DELEGATE ASSEMBLY MINUTES

March 17, 2010

Present: Officers: P. Van Duser, J. LeRoy, E. Hart, J. Daley

Schools not represented: Administration; NFA North Campus; Pre-K @ Washington St.; Vails Gate; West St.; Bishop Dunn; Sacred Heart; St. Joseph; Substitute Chapter;

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order at 4:15 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

March 3, 2010 (February Meeting)

Moved: D. Brown
Second: J. Komondorea

Passes Unanimously

PRESENTATION:

Mr. Roger Ramjug presented on the District’s Energy Conservation Program.
PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

1. Committee of 100 lobbied in Albany March 16, 2010. Addressed were Teaching Assistants, Teacher Centers, and K-12 cuts.
2. 25/55 Bill not getting to the floor of the Assembly. It appears to be supported, but is needed ASAP to avoid layoffs.
3. Cuts to SUNY/CUNY show almost 40% of aid lost. Send faxes supporting education to legislators through www.NYSUT.org. Up to 3 letters at a time can be faxed through the website.
4. March 9, 2010, Sheila Salenger from TRS presented to 57 participants at NTA office.
5. School budget vote and Board of Education member elections are on May 18, 2010. Interview for candidates are here on April 12 and 19, 2010. Ten people are running for three seats. The interview committee is comprised of teaching assistants, elementary, secondary, special subject teachers, and social workers.
6. Board of Education budget meetings are held every Thursday evening at 5 pm and are open to the public.
7. Infinite Campus has problems with Elementary Progress Reports. Steve Janson is willing to help resolve the problems. Email concerns and issues to President Van Duser.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

1. Nothing new to report.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. Attached.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Grievance: L. Mangan reports there is a resolution to one Stage II hearing. Two stage II and one Stage III hearings are still pending.
Health and Safety: J. LeRoy and J. Daley report there is nothing new.
Labor Management: President Van Duser for J. Nee reports the NTA exchanged proposals with the District. Three dates are scheduled. March 25, 2010, there will be an exchange of Teaching Assistant Proposals.
Education Advocacy Issues: President Van Duser for G. Pinheiro reports the Board of Education candidate interviews are scheduled April 12 and 19, 2010. Budget vote is May 18, 2010. Phone bank volunteers needed again.
Vote/Cope: M. Olsen reports a few checks were received.
SAVE: B. Browne reports more discussion is needed on a recommended change in the code of conduct letter J. The list of turnkey trainers has some errors. The list is needed before the end of June for principals to have in September, 2010. The question continues,
who is responsible for the continuing education of a student who is removed? Retraining of principals, teachers, teaching assistants is recommended on how to correctly fill out misconduct reports.

**Special Events:** President Van Duser for J. Laudiero reports the date of Friends of Education Award Dinner at the Powelton Club is June 18, 2010.

**TA Chapter:** S. Manning reports the “Starting and Staying Healthy in Newburgh” event date is June 5, 2010, at the Delano Hitch Recreation Center.

**Retiree Chapter:** B. Fogarty reports the annual locker clean out donations of gently used coats are welcome from now until June.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Motion # 1:**

**Whereas,** Richard C. Iannuzzi is the President of NYSUT which represents more than 600,000 people who work in or are retired from, New York’s schools, colleges, and healthcare facilities, and

**Whereas,** President Iannuzzi has taught elementary school in the Central Islip public schools for 34 years, including 20 spent as a fourth-grade teacher, and

**Whereas,** President Iannuzzi epitomizes NYSUT’s motto “A Union of Professionals” through his tireless effort, his integrity, his leadership and his commitment to public education, and

**Whereas,** the Newburgh Teachers’ Association has had a long and positive relationship with NYSUT President Iannuzzi through working closely lobbying, attending workshops and policy setting meetings, participating in pro-union and labor led activities an programs, and

**Whereas,** in 2005 the NTA enthusiastically supported President Iannuzzi’s vision when first elected NYSUT President, be it therefore

**Resolved,** that we honor a great leader by awarding our union’s highest honor, the 2010 NTA Friend of Education, to NYSUT President, Richard C. Iannuzzi.

(Submitted by NTA Board of Directors)

**Moved:** C. Franklin  
**Second:** H. Lamb  

**Passes Unanimously**
GOOD AND WELFARE:

1. D. Brown is working on collecting information on how Elementary teachers use the half days the last week of June.
2. S. DeMarco mentioned that every Board of Education would like to see the Triborough Bill removed, as it protects existing contracts during negotiations.
3. P. Cordella mentioned that importance of Vote/Cope during these difficult times.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn at 4:52 pm.

Moved: W. Lastowski
Second: B. Browne

Passes Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne M. Daley
NTA Secretary