THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS Minutes
October 10, 2012

Present: Art Plichta, Laurie Colacchio, Ellen Hart, David Brown, Carol Franklin, Sherri Hall, Matthew Scully, Sue Warren.

Call to Order

Meeting called to order 4:33 PM

Approval of Minutes

September 12, 2012

Moved: L. Colacchio
Second: E. Hart

Passed unanimously

President's Report:

1. Today, the NTA had the pleasure of hosting Sean Patrick Maloney, Sandra Fluke, and representatives from Planned Parenthood at a discussion on Women’s Issues for this election. This was a last minute request from the Hudson Valley Labor Federation and we were very glad to help out.

2. I met with the Educational Issues Advocacy Committee to discuss election plans and the NTA hosting phone banks; and the October 20th walk for Sean Patrick Maloney and Chris Eachus from 9:30-1:30. We will be doing phone banks starting on Tuesday, October 23rd.

3. Last night, NYSUT Delegates attended an ED 13/14 meeting at the Powelton Club. The clear message was that this is a very important election for teachers, unions, and the Middle Class. We need to get all of our members involved and encourage them to get political and to vote.
4. We have started to hold teaching level APPR meetings about what the MOA’s actually say, how we can proceed and to really find out the difficulties that our members in different schools are confronting.

5. The Pendulum is being created and should be out soon. We realized that doing it in house was prohibitively expensive, so we have had to price it out and we have found a printer that can do it much more reasonably.

6. The NTA leadership and the APPR Committee met with Forgit, Shanahan, Mc Lynch and the Elementary and Secondary Directors of Interdisciplinary Curriculum and Assessment to discuss APPR issues, and gave them feedback and described how it is affecting our members.

7. The Labor/Management and Negotiations team is meeting with the BOE on Thursday, October 11th to discuss many issues of unfair work practices and further negotiations on the APPR.

8. The Welcome Back Bash was a great success. We raised over a thousand dollars for Armory Educational Activities.

9. The Food Bank of the Hudson Valley is having a 10th Annual Walk to Fight Hunger on Saturday, October 20, 2012 at 11:00 AM. It is the same day as the Political Walk. Should we distribute this in schools?

10. We received a picture and very nice letter of thanks from the Chicago Teachers’ Union for our support.

**Vice-President’s Report:**

President Plichta gave report: Talked about Welcome Back Bash and upcoming rally.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

See attached

**Old Business:**

None
New Business:

MOTION #1:

Resolved, that the Board of Directors approve the revised Committee and Stipend appointments as presented.
(Submitted by President Plichta)

Moved: E. Hart
Second: S. Warren
Passed unanimously

Motion #2:

Whereas, the NTA Delegate Assembly at its June 13, 2012 meeting endorsed Chris Eachus to the New York State Senate, 39th District, and
Whereas, he has gotten the support of NYSUT, but not the support of the AFL-CIO, which remains neutral in the race, and;
Whereas, we need his “new energy” and “new ideas” in Albany to get NY back on the right track, we it therefore

Resolved, that the NTA Board of Directors approve $750 for postage and printing costs of a message to all of our members from the NTA in support of Chris Eachus.
(Submitted by President Plichta)

Moved: C. Franklin
Second: S. Hall
Passed unanimously

Motion #3:

Whereas, in these very difficult times teachers are feeling attacked by politicians and the press, and
Whereas, our members are being confronted with a new and difficult evaluation system, and a total change in curriculum that causes great stress and fear, and
Whereas, the Newburgh Teachers’ Association has the fundamental purpose of standing up for our members and education in our community, be it therefore

Resolved, that the NTA Board of Directors approve funding for a Pro Education/Get-out-the Vote/Solidarity Rally on October 29, 2012, from 3:30 – 5:30 PM at the Newburgh Recreation Center in the City of Newburgh in the amount of $5000, to cover the cost of T-shirts (members donations will be requested), newspaper advertising, and other expenses for the rally.
(Submitted by Jeanne Daley)

Moved: D. Brown
Second: S. Warren
Passed 5 yes and 1 no
Motion #4:

Whereas, in previous years, the NTA has held annual leadership conferences for the strengthening of union leaders, and Whereas, all of the changes in the field of education have given us many challenges, be it therefore

Resolved, that the NTA Board of Directors approve funding in the amount of $1000 for the November 2012 Leadership Conference to be held locally.

(Submitted by President Plichta)

Moved: D. Brown
Second: S. Warren

Passed unanimously

Motion #5:

Whereas, the Pendulum would have cost over $2000 to print in house, because of the cost of color printing on our copier machine, be it therefore;

Resolved, that the NTA Board of Directors approve funding in the amount of $770 for the printing of the Pendulum at Sentinel Printing, a union shop.

(Submitted by President Plichta)

Moved: D. Brown
Second: M. Scully

Passed unanimously

GOOD & WELFARE:

1. Matt Scully spoke on building level election confusion.

ADJOURNED:

Motion to adjourn at 6:12 PM

Moved: S. Warren
Second: D. Brown

Passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Colacchio

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NTA Secretary