DELEGATE ASSEMBLY MINUTES
March 21, 2012

Present: Officers: P. Van Duser, J. LeRoy, E. Hart, J. Daley
Retiree Chapter: P. Gertler, E. Winfield, D. Davidson, J. Eitel, L. Smith;
Teaching Assistant Chapter: T. Brady-Lyden, B. Johnson;
AFT/NYSUT DEL: J. Eitel Jr.; NYSUT DEL: M. Riverol;
Committee Chairs: Grievance: L. Mangan, A. Sartori; BOE Curriculum: N. Morales;

Schools not represented: Administration; Gardnertown; West St.; Bishop Dunn; Sacred Heart; Substitute Chapter.

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order at 4:32 PM.
Moment of silence observed for A. Reid.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

January 18, 2012

Moved: B. Browne-Fazio
Second: M. Scully
Passes with correction and 1 Nay

PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

1. In Labor Management, the NTA agreed that K-8 will use Terra Nova testing in October and May to measure growth. The mid-terms and finals will not be given. This will fulfill the 20% local assessment of the APPR.
2. Congratulations to Frank Skartados who won the late Tom Kirwan’s seat. Thanks also to the phone bank volunteers.

3. Tier 6 was voted in due to strong-armed tactics of Governor Cuomo. The 401K change was removed. The vote tally is pending. Substitutes need to sign up for Tier 5 by March 31, 2012 or they will become Tier 6 members.

4. The Governor proposed $250 million dollars in competitive grants for schools. Andy Pallotta, the Executive Vice-President of NYSUT likened these grants to a Game Show. During lobbying we asked our local reps to take some money out of the competitive grants and add to district aid formulas.

5. Seniority list for teachers available at NTA office. TOSA is defined as anyone without students of record, i.e. SAVE teacher, Science Specialist, etc.

6. Thanks to those who responded to the Health Insurance straw poll. We will be staying with the Empire Plan.

7. Next budget planning meeting will be tomorrow at 6 PM at the NFA auditorium.

**VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT:**

1. Reiterate thanks to phone bank volunteers.

2. Continue to show unionism by attending BOE meetings.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

1. Report is attached.

2. The NTA budget for 2012-2013 is in process.

3. Vendor records are being updated for standardization.

**SECRETARY’S REPORT:**

**BOE Curriculum:** N. Morales reported Dr. Shanahan is working on a draft framework of K-8 to show what construct blocks would look like. Secondary APPR talks have begun.

**Educational Issues:** G. Pinheiro thanked phone bank volunteers. Encouraged everyone to utilize the NYSYT MAC site, as every little bit helps. The Hudson Valley Labor Federation will be holding a fair contract for workers rally.

**Grievance:** L. Mangan reported 1 State II is scheduled for March 27, 2012, and one stage II resolution is pending.

**Health and Safety:** J. Daley reported on the guided tour of the Greater Hudson Valley Family Health Center facility on Lake Street taken by the committee on March 15, 2012.

**Labor Management:** P. Van Duser reported a meeting is scheduled April 4, 2012 for the start of preliminary ground rules for negotiations. Mr. A. Plichta, President-Elect will also attend, as well as the current Teaching Assistant negotiating team.

**SAVE:** B. Browne- Fazio reported on the Tiered System and Code of Conduct recommended changes. Tier 2 interventions will not be able to be implemented without the school psychologists. Reminder to keep yellow copies reiterated.

**Teaching Assistants:** T. Brady-Lyden reported the seniority list is being revised. Reminder that the Empty Bowls event at NFA is scheduled for March 29, 2012. The next Defensive Driver course is scheduled for May 19, 2012.

**Nominations and Elections:** NYSUT/AFT/NEA elections are coming up May 21, 2012.
NEW BUSINESS

MOTION #1

Resolved, that the NTA Delegate Assembly accept the timeline and conditions of election of NYSTU/AFT/NEA Elections as presented by the NTA Nominations and Elections Committee. (Submitted by NTA Board of Directors)

Moved: K. Roberts
Second: J. Borgia

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MOTION #2

Whereas, Article VIII- Board of Directors-Section 5 (Powers and Duties), subsection c of the NTA Constitution states that the Board of Directors shall “recommend a legislative program (motions) to the Delegate Assembly,” and

Whereas, Article VII – Delegate Assembly-Section 4 (Powers and Duties), subsection d of the NTA Constitution states that the Delegate Assembly shall “adopt a legislative program” (motions), and

Whereas, Article VII- Delegate Assembly- Section 4 (Powers and Duties), subsection a of the NTA Constitution states in part that “final authority in the NTA “shall rest in the Delegate Assembly,” be it therefore

Resolved that motion # 4 and motion # 5 that were not recommended to the Delegate Assembly for adoption be placed on the agenda for consideration by the Delegate Assembly as per the requirements of the NTA Constitution.

(Submitted by J. Daley and A. Plichta)

Moved: J. Daley
Second: P. Gertler

Motion Defeated 22 to 19
Abstain 1

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn at 5:23 PM.

Moved: G. Pinheiro
Second: J. Conn

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Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne M. Daley
NTA Secretary