DELEGATE ASSEMBLY MINUTES
February 18, 2009

Present: Officers: Phil Cordella, Vicky Pittman, Karen Roberts and Angela Sartori
Balmville: C. Crozzoli, Chestnut Street, J. Eitel Executive Dr. N. Colon Fostertown: S. Minard,
P. VanDuser Gidney Avenue: F. Canfield, M. Scully Heritage Junior High: P. Hunter, L. Vinti, M. Henry, J.
Lastowski, L. Vinti HJH@Stewart: J. Daley Horizons-on-the-Hudson: J. Laudiero, N. Lorenzo Meadow
Parent, R. Sangervasio, T. Sturart North Junior High: J. Michalek, N. Morales Pre-K @ Renwick: E. Hart
Pre K @ Washington St.: G. Luloff, D. Mahusky South Jr. High: L. Stanley, Temple Hill: M. Corbett, R.
Grove, G. Masiello, K. Wingfield, Vails Gate: C. Moriello, M. Wiley West Street: T. Colon NYSUT/AFT
Delegates: W. Lastowski, J. Eitel, Retirees: J. Richards Teaching Assistants: S. Manning, B. Johnson,

Additional Attendees: VOTE/COPE Chair: P. Van Duser New Teacher Initiative Chair: M. Henry,
Health and Safety: J. LeRoy

Schools not represented: Administration, Gardnertown, and Substitute Chapter

Meeting was called to order at 4:20 PM

Approval of the Minutes of November 19, 2008
Moved: J. Eitel
Seconded: S. Minard
Passed Unanimously

Approval of the Minutes of January 14, 2009
Moved: J. Daley
Seconded: B. Browne
Passed Unanimously

President’s Report
1. NTA Officer Elections were discussed. Letter to the candidates from NTA President was discussed.
2. Statement read on behalf of Donna Liebman by Karen Roberts. The statement discussed the NTA
   Elections.
3. Each new officer elect spoke to the delegates and members.
4. The NTA received a letter from the District’s lawyer requesting we re-open negotiations for salary
   increases for the 09-10 school year. The NTA respectfully declined that request.
5. Achievement Gap- NTA is being considered for a grant from NYSUT/NEA. If awarded, the grant will
   provide for staff development.
The school calendar for the 2009-2010 school-year will be voted on by the Board of Education next Tuesday night. Our first day back for that school-year will be September 1, 2009. Students will return on September 2, 2009. There is no half day for Memorial Day weekend, instead, mid year conferences will be held in the same manner as the November conferences are. The Wednesday before Thanksgiving will be a full day of school. Our winter holiday break is two full weeks and our Spring break is a week and a day.

Building Bond Report was distributed and discussed.

Vice- President’s Report

1. The NTA Vice President and Secretary attended a special meeting of the Hudson Valley Area Labor Federation with Senate Majority Leader Steny Hoyer and 20th Congressional Candidate Scott Murphy.
2. On March 3rd a Performance Conditions Committee meeting is scheduled.
3. The Pendulum- On December 10th the NTA Vice President emailed five articles to the NTA President. During the holiday break the NTA President wrote the lead story, and it was sent to be laid out. Thank you to Criscan Crozzoli and Darrell Kuhn who wrote the other articles. There was a suggestion to put The Pendulum on the website.

Treasurer’s Report

1. Report given at meeting, check registry was made available. Findings of the annual audit were discussed. Copies will be given to each Head Delegate.

Committee Reports

- Labor Management- Report given at meeting. A meeting with the District will take place on 2/27
- Grievance- We have three, five or six Stage II that will be heard on 2/26 and one Stage II to be heard on 3/12. Committee to meet with Human Resources on January 22, 2009. A lot was accomplished and some issues were settled.
- Health and Safety- Problem at NJH with construction dust quickly resolved. NFA parking lot and THA front steps are in review. List of projects over the December break was discussed. Flu season info will be coming. Hand washing poster contest for grades 3 & 4 February 18th, grades 5 & 6 March 19th. Winners will receive $25 gift cards to Barnes and Noble. The school suspension team from NJH gave a presentation at the Health and Safety Meeting.
- Educational Issues Advocacy- Next Head Delegate meeting will be to discuss new and different ways to pass the budget on May 19th. Possibility of using retirees as poll watchers to keep a list of voters.
- Teacher Center-In-service proposals due by March 2nd. Mentor logs and Mid-Year report due by 2/27 in order to qualify for second stipend. Professional Development Plan has still not been presented to the Board by the Superintendent. The District is out of compliance. The Plan has to be updated, this stems out of certification. Secondary teachers received information on the Bill Gates Grant. Got to NYSUT.org and send a letter to your elected officials urging them to restore funding to teacher centers.
- Nomination and Elections-Karen Roberts will temporarily step down as chair due to her status as a candidate in the NTA Officer Election. Head Delegates will meet on January 21st packets are available announcing the candidates and the Candidate Forum.
- Sabbatical- No Report
- Special Events- No Report
- ER&D- New teacher orientation will take place on 8/25 and 8/26. The substitute orientation will be on 8/27. TA orientation will be announced. Potentially a number of teachers could be trained over the summer through AFT.
- VOTE/COPE- Many forms were turned in. Forms only need to be turned in if you are increasing or decreasing your contribution. Money will begin being deducted last pay in January to the first pay in June.
- Teaching Assistants- Defensive driving course is full. Starting Healthy in Newburgh Fair will be April 25th from 10-2. Save the Date. Please contact an executive member for details.
- New Member Initiative- Any questions can be sent to M. Henry at HJH. Applications are due by March 30, 2009
• Retirees- No Report
• Substitutes- Meeting to take place on March 4, 2009

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

GOOD AND WELFARE

Melody Bruno sent notice that her sister’s family was burned out of their home. If anyone would like to donate clothing, please contact Robin Grove or Melody Bruno at THA.

On March 5th the TA’s will have a meeting on the Carly Fund. Next organizational meeting will be 2/19 at NFA.

ADJOURNMENT
Motion to adjourn at 5:15 PM
Moved: L. Mangan
Seconded: J. Lastowski  Passed Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Roberts
NTA Secretary