DELEGATE ASSEMBLY MINUTES
January 17, 2007

Present: Officers: Phil Cordella, Vicky Pittman, Karen Roberts Alt. Program
@Stewart, L. Stanley Balmville: C. Franklin. Fostertown: S. Minard, J. Conn. Gidney
Avenue: F. Canfield, J. LeRoy Heritage Junior High: B. Browne, Horizons on the
Windsor: L. Mangan, M. Murphy North Junior High: K. Masten
Pre-K @ Washington St.: G. Luloff Temple Hill: C. Altmann, M. Corbett, R. Grove, W.
Kostenblatt, K. Wingfield Vails Gate: S DeMarco, C. Moriello, M. Wiley
Substitute Chapter: M. Henneberry Retiree Chapter: J. Panzetta, J. Richards Teaching
Assistant Chapter: S. Manning, B. Johnson Additional Attendees: J. Lotito, Ed. Issues
Chair, A. Healy, Teacher Center Policy Board Chair, C. Scalia Excused: Angela Sartori

Schools not represented: Administration, Executive Dr, Gardnertown, Pre-K @ St.
Francis, South Jr. High

Meeting was called to order at 4:15 PM

Approval of Minutes of November 15, 2006
Moved: L. Mangan
Seconded: N. Sparacio
Minutes Approved Unanimously

President’s Report
2. Lesson Plans: Planbooks collected each week. The district can look at your plans
Plans should reflect November 6, 2006 letter from Dr. Saturnelli.
3. SAVE Legislation Power Point Presentation made available to Head Delegates
4. Code of Conduct: Board Policy. If administration does not follow, this is a
  grievable issue.
5. List of non-union members sent to Head Delegates so they can follow up.
6. Bond Vote- It is our responsibility to make sure every member is registered and
  votes. Ed. Issues will canvass the last vote.
7. Letter from Counsel for Retired Teachers Chapter of NTA.
8. APPR- December version made available to Delegates. Will be on website soon.
10. NTA Constitution Revisions will meet in February.

Vice-President’s Report
1. APPR- Informational meetings held at Gidney Avenue, New Windsor, Temple Hill. Meetings to follow at other schools.
2. Sub Chapter- M. Henneberry new Chapter Chair.

Treasurer’s Report
1. NTA President gave the report.

Committee Reports
- Labor Management- Report given at meeting.
- Grievance-Report given at meeting.
- Health and Safety –Report given by NTA President.
- Educational Issues Advocacy – Thanks to all who helped out with bond vote. Members to canvass the bond vote January 31, 2007. Anyone available to help will be appreciated. Plan to ask Central Labor Council for formal resolution of support.
- Teacher Center-Policy Board approved twelve new in-service classes. Two targeted at TA’s. Three more classes for approval at Jan. 29 meeting. Mentor training-working on setting up class upon funding approval.
- Nomination and Elections- Letters to be sent home detailing nomination and election procedures.
- Special Events-Chair stated there was no report to give at this time.
- ER&D -Four teachers and four teaching assistants are training. Some will finish Certification training in Rhode Island. August 3rd New Teacher/Substitute orientation. TA orientation in September.
- VOTE/COPE- Increase of $1,500.00- Thanks to Head Delegates and their Designees.
- Publications-No Report.
- Teaching Assistants-Defensive Driving Class to be held Feb. 10th. More to come
- Sub Chapter- Thanks to all NTA members for attending service for Patricia Simms, and for support and guidance during contract negotiations. Subs receive a half-day pay for every two extra periods they cover. Each sub needs to keep track of this.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

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 the NTA’s Board of Directors)

Moved: K. Masten
Seconded: L. Colacchio

Motion approved unanimously

MOTION #2

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 the NTA's Board of Directors)

Ruled out of order by NTA President
Motion Withdrawn

GOOD AND WELFARE
Positive feedback on expanded committee reports in the minutes. Concern was expressed about confidentiality of grievance committee report. Minutes will reflect that report was given at the Delegate Assembly.
Concern was voiced over second bond vote. NTA needs to be involved in all phases.
Some Head Delegates continue to attend District Educational Planning Committee.

ADJOURNMENT
Motion to adjourn at 5:30 PM.
Moved: L. Colacchio
Seconded: J. Nee

Motion approved unanimously

Respectfully submitted by,

[Signature]
Karen Roberts
NTA Secretary