THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES
October 12, 2005

Present: Philip Cordella, Vicky Pittman, Angela Sartori, Patricia Van Duser, Mary Anne Corbett, John Eitel, Stacy Eustance, Philip Gertler, Peter Gonzalez, Donna Liebman.

Meeting was called to order at 4:22 PM

Approval of minutes from September 15, 2005

Moved: P. Van Duser
Seconded: A. Sartori

Passes unanimously.

President's Report
1. "What you need to know about Grade 3 - 8 Testing" have been sent to NTA
2. Joint District / NTA Compact Training: Wed., Nov. 25 - 8 PM @ the Clarion
3. The Front Stoop Replacement underway and Basement Improvements
4. Handicapped Accessibility Committee - Volunteers
5. SAVE Meeting
6. Educational Planning Review for head Delegates

Vice-President's Report:
1. Administrator Survey

Treasurer's Report:
Treasurer provided report

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION #1:

Whereas, Article I of the contract recognizes retired teachers for the purposes of negotiations regarding health insurance benefits, and
Whereas, the NTA did not provide an opportunity for retired teachers to participate in the ratification process, and

Whereas, the Taylor Law requires recognized unit members to ratify proposed agreements, be it therefore

Resolved, That the NTA acknowledge the right of retired teacher members to participate (and vote) in the ratification process as it pertains to health insurance issues for retirees as stipulated in Article I, and be it further

Resolved, That the NTA include retired teacher members in future ratification processes as identified.
(Submitted by the Retired Teachers' Chapter of the NTA)

Motion Ruled Out of Order

MOTION #2:

Resolved, that the Board of Directors recommend that the NTA President begin discussions with the Board President to reinstate the NTA/Board Forums.

(Submitted by the UTA Caucus)

Moved by: J. Eitel
Seconded by: P. Gertler Motion passes unanimously

MOTION #3:

Whereas, the membership of the NTA has grown over the last few years, and

Whereas, the scope and duties of the office manager have also increased proportionately, and

Whereas, money not expended during the 2004 -2005 NTA budget year, adequately supports increased pay for increased duties, be it therefore

Resolved, that the NTA’s Board of Directors accept the renegotiated agreement with the Office Manager.
(Submitted by NTA President Phil Cordella)

Moved by: P. Van Duser
Seconded by: V. Pittman Motion passes (7-2)

MOTION #4:

Whereas, the membership of the NTA has grown over the last few years, and

Whereas, the scope and duties of the part-time Office Assistant have also increased proportionately, and

Whereas, money not expended during the 2004 - 2005 NTA budget year, adequately supports increased pay for increased duties, be it therefore
Resolved, that the NTA’s Board of Directors accept the renegotiated agreement with the part-time Office Assistant.
(Submitted by NTA President Phil Cordella)

Moved by: P. Van Duser
Seconded by: D. Liebman  Motion passes (8-1)

MOTION #5:

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, the NYSUT has endorsed Joseph P. McLaughlin for teacher member to the retirement system, be it therefore

Resolved, that the NTA endorse the candidacy of Joseph P. McLaughlin and that the NTA TRS Delegates be requested to vote accordingly.
(Submitted by NTA New York Teacher Retirement System Delegate Jeffrey R. Benton)

Moved by: P. Van Duser
Seconded by: J. Eitel  Motion passes unanimously

MOTION #6:

Whereas, during the first annual NTA Record Inspection Day it came to our attention that expense vouchers for conferences were not being handled properly, be it therefore

Resolved, that the NTA establish a conference rate consistent with the IRS per diem rate of $42.00 for meals, and be it further

Resolved, that NTA conference attendees may submit and be reimbursed for meal receipts not to exceed an additional $33.00 per diem for a total $75.00 per day.
(Submitted by NTA Treasurer Angela Sartori)

Moved by: A. Sartori
Seconded by: J. Eitel  Motion passes unanimously

MOTION #6:

Whereas the Newburgh Teachers’ Association Substitute Teachers’ Chapter has operated without leadership from an Executive Committee, and

Whereas Article I. 2. of the Substitute Chapter’s Bylaws states one of its purposes is “to work actively with the Newburgh Teachers’ Association educators in promoting the interests of children and educators,” be it therefore

Resolved, that the NTA Board of Directors approve the following revised Substitute Chapter meeting originally scheduled for October 6 to October 20, 2005, and offer the three following dates for the Substitute Chapter’s approval: January 5, 2006; March 2, 2006; and May 11, 2006.
(Submitted by NTA Vice President Vicky Pittman)

Moved by: V. Pittman
Seconded by: A. Sartori
Motion passes unanimously

MOTION #8:
Whereas, the NTA’s Board of Directors authorize the purchase of the Conference Room Marker Board Cabinet at its September 2005 meeting for $1495.99 plus tax paid for by the NTA Chapter of the Teaching Assistants, and

Whereas, smart board technology is the latest technology in use in our District for presentations, therefore

Resolved, that the motion and resolve be changed to authorize the purchase of a smart board for the NTA for an additional $364.80
(Submitted by NTA Teaching Assistant Chapter Chairperson Sheila Manning)

Moved by: J. Eitel
Seconded by: P. Gonzalez
Motion passes unanimously

MOTION #9:
Whereas, a constitutional amendment on the budget process is on the November 8, 2005 ballot, and

Whereas, the amendment, which helps balance the power between the governor and Legislature, automatically sets up a state contingency budget if one is not approved by the start of the fiscal year, and

Whereas, the governor would have to make school aid appropriations for two years, which could help districts with planning, therefore be it
Resolved, that the NTA support the 2005 NYS Constitutional Amendment.
(Submitted by NTA Political Action Chair Joe Lotito)

Moved by: P. Van Duser
Seconded by: J. Eitel
Motion passes unanimously

MOTION #10:
Whereas, a $2.9 billion Transportation Bond Act is on the November 8, 2005 ballot, and

Whereas, the transportation bond act is endorsed by the state AFL-CIO, and

Whereas, the measure would help repair and rebuild the state's infrastructure and provide jobs for union workers, be it therefore

Resolved, that the NTA support the 2.9 billion Transportation Bond Act.
(Submitted by NTA Political Action Chair Joe Lotito)

Moved by: P. Van Duser
Seconded by: J. Eitel

Motion passes unanimously

MOTION #11

Move the NTA authorize payment to Steve DeMarco for the months of July, August, and September for the NTC Chairperson’s stipend as per past practice.
(Submitted by NTA Member Vicky John Eitel)

Moved by: J. Eitel
Seconded by: P. Gertler

Motion Ruled Out of Order

MOTION #12

Whereas, the NTA’s Board of Directors and the NTA Delegate Assembly both have approved the formation of a committee to study the feasibility of reinstating the NTA Administrator Survey, and

Whereas, the committee met and has revised the survey, be it therefore

Resolved, that the NTA’s Administrator Survey be implemented during the 2005-2006 school year.
(Submitted by NTA Vice President Vicky Pittman)

Moved by: J. Eitel
Seconded by: P. Gertler

Motion passes unanimously

GOOD & WELFARE:

- Thank you to the Election Committee.
- Review of Election Procedures for NYSUT and AFT Delegates to the Board of Directors
- Clarification on letter to Benefit Trust Fund Trustees
- “Making Strides for Breast Cancer” is this Sunday.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 5:52 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Van Duser
Secretary