BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MINUTES

December 13, 2006

Present: Phil Cordella, Vicky Pittman, Angela Sartori, Pat Hunter, Donna Liebman, Sharon Minard, Steve Schuyler, Nancy Sparacio, William Lastowski.

Meeting was called to order at 4:15 PM.

Moment of Silence in Memory of NTA Substitute Teachers’ Chapter Chair Patricia Simms.

Approval of Minutes of November 8, 2006.

Moved: S. Minard
Seconded: P. Hunter

Passed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes of November 30, 2006.

Moved: W. Lastowski
Seconded: N. Sparacio

Passed Unanimously

President’s Report

1. Bond defeated by 91 Votes – implications reviewed, voter rolls will be canvassed to review extent of teacher voters.
2. $9,000, plus or minus, from 5 estimates to address the mold in the basement. This cost is before repainting, trash removal, etc.
3. NYSUT letters to ING participants to discontinue relationship – choice of three endorsed programs will be provided in the new year.
4. Transit Workers Union request for donation by NYS AFL-CIO.
6. NYSUT/AFT Delegates Elections to be scheduled by NTA Election Committee.
8. Letter to Board of Education requesting NTA/Board Forum dates.

Vice - President’s Report

1. APPR Presented at MH, Washington St. Pre-K, St. Francis.
2. Substitute Chapter- Vice President M. Henneberry to take over for Patricia Simms.

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AEF AFT AFL-CIO
Motion # 1

Resolved, That the NTA approve the “Resolution Requesting Support for Library Systems and School Library Materials Aid Increase” for consideration at the 2007 NYSUT Representative Assembly. The body of the Resolution is as follows:

Whereas school libraries are an integral part of the educational program essential to the education of students, and

Whereas School Library Materials Aid has not increased since 1998, while the average cost of library materials has increased by 30% over the past seven years, and

Whereas School Library Systems aid has remained stagnant while the cost of services and personnel has also risen over the past seven years, and

Whereas the Education Commissioner Richard P. Mills and the Board of Regents propose an increase in State Aid for schools that include an increase in School Library Materials Aid and proposed an increase in aid for library systems, and

Whereas the New York Library Association proposes an increase in State Aid for schools that include an increase in School Library Materials Aid from $6 to $15 and a 50% increase in aid for school library systems; therefore be it

Resolved that the New York State United Teachers will support the legislation to increase school library materials aid from $6 to $15 and the legislation to increase school library systems aid by 50%.

(Submitted by NTA Members Rosa Tebano and Patricia Corkendale)

Moved:          S. Schuyler
Seconded:       D. Liebman

Passed Unanimously

Motion # 2

Whereas, the NTA provides up to $750 per school for new teacher initiatives; and

Whereas, the NTA’s Board of Directors approve the New Teacher Initiative Grant after the New Member Committee and the NTA President review and approve them; and

Whereas, the NTA’s Board of Directors have expressed concerns regarding the dollar allotment visa via number of new teachers and size of school, be it

Resolved that for the 2006-2007 school year the apportionment of dollars be amended to reflect the following:* (*criteria to be established at the December 13, 2006 Bd. of Directors meeting)

(Submitted by NTA President Phil Cordella)

Moved:          K. Roberts
Seconded:       V. Pittman

Passed Unanimously

Motion to Table

Moved:          A. Sartori
Seconded:       N. Sparacio

Passed Unanimously
Motion # 3
Resolved, that the NTA’s Board of Directors approve up to approximately $1,788.99 for the purchase of a new tablet laptop for the President, and be it further

Resolved, that the NTA’s Board of Directors’ commit up to $300 plus tax, plus four months of service for a hand held device, similar to the Verizon Motorola Q currently in use in the District, in order to instantly receive emails and edit documents on an as need basis for the NTA.
Motion separated into two motions

New Motion # 3
Resolved, that the NTA’s Board of Directors approve up to approximately $1,788.99 for the purchase of a new tablet laptop for the President, and be it further

(Submitted by NTA President Phil Cordella)
Moved: A. Sartori
Seconded: N. Sparacio Passed Unanimously

Motion # 4
Resolved, that the NTA’s Board of Directors’ commit up to $300 plus tax, plus four months of service for a hand held device, similar to the Verizon Motorola Q currently in use in the District, in order to instantly receive emails and edit documents on an as need basis for the NTA.

(Submitted by NTA President Phil Cordella)
Moved to table: A. Sartori
Seconded: N. Sparacio Passed Unanimously

Motion # 5
Whereas, the NTA’s Board of Directors is authorized to set the terms and procedures for general referendum, and

Whereas, the State of New York requires that unit members be evaluated according to an Annual Professional Performance Review, and

Whereas, the NTA will be scheduling a ballot vote for AFT and NYSUT delegates and alternates, be it therefore

Resolved, that the NTA’s Board of Directors authorize a ratification vote on the collectively negotiated Annual Professional Performance Review, and furthermore be it

Resolved, that the vote take place during the same time as the elections for NYSUT and AFT delegates and alternates.

(Submitted by NTA President Phil Cordella)
Moved: N. Sparacio
Seconded: K. Roberts Passed Unanimously
Motion #6
Resolved, that the NTA’s Board of Directors contribute $500 to the Transit Workers Union to help cover the Taylor Law penalties on TWU Local 100 that remain in effect from the Transit workers strike.

Moved: V. Pittman
Seconded: N. Sparacio

Passed Unanimously

GOOD AND WELFARE:
Happy Holidays to all.
Meeting Adjourned 5:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Roberts
NTA Secretary