BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MINUTES
November 14, 2007
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Meeting was called to order: 5:07 PM

Approval of Minutes of October 10, 2007
Moved: V. Pittman
Seconded: N. Sparacio
Passed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes of Special Meeting of October 15, 2007
Moved: D. Liebman
Seconded: P. Hunter
Passed Unanimously

President’s Report
1. Welcome to our newest Director, James Nee
2. Karen Roberts will be representing the NTA at the Habitat House dedication
3. Board Forum Dec. 3 @ 6:30 @ NJHS – HDs to meet after Nov. 29 DA
4. President scheduling lunch time meetings in each school (Tues./Thurs.)
5. Pat Hunter attend Audit of Curriculum meeting with District Nov 30, 2007
6. Advisory Committee meeting with the Superintendent Elementary Teacher Nov. 29,
   Secondary math, Dec. 6
7. District reorganization proceeding slowly – no school based committee set up.
8. Professional Development Plan being reviewed

Vice-President’s Report
1. Report on schedule of meeting with each stake holder re performance conditions
2. Report on Leadership Conference

Treasurer’s Report
1. Report given at meeting

MOTION #1:

Whereas, the President annually recommend committee assignments for approval by the Board
of Directors, and
Whereas, those assignments may periodically be changed or modified, be it

Resolved, that the following changes to be made to NTA committees and the 07-08 NTA budget
be modified accordingly:

NTA Grievance Committee (shared co-chair model*)
James Nee – High School Level
Lou Stanley – Middle Level
Linda Mangan – Elementary Level
Joni Mongelli – Teaching Assistant
Angela Sartori – Substitute teachers
* stipend determined by new formula against budgeted amount TBD

Diversity Committee
Madeline Alma – replacing Pittman

DWAGI (Formerly Ed Planning)
Sue Killen – replacing Lastowski
Jeanne Daley – replacing Sartori
Bill Istone – replacing Lewis
Linda Mangan – replacing Phillips
Lisa Maier – TA member replacing Luloff

District Wide Health & Safety Committee
Sherri Hall – replacing Dickie

NTA Building Maintenance Oversight Committee
Frank Wolf - new
Chris Cotton - new
Dane LeRoy - new

SAVE Committee
Rocco Sangervasio – replacing Borgia
Beverly Browne – replacing Masten
(Submitted by NTA President Phil Cordella)

Moved: J. Nee
Seconded: N. Sparacio       Passed Unanimously

MOTION #2:

Resolved, that the Board of Directors approve the purchase of 10 tickets to the Maj. Gen Irene
Trowell-Harris Tuskegee Airmen Chapter 10th annual Tuition Assistance Dinner Dance on
Friday, February 2, 2008 for a cost of $750.00.
(Submitted by NTA President Phil Cordella)

Moved: J. Nee
Seconded: D. Brown       Passed Unanimously
MOTION #3:

Whereas, the education of every child is the mission of our public schools, and

Whereas, instructional supplies are paramount in order to support the work of our professional staff in accomplishing this goal, be it therefore

Resolved, that the NTA design and conduct an inventory of supplies needed by our professional staff so that we can identify where and why it is being communicated that there may be insufficient funds available to support educational activities.

(Submitted by NTA President Phil Cordella)

Moved: K. Roberts
Seconded: N. Sparacio  Passed Unanimously

MOTION #4:

Whereas, the NTA Board of Directors received a motion passed by the Retired Teachers’ Chapter of the NTA, be it

Resolved, that the NTA Board of Directors’ authorize the Treasurer to accommodate the request of the October 25, 2007 Retired Teachers’ Chapter motion and pay the chapter chair, Frank Colone the stipends in the amount of $4,000.00 on or before December 1, 2007 for the current fiscal year and October 1, 2008 for the fiscal year 2008-2009.

(Submitted by NTA Treasurer Angela Sartori)

Moved: A. Sartori
Seconded: W. Lastowski  Motion Passes (6-2-0)
No votes were due to no retiree minutes and the amount.

MOTION #5:

Whereas, it has been the past practice of the NTA’s Nomination and Election committee to establish conditions of election, and

Whereas, those conditions have established the right of candidates or advocates for or against propositions and referendum to distribute literature paid for by themselves or their slate, and

Whereas, that the NTA Treasurer has determined that a voucher submitted to pay for campaign literature related in the recent NTA Constitution and Bylaws amendment requested that the union expend funds for the mailing of literature supporting a certain position, be it therefore

Resolved, that the NTA Board of Directors not pay the voucher requests submitted by NTA Retiree Chair dated September 28, 2007 and October 3, 2007.

(Submitted by NTA Treasurer Angela Sartori)

Moved: A. Sartori
Seconded: N. Sparacio

Motion to postpone to the December 12, 2007 Board of Directors meeting
Moved: V. Pittman  
Seconded: K. Roberts  
Passed Unanimously

MOTION #6:

Resolved, that the NTA Board of Directors hereby certify that the October 1, 2007 NTA Constitution and Bylaws amendment vote failed to meet the required 2/3 majority for passage, and be it further

Resolved, that the official results are as follows:

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TOTAL 770 654
(Submitted by NTA President Phil Cordella)

Moved: N. Sparacio  
Seconded: D. Brown  
Passed Unanimously

MOTION #7:

Whereas, the NTA provides for new teacher initiatives; and

Whereas, SJHS has submitted a proposal which has been reviewed by the NTA President; be it therefore

Resolved, that the NTA’s Board of Directors approve the New Teacher Initiative Grant for South Junior High School as submitted. 
(Submitted by NTA Director William Lastowski)

Moved: W. Lastowski
Seconded: J. Nee  
Passed Unanimously

**MOTION # 8**

*Whereas,* the NTA serves coffee at the various meetings, and

*Whereas,* Fair Trade Coffee is environmentally friendly and socially responsible, and

*Whereas,* Deans Beans offers a 10% rebate to NYSUT and the Labor Religion Coalition to support further improvements to the movement of economic justice, be it

Resolved, that the NTA purchase two pounds of regular coffee and one pound of decaffeinated coffee at $10.00 a pound to support Fair Trade and Ms. Pittman's 12th grade class fund raiser to purchase *The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien and sponsor a poetry function in April.

(Submitted by NTA Vice President Vicky Pittman)

Moved: V. Pittman  
Second: K. Roberts
No votes were due to a desire not to commence a practice of endorsing class and/or teacher specific fundraising activities.

**GOOD AND WELFARE:**

None

Motion to adjourn: 7:45 PM
Moved: N. Sparacio  
Seconded: J. Nee

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Roberts  
NTA Secretary