BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES
October 7, 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 4:17pm.

Approval of minutes
September 9, 2009
Moved: E. Hart; Seconded: J. LeRoy

PRESIDENT’S REPORT
1. Met with Orange - Ulster Presidents.
2. Onteora Teachers in Crisis. 8-10 of our members went up to march. A letter was sent to Substitute teachers asking them not to cross the picket line.
3. Welcome Back Party was a huge success! 1050 lbs of food donated.
5. Professional Learning Communities Grant
6. Met with Superintendent on specific building issues, such as starting and ending times at each school.
7. Lenore is on vacation.
8. Trip to Troy, NY to meet Jonathan Kozol.
9. Hudson Valley Small Cities Dinner invitation on 10/29/09 at Cosimo’s.

VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT
1. Attended the Teacher Assistant general membership meeting as well as the Executive Board meeting.
2. TA’s are working on the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk at Woodbury Commons.
3. TA’s are collecting items for Safe Homes Silent Auction Fundraiser.
4. Trying to get new members to fill committee appointments.
5. November 14th is a bus trip to Reading PA.
6. Grapevine editor has stepped down at this time.
7. Committee members needed on the Political Action and Health and Safety committees.

TREASURER’S REPORT
1. Auditors began their year end audit.
2. Attended Substitute Chapter Meeting. Their goal is to increase membership and participation this year. AESOP was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION #1

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

Resolved, that the NTA’s Board of Directors authorize the President to hire Ideal Cleaning Solutions.
(Submitted by NTA President Patricia M. Van Duser)

Moved: J. Nee
Seconded: J. Daley
Passes unanimously

MOTION #2

Whereas, the office manager will be on vacation October 7, 2009 – October 24, 2009.

Whereas, the role and duties of the office manager have expanded greatly; be it therefore

Resolved: That the NTA Board of Directors allow the NTA President to hire part-time office help on a need basis, at an hourly rate of fifteen dollars an hour, not exceeding 48 hours (12 days).
(Submitted by NTA President Patricia M. Van Duser)

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

MOTION #3

Whereas, the duties of the executive assistant have greatly expanded, be it therefore

Resolved: that the NTA Board of Directors allow the NTA President to increase the work day an hour a day at the contracted hourly rate on a needed basis.
(Submitted by NTA President Patricia M. Van Duser)

Moved: J. Nee
Seconded: J. Daley
Passes unanimously

MOTION #4

Whereas, the goal of NTA is to provide training for its members and to improve professional practices.

Whereas, Labor Arbitration Institute is holding a conference in New York City, be it therefore
Resolved: that the NTA Board of Directors allow the NTA President to send the Grievance Committee and the Labor Management Committee to this conference at the rate of $395 a person for the total cost of $3555.00.

Moved: D. Brown
Seconded: J. LeRoy

MOTION #5

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 change all exterior locks and install an additional lock on the upstairs door for the total cost of $852.62 installed by Foxman’s Locksmith Inc.
(Submitted by NTA President Patricia M. Van Duser)

Moved: J. Daley
Seconded: W. Lastowski

MOTION # 6

Resolved, that the NTA Board of Directors accept the timeline and conditions of election of NTA Board of Directors 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: C. Franklin
Seconded: M. Wiley

GOOD AND WELFARE

- Moment of silence for the passing of retired member Thomas Miller, Mr. Phil Cordella’s mother in-law, and father of Denise Knox.
- NYSUT Ed 14 update by J. Daley

ADJOURNED:

Motion to adjourn at 6:00pm
Moved: W. Lastowski
Seconded: J. Nee

Respectfully submitted:

Jeanne Daley
NTA Secretary