BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES
October 13, 2010

Present: Patricia Van Duser, Judy LeRoy, Ellen Hart, Jeanne Daley, David Brown, Josh Conn, Carol Franklin, James Nee, Marlayna Wiley

Meeting was called to order at 4:13 PM

Approval of minutes:
September 8, 2010

Moved: M. Wiley
Second: J. Conn

Passes Unanimously

PRESIDENT’S REPORT
1. President Van Duser was out sick last week for the entire week. Thank you to all who helped pick up the responsibilities at the NTA.
2. Letter from Retiree Chapter. J. Nee reported that NYSUT is drafting a response.
3. Attended Orange Ulster BOCES RTTT Video Conference October 4, 2010. Race to the Top (RTTT) $900,000.00 coming to Newburgh -- over the next 4 years.
4. Attended Education Nation at 30 Rockefeller Plaza, NYC, hosted by Brian Williams, with D. Brown September 26, 2010. D. Brown reported on the importance of Newburgh Teacher’s Association’s participation at this event.
5. Potential positions slated to be eliminated were reinstated after negotiations with Board of Education and Mr. Pizzo, Acting Superintendent of Schools.
6. Dr. Shanahan met with D. Brown about ideas for November 2, 2010 Staff Development Day. Due to short notice, ideas will be considered for the future. One suggestion was for District-wide grade level meetings, with one teacher per grade level attending. Five schools responded to email asking for teachers to participate. President Van Duser and Dr. Shanahan will pick 3-4 teachers to plan teacher-centered Staff Development offerings.
7. NTA Facebook page under consideration as a way to get information out to the membership. AFT and NYSUT United have Facebook accounts.
8. Welcome Back Event of September 24, 2010 raised $1000.00 for the Food Bank of the Hudson Valley.

**VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT**
1. Attended Teaching Assistants Executive meeting on October 4, 2010.
2. Theresa M. Brady-Lyden will fill position vacated by resignation of Joni Mongelli.
3. Safe Homes of Orange County will honor the Newburgh Teaching Assistant Chapter with the Mildred Warren Good Neighbor Award on October 28, 2010,
4. Attended the School Related Professionals conference in Albany October 2, 2010 with D. Fucheck President of the Newburgh Board of Education, to bring back more than 400 books to be distributed to the students of Newburgh.
5. The message brought back from the ED 14 dinner of September 29, 2010 was the importance of voting in the upcoming elections.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**
Attached.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**MOTION # 1**

*Whereas,* one of the goals of our union is to support the American Labor Movement, and

*Whereas,* Safe Homes of Orange County is holding its Celebration of Hope Dinner; and

*Whereas,* the Newburgh Teaching Assistant Chapter is being honored with The Mildred Warren Good-Neighbor Award; be it therefore

*Resolved,* that the NTA’s Board of Directors approve the purchase tickets (4 tickets @ $75 per person for $300.00) for Thursday, October 28, 2010 at The Fountains at the Wallkill Golf Club.  
(Submitted by NTA President Patricia M. Van Duser)

Moved: C. Franklin  
Second: J. Conn  
Passes Unanimously

**MOTION # 2**

*Whereas,* one of the goals of our union is to support the successes of Newburgh Teachers, and

*Whereas,* Mid-Hudson School Study Council is holding its Awards for Excellence dinner; and

*Whereas,* the Dana Mc Donough of Fostertown and Janet DeStefano of Vails Gate are being honored; be it therefore
Resolved, that the NTA’s Board of Directors approve the purchase tickets (20 tickets @ $39 per person for $780) for Thursday, October 14, 2010 at Anthony’s Pier 9.
(Submitted by NTA President Patricia M. Van Duser)

Moved: J. Conn
Second: M. Wiley
Passes Unanimously

GOOD AND WELFARE
1. Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk on Sunday, October 17, 2010, at Dutchess Stadium in Fishkill, and Woodbury Commons Outlet in Woodbury. NTA representatives will be present at both locations.
2. C. Franklin applauded the NTA representation of President Van Duser and D. Brown at the Education Nation Event at Rockefeller Center in NYC.
3. NFA Honor Students and Friends will participate in an event for the Food Bank of the Hudson Valley at Chadwick Lake on October 23, 2010.
4. “Unstuff the Buses” will take place on November 21, 2010. More information to follow.
5. J. Daley acknowledged the photos of President Van Duser and D. Brown on the cover and story in NYSUT United.

ADJOURNED:
Motion to adjourn made at 4:50 PM.

Moved: J. Nee
Second: C. Franklin
Passes Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne M. Daley
NTA Secretary