BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MINUTES  
October 8, 2008  
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**Present:** Phil Cordella, Vicky Pittman, Angela Sartori, Karen Roberts, David Brown, Pat Hunter, William Lastowski, Donna Liebman, Sharon Minard, and Nancy Sparacio.

**Meeting was called to order:** 4:15 PM

Approval of Minutes of September 10, 2008 as corrected.  
**Moved:** P. Hunter  
**Seconded:** N. Sparacio  
Passed Unanimously

**President’s Report**

October 19, 2008 is the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk. See NTA website for details.

Audit of Curriculum meeting Director Pat Hunter attended.

Further negotiations and discussions regarding the change in walk through procedures took place last week by NTA President Phil Cordella. An implementation and rollout framework was agreed to.

**Vice-President’s Report**

There are six grade level/subject meetings left to take place. A subcommittee was suggested to find common trends among contractual concerns across the grade level and subject areas. Seven groups were unable to meet last year. Groups will be asked to send their concerns in writing and a date to meet will be offered.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Report given at meeting.
Unfinished Business

MOTION #1
Whereas, public education is under attack by well financed enemies, and
Whereas, educators are proud of their profession and the job they do for the children of this country, and
Whereas, communicating a positive message is needed now more than ever, be it
Resolved, that the NTA authorize the purchase of “Proud Educator” license plate covers and, be it further
Resolved, that a campaign be created for their distribution and promotion

(Submitted by NTA Board of Director Sharon Minard)
Moved: S. Minard
Seconded: P. Hunter

Motion to table to next meeting:
Moved: J. Nee
Seconded: D. Liebman Motion Passes (6-2-0)

Moved: S. Minard
Seconded: N. Sparacio Motion Passes (5-1-3)

Three no votes were due to directors preferring a different product, and one director questioned effectiveness.

NEW Business

MOTION #2

Motion on Additional Committee Recommendations

Whereas, the NTA solicited various job letters of interest for open committee positions, be it
Resolved, that the NTA Board of Directors approve the following additional recommendations of the President:

VOTE/COPE Committee Chair:
Patricia Van Duser

Publications Directors:
Jeffrey Gebhardt and Crisan Scalia with stipend calculated on a per issue basis
Educational Issues Advocacy (Middle Level)
Gary Byrnes

Teacher Center Policy Board
Member - Laurina Maurice
Alternate – Vivian Altmann

APPR Standing Review
Faye Canfield
(Submitted by NTA President Phil Cordella)
Moved: D. Brown
Seconded: S. Minard
Passed Unanimously

MOTION #3
Whereas, the NTA has reviewed the current monthly mortgage payments of the NTA Building Corporation for best rate and payoff possibilities, be it

Resolved, that the NTA Board of Directors recommend to the NTA Building Corporation that it increase its monthly mortgage payment from $1,439.56 to $2,000.00 per month, thereby allowing for mortgage free ownership of our union office building sooner.
(Submitted by NTA Treasurer Angela Sartori)
Moved: A. Sartori
Seconded: P. Hunter
Passed Unanimously

MOTION #4
Resolved, that the NTA Board of Directors pay back over a period of time from unexpended retiree dues the amount of $31,429.94 to the Newburgh Retired Teachers’ Action Fund.
(Submitted by NTA President Phil Cordella)
Moved: D. Brown
Seconded: D. Liebman
Passed Unanimously

MOTION #5
Whereas, the new member initiative serves to inform members of the working of our union, and

Whereas, Renwick St. Pre-K has submitted a new member initiative which has been reviewed and approved by the new member initiative chair and committee as well as the NTA President, be it therefore

Resolved, that the NTA Board of Directors approve the Renwick St. Pre-K new member initiative proposal.
(Submitted by NTA President Phil Cordella)
Moved: S. Minard
Seconded: N. Sparacio
Passed Unanimously
MOTION # 6
Whereas, the NTA Nominations and Election Committee have proposed additional revisions to be included in the Conditions of Elections document, be it

Resolved, that the NTA Board of Directors approve the newly revised Conditions of Elections document as submitted.
(Submitted by NTA Secretary and Nominations and Elections Chair Karen Roberts)
Moved: K. Roberts
Seconded: D. Liebman

Passed Unanimously

GOOD AND WELFARE:

Thank you to NTA Treasurer Angela Sartori for her diligent work.

Board of Directors discussed and reviewed expenditures for four computers for the Teaching Assistant Chapter. The Board will be requesting additional information.

Motion to adjourn: 6:45 PM
Moved: W. Lastowski
Seconded: D. Brown

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Roberts
NTA Secretary