BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MINUTES
October 11, 2006

Present: Phil Cordella, Vicky Pittman, Patricia Van Duser,
John Eitel, Jr., Donna Liebman, William Lastowski

Meeting was called to order at 4:15 PM

Approval of Minutes of September 13, 2006
Moved: V. Pittman
Seconded: J. Eitel
Passed Unanimously

President’s Report
Saugerties Teachers on the verge of a job action
NTA President making school visits – morale low
Assessment Committee Invitation
Journal requests plentiful
PDP – NTA has not been part of planning
ING letter from NYSUT President $100-$450 back
Dec. 12, 2006 99.5 million dollar Bond Vote
Habitat House Dedication – next Wednesday, October 25, 2006 @ 4:15 PM
Lesson Plan responses shared

Vice-President’s Report

Treasurer’s Report
Presented by the NTA President - See attached

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION #1
Resolved, that the NTA Board of Directors amend the NTA Teaching Assistants’ stipend
budget to reflect $500 for the Grapevine Editor position.
Moved: V. Pittman
Seconded: J. Eitel
Passed Unanimously
**MOTION #2**
Whereas, the Newburgh Enlarged City School District’s Board of Education has set December 12, 2006 as the date for a vote on a proposed 99.5 million dollar construction and repair bond, and

Whereas, the Newburgh Teachers’ Association has supported previous bond referendums which have had vested interest in educational programs and the infra-structure of our buildings for the benefit of our students and our members, and

Whereas, NTA members have expressed concerns about the current direction of the District, be it

Resolved, that prior to taking an official position on the December 12, 2006 proposition, the NTA survey and weigh the members’ opinion regarding the bond issue.

**Moved: P. Van Duser**  
**Seconded: J. Eitel**  
Passed Unanimously

**MOTION #3**
Resolved, that the NTA Board of Directors appoint Janet Carlson as a NTA New Member Committee appointee.

**Moved: V. Pittman**  
**Seconded: J. Eitel**

**Moved: P. Van Duser**  
**Seconded: D. Liebman**  
Motion Tabled 3-1

**MOTION #4**
Whereas, the NTA’s Board of Directors is authorized to set the terms and procedures for general referendum, and

Whereas, the recent vote to change the NTA’s constitution could not take place due to a lack of a quorum present, and

Whereas, the NTA is scheduled to conduct a ballot vote for AFT and NYSUT delegates and alternates on or about November 20, 2006, be it therefore

Resolved, that the NTA’s Board of Directors authorize a secret ballot vote to amend the NTA constitution by replacing the reference to the “AFT” with the words “national affiliates” each time it appears, and furthermore be it

Resolved, that the vote take place during the same time as the elections for NYSUT and AFT delegates and alternates.

**Moved: J. Eitel**  
**Seconded: V. Pittman**  
Passed Unanimously
MOTION #5
Whereas, the NTA’s Board of Directors is authorized to set the terms and procedures for general referendum, and

Whereas, the State of New York requires that unit members be evaluated according to an Annual Professional Performance Review, and

Whereas, the NTA is scheduled to conduct a ballot vote for AFT and NYSUT delegates and alternates on or about November 20, 2006, be it therefore

Resolved, that the NTA’s Board of Directors authorize a ratification vote on the collectively negotiated Annual Professional Performance Review, and furthermore be it

Resolved, that the vote take place during the same time as the elections for NYSUT and AFT delegates and alternates.

Withdrawn by the Maker of the Motion

MOTION #6
In regards to the elections within the NTA,

Whereas, the Election Committee has set forth Conditions of Election and suggested guidelines for campaigning, and

Whereas, the Board of Directors has reviewed the Conditions of Election, and

Whereas, these Conditions of Election may be violated during the course of an election, be it

Resolved that the Election Committee provide any pertinent information regarding said possible violation(s) in a timely fashion to the Board of Directors, and be it further

Resolved, that the Board of Directors conduct an investigation and render a decision regarding said violation(s).

Moved: D. Liebman
Seconded: J. Eitel

Passed Unanimously

Good and Welfare
- PDP was not developed collaboratively – NTA President will review this matter with the Superintendent of Schools
- There are a number of new teachers this year and more trained mentors will probably be needed
- HOH off to a good start
- NTA Teaching Assistants’ Chapter Recording Secretary Joni Mongelli is recovering nicely.

Meeting Adjourned 5:40 PM