Delegate Assembly Minutes
February 16, 2005


Additional attendees: J. Byrne

Not represented: Balmville, Chestnut Street

Meeting was called to order as of 4:00 PM.

Approval of Minutes:
Approval of minutes from January 19, 2005
Moved: D. D'Alessandro
Seconded: J. Hunt
Motion carries unanimously

President's Report:
1. Bond Vote
2. NFA - New Houses
3. + 90 credits
4. SAVE Committee
5. New Teacher Initiatives
6. Teaching Assistants Contract
7. Curriculum Alignment Feedback Form
8. Secondary Template Forms from Department Heads
9. Site Specific Subs
10. Social Security Numbers off the Board of Education Agenda
11. Sending six teachers to BOCES Conference, March 16, 2005
Vice-President's Report:
   1. New National Board Certified Teachers

Treasurer’s Report:
   • See attached report

Committee Reports:
   1. Grievance
   2. Teacher Center
   3. New Member
   4. Political Action

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

MOTION #1

Whereas, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Newburgh has provided 15 homes for working people in the Newburgh Enlarged City School District; and

Whereas, the NTA has a history of supporting Habitat’s goals and work; be it therefore

Resolved, That the Newburgh Teachers’ Association actively support and participate in the May 1, 2005 annual walk for housing.
(Submitted by NTA Board of Directors)

Moved: J. Daley
Seconded: L. Colacchio

Motion passes unanimously.

MOTION #2

Whereas, the terms and conditions of our careers are affected by politics at all levels; and

Whereas, VOTE/COPE is necessary to supply the resources to run campaigns for school budget initiatives and help elect pro-education school board members; be it therefore

Resolved, That the Newburgh Teachers’ Association designate March 1, 2005 to June 24, 2005 for this years VOTE/COPE campaign; and it be further

Resolved, That the NTA continue to advocate for $50 minimum contribution for all members and work towards enrolling those members currently not giving.
(Submitted by NTA Board of Directors)

Moved: D. D’Alessandro
Seconded: J. Eitel

Motion passes unanimously.
MOTION #3

Whereas, the NTA Local #2867, AFL-CIO has successfully negotiated 100% health insurance coverage for Newburgh Retirees; be it therefore

Resolved, that Retirees contribute to the 2005 NTA/VOTE/COPE Retiree Drive (from Wednesday, March 2-Wednesday, August 31, 2005); and be it further

Resolved, that NTA Retirees are urged to give at least $25.00.
(Submitted by NTA Board of Directors)

Moved: J. Eitel
Seconded: M. Colone

Motion passes unanimously.

MOTION #4

Resolved, That the NTA adopt the School Safety Plan as submitted (see attached)
(Submitted by NTA Board of Directors)

Moved: P. Gertler
Seconded: D. Liebman

Motion passes unanimously.

MOTION #5

Whereas, there is currently exists a policy for numerical report card grades for the secondary schools,

Whereas, the elementary teachers, grade 3-6 are now directed to give numerical grades, be it therefore:

Resolved, That the NTA strongly urge that the District establish a policy for elementary report card number grading that is consistent with the secondary report card grading policy and that the NTA President write a letter to the Newburgh Board of Education advocating our position.
(Submitted by NTA Board of Directors)

Moved: P. Van Duser
Seconded: L. Colacchio

Amended Motion

Resolved, That the NTA strongly urge that the District establish a policy for elementary report card grading that is consistent district-wide for grades 3-6, and that the NTA President write a letter to the Newburgh Board of Education advocating our position.

Moved: R. Phillips
Seconded: D. Brown

Motion passes unanimously.
Good and Welfare:
- Compact News-Only one mention of teachers in the “Top Performers” article.
- Thank you Flip Gertler for his dedicated service as Grievance Chair
- M. Colone expressed that some retirees were upset by a motion passed by Board of Directors.
- Dinner at the Clarion at 7:00.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made 5:10 PM.
  Moved: D. D'Alessandro
  Seconded: D. Davidson

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Van Duser