DELEGATE ASSEMBLY MINUTES
March 25, 2009

Present: Officers: Phil Cordella, Vicky Pittman, Karen Roberts and Angela Sartori


Schools not represented: Administration

Meeting was called to order at 4:20 PM

Moment of Silence: Priscilla Pelazzo, Joseph DuBois, Karen Alberti, Nate Vesely, Carol Kraft.

Approval of the Minutes of February 18, 2009
Moved: S. Minard
Seconded: B. Browne

Passed Unanimously

President’s Report
1. Discussion of NTA President’s letter to the district “Caught in the Crosshairs”
2. On, Monday, March 30th a budget meeting will be held at 6:00 pm at the Board of Ed office.
3. We want to know if Federal Stimulus money is being used as it is intended, to save jobs and not to cut taxes.
4. Letter writing campaign was discussed. Every member needs to write a letter to the Superintendent and each member of the Board of Ed.
5. April 23rd is the last day the district can adopt a budget.
6. Interviews for Board Candidates will take place soon.
Vice-President’s Report
1. The NTA has begun to work with various building forms for Pre-observation so a new form can be adopted that will be consistent and reflect the Superintendent’s criteria for lesson plans and the eight criteria for the APPR.

Treasurer’s Report
1. Report given at meeting, check registry was made available.

Committee Reports
- Labor Management- Report given at meeting. A meeting with the District will take place on 4/27
- Grievance- We have five Stage II hearings that were heard on 2/26 and one Stage III that were heard on 3/12. Three more Stage II’s waiting to be scheduled.
- Health and Safety- The list of summer work has seventy-four projects.
- Educational Issues Advocacy- Board Candidate interviews will take place on April 21st.
- Teacher Center-Proposals for new courses were interviewed on Tuesday. Forty proposals for professional development classes were submitted to the Teacher Center Policy Board. Teacher Center Director attended lobbying Tuesday March 24th in Albany. Some summer courses may be available.
- Nomination and Elections-NYSUT/AFT/NEA elections will be held on May 19th. Notice of Election to be mailed to members in early April.
- Sabbatical- No Report
- Special Events- Friend of Education Dinner will be June 19, 2009.
- ER&D- There may be 4-6 people attending national training in Maryland. Two have been trained in Middle School Math. 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.
- VOTE/COP- Head Delegates to receive a list of members not on payroll deduction. Log onto www.NYSUT.org and send a letter to your State Representatives urging them to stop Teir 5.
- Teaching Assistants- Healthy Kids Fair will take place on April 25th at Gidney Avenue School.
- New Member Initiative- Any questions can be sent to M. Henry at HJH. Nine proposals were accepted. Proposals have closed March 1st. Get your requests in early next year.
- Retirees- No Report
- Substitutes- No Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS
GOOD AND WELFARE
HJH at Steward could be closed. Concern for staff placement was discussed. If a member is laid off, they get put on a 7 year preferential list. You must be asked to return before they hire. Congratulations to Karen Roberts on being elected a Vice President to the Hudson Catskill Central Labor Council.

ADJOURNMENT
Motion to adjourn at 5:15 PM
Moved: P. Van Duser
Seconded: H. Lamb
Passed Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Roberts
NTA Secretary