Present: Philip Cordella, Vicky Pittman, Angela Sartori, Patricia Van Duser, John Eitel, Stacy Eustance, Philip Gertler, Peter Gonzalez, Donna Liebman, Karen Roberts. William Lastowski was seated as an AFT Director after motion number was passed.

Meeting was called to order at 4:22 PM

Approval of minutes from October 15, 2005
Movéd: V. Pittman
Seconded: A. Sartori
Passes unanimously as edited.

President’s Report:

1. District Wide Compact training a success - approximately 140 attended
2. Inventory of “Insufficient Funds to Support Educational Activities”
3. Reorganization of NTA Office space over Winter Break
4. SAVE - Confusion regarding Multi Purpose Referral Forms
5. NTA/Board Forums - Dates TBA
6. Role of Professional When a Student Fight Ensues
7. NTA President participated in Education Week online discussion
8. “Get the Union Involved”
9. Documents filed for NTA Building Corp.
10. Conference participation excellent

Vice President’s Report:

1. Administrator Survey Guidelines Draft

Treasurer’s Report:
(see attached)

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION #1:

Whereas, there exists a vacancy on the NTA’s Board of Directors for AFT Director, and "Dedicated to Excellence"
AFT Local #2867
Whereas, the NTA’s Board of Directors shall fill director vacancies which may occur, be it therefore

Resolved, that the NTA’s Board of Directors appoint AFT Alternate William Lastowski as an AFT Director to the NTA’s Board of Directors.

(Submitted by NTA President Phil Cordella)

Motion to postpone to the next meeting
Moved: J. Eitel
Seconded: F. Gertler

Motion defeated 5-4

Moved: P. Van Duser
Seconded: D. Leibman

Main motion carries 5-4

MOTION #2:

Resolved, that the NTA support the NECSD’s sponsored Blood Drive on November 30, 2005 and other upcoming Blood Drives in February and May 2006, by encouraging all NTA members to contribute.

(Submitted by NTA members Jackie Borgia and John Eitel, Jr.)

Moved: J. Eitel
Seconded: P. Van Duser

Passes unanimously.

MOTION #3:

Whereas, the NTA has collaborated with the District in offering District Wide Compact training involving 142 Compact members, and

Whereas, regular Compact training is necessary so that NTA members and other stakeholders may advocate for positive change, be it therefore

Resolved, that NTA’s Board of Directors authorize the NTA to pay for dinner for this event, and be it further

Resolved, that the money allocated come from the NTA’s Educational Issues Advocacy budget.

(Submitted by NTA President Phil Cordella)

Moved: A. Sartori
Seconded: W. Lastowski

Passes unanimously.

MOTION #4:

Whereas, the NTA has adopted an extensive fiduciary responsibility policy, and

Whereas, one aspect of that policy is yearly, certified audits, be it therefore
Resolved, that the NTA President be authorized to sign a four year agreement with Vanacore, DeBenedictus, DiGiovanni and Weddell which sets maximum fees for yearly audits through 2008.

(Submitted by the NTA Treasurer Angela Sartori)

Moved: A. Sartori
Seconded: S. Eustance
Passes unanimously.

MOTION #5:

Whereas, the NTA bestows its annual William G. Reilly Profile in Unionism Award to deserving NTA members who have demonstrated exemplary pro-teacher and pro-union behavior, and

Whereas, the NTA’s Election Committee continues to help clarify and implement, in collaboration with the NTA’s Board of Directors, all NTA voting and election rules and procedures, be it therefore

Resolved, that the NTA’s Board of Directors name NTA’s Election Committee members Maureen Neppl, Thomas Neppl, and Donna Liebman as the 2005 William G. Reilly Profile in Unionism Award recipients.

(Submitted by NTA President Phil Cordella)

Moved: J. Eitel
Seconded: P. Van Duser
Passes unanimously.

MOTION #6:

Whereas NTA Teaching Assistant Chapter dues were being charged the ¾ rate for NYSUT dues, and

Whereas, the NTA has negotiated the ½ NYSUT dues rate as it applies to Teaching Assistants, be it therefore

Resolved, that the NTA Board of Director’s amend the NTA budget accordingly, and be it further

Resolved, that the NTA President work with District finance personnel in order to have the correct dues deducted.

(Submitted by NTA Treasurer Angela Sartori)

Moved: V. Pittman
Seconded: P. Gonzalez
Passes unanimously.

MOTION # 7:
Whereas, the NTA Teaching Assistant Chapter is collecting donations for Holiday/Food Baskets for families in need in the Newburgh Enlarged City School District, be it therefore

Resolved, the NTA’s Board of Directors authorize a donation of $100 for the NTA Teaching Assistant Chapter Holiday/Food Basket Drive.

(Submitted by NTA Vice President Vicky Pittman)

GOOD AND WELFARE

1. Kudos to Patricia Van Duser for a terrifically organized and informative leadership conference.
2. Per Diem Sub Chapter is organized and will be beginning contract negotiations.
3. Thank you to Maryann Corbett for her service as a Director
4. Welcome Karen Roberts and William Lastowski as new Directors

ADJOURNED
5:25 PM