elections. We will meet with the head delegates in the schools where an election is needed to discuss their role in running that election. The BOD elections will take place immediately following the October Delegate Assembly meeting.
2. While the APPR has been signed off by Patty in June, it was submitted to the state, but it came back because there were errors in the wording. I had already discussed with Mr. Pizzo and Ms. Leimer that the conversion chart for the Danielson Rubric needed to be revised because the state had adjusted its guidelines. Unfortunately, we were not able to meet before the document was submitted. When it came back with changes of the Scribner variety, Jeanne, with consultations with me from Poland, said we would only agree if those negotiations for that conversion would be scheduled. They will be occurring on Sept. 24th, and I think we can agree to a more acceptable conversion.

3. Welcome Back Bash

4. The Leadership Conference in November. How can we make sense of all the changes and use them to our benefit as educators, become better informed as advocates for our members and training for TA’s in new Sp. Ed. classes.

5. The meeting of the Education Reform Commission in Newburgh, Monday, Sept. 10th. The message I heard delivered from all sides, including parents was that the standardized testing approach to evaluations is hurting education, and we need to see broader assessments. They also hammered home the importance of solid Pre-K education.

6. The Share My Lesson event in Suffern (Sept. 10th) with Randi Weingarten. You can find out more about this AFT initiative on NYSUT or AFT sites. She said that she sees it as a way to build an online community of educators that could wield some clout.

7. The OCTA meeting and the political issues, meeting with Sparrow Tobin and Chris Eachus on Friday to discuss how we can be supportive. Chris will not have support from the AFL-CIO which is staying neutral in that contest. We also need to take the lead for both Chris and Skartados. They asked that we get a letter to the editor for those two. Any volunteers, please let me know.

8. Involvement in the community: The NTA contributed to the backpacks for district students with the School is Cool Campaign—enough money for 300 backpacks. Parent University on October 6, 2012, partnering with Pamela Peterson; they want to do a kids academy with fun science and math activities that will keep the kids involved and interested. It is a great way, to have individual teachers demonstrate community involvement. They get about 25 kids ages 9 - 14 and they would like us to work with them.

9. Chicago Strike: What do we want to do to be supportive?

**VICE PRESIDENT’TS REPORT:**

Spoke about the Backpack give away and Chris Eachus.
TREASURER'S REPORT:

See attached

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION #1:

The NTA Supports the CTU

Whereas, the striking Chicago Teachers' Union needs the support of all their union brothers and sisters across the country during this time of contention, and

Whereas, AFT President Randi Weingarten stated the AFT members "stand firmly with the CTU and we will support its members in their efforts to secure a fair contract that will enable them to give their students the best opportunities.", and

Whereas, NYSUT stands united with the Chicago Teachers' Union in its fight for fairness and respect, and

Whereas, the Newburgh Teachers' Association shares much in common with the Chicago Teachers' Union, including working without a contract and working with factors such as poverty, exposure to violence, hunger, homelessness, and other social issues, and

Whereas, there may come a time where we, the NTA, will need the support of our union brothers and sisters across the country,

Whereas, now more than ever, when all unions are under attack, are misunderstood by the public, and vilified by big business and some political leaders, there is a need to stand in solidarity with other unions, be it therefore

Resolved, that the NTA encourage all its members to write and send letters of support to Karen Lewis, President of CTU Local 1, and be it further

Resolved, that the NTA Board of Directors pass and send a resolution of support to the CTU, and be it further
Resolved, the NTA enclose with our resolution of support a donation of $1000 to the CTU Solidarity Fund, so our union brothers and sisters in Chicago know that their union brothers and sisters in Newburgh fully stand with them in solidarity.

(Submitted by David Brown)

Moved: J. Daley
Second: B. Rubin

Passed unanimously

GOOD & WELFARE:

1. David’s adoption is in progress.

ADJOURNED:

Motion to adjourn at 5:42 PM

Moved: J. Daley
Second: E. Hart

Passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Laurie Colacchio
NTA Secretary