DELEGATE ASSEMBLY MINUTES
March 20, 2013

Present: Officers: J. Daley, L. Colacchio, E. Hart
Balmville: A. Healey; Gidney Ave.: B. Glyn, M. Scully, K. Andre, V. Marin;
Horizons: N. Lorenzo; Meadow Hill: T. Cadden, K. DeMarco, M. McCann, L. Stanley,
S. Warren; New Windsor: J. Logerfo; NFA Main: J. Borgia, B. Browne Fazio;
NFA North: B. Rubin, L. Colacchio, T. Consentino, P. Quiroz-Pavez;
South Middle: R. Durbin, L. Benvenuto, D. Crisci-Rodriguez;
Temple Hill: M. Collard, J. LeRoy, L. Puma, K. Wingfield; Vails Gate: M. Acosta, P. Steel,
T. Buffamante; Retiree Chapter: P. Gertler, R. Leduc; R. Coughlin, J. Eitel, L. Smith;
Teaching Assistant Chapter: S. Manning; T. Brady-Lyden, B. Johnson;
NYSUT Delegates: J. Eitel, M. Riverol; Committee Chairs: L. Mangan, Grievance; Angela
Sartori, Grievance; A. Healy, NTC; Other Attendees: Judith Richards;

Schools not represented: Administration; Chestnut St.; Fostertown; Gardnertown; Heritage
Middle; Washington St.; Bishop Dunn; Sacred Heart; AFT Delegates;

Chapters not represented: Substitute Chapter

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order at 4:35 PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

January 9, 2013
February 20, 2013

Moved: M. Scully
Second: B. Rubin

Passed Unanimously
PRESIDENT’S REPORT:
1. On March 13 – 17, 2013, I was in Washington D.C. for the AFT’s Executive Leadership Conference. In attendance were sixteen newly elected presidents from across the country and the world (Guam and St. Croix); we met with Randi Weingarten and the AFT leadership for intensive and very productive training on a variety of topics important to our local.
2. April 4, 2013, is a nationwide Day of Solidarity to mark the 1968 assassination of Civil Rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who died defending the rights of striking Memphis Sanitation Workers. These workers wanted to form a union and to collectively bargain for decent wages and safe working conditions.
3. The plumber started the work on the kitchen area, and the heater in Russ Coughlin’s office. I would like to thank John Eitel and Jeanne Daley for helping put in the cabinets.
4. I would like to thank Nelson Colon for the 6 computers installed upstairs for use by teachers. Teachers have already been using them for working on annual reviews (IEP writing days).
5. The Pendulum is out. I want to thank Rich Durbin and Stacy Moran for their hard work and great reporting.
6. If there is any more money collected for wristband sales, please send it to the NTA office.
7. I would like to thank G. for going up to Albany and lobbying with the Committee of 100.
8. There was a revision to the 2012-2013 Meeting Schedule because the NYSUT Representative Assembly is being held on April 11 – 13, 2013. The BOD will be on Wed., April 17, 2013, and the DA will be on Wed., April 24, 2013.

VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT:
1. On March 14, 2013, at the ED 13/14 meeting; Maurice Hinchey was given a plaque by Rockland Teachers’ Association for his dedication to Education over his tenure as an Assemblyman in New York State, and as a Congressman in the United States House of Representative.
2. The NTA has received an award from NYSUT/AFT for its VOTE/COPE contributions.

TREASURER’S REPORT:
See Attached

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
BOE Curriculum: D. Crisci-Rodriquez reported there was no curriculum meeting in March.
BOE Finance: J. Daley reported the Finance committee is now the BOE budget workshops. Teacher and TA presence at these workshops is important. Please attend.
BOE Policy: None
Central Compact: None
Educational Issues: J. Daley reported for G. Pinheiro that he and A. Plichta attended the Committee of 100 in Albany. They met with Assembly members who reported to the Committee of 100, that they found extra money for schools. G. would like teachers and TA’s to attend the
next budget meeting in April. There is an app that can be downloaded to your cell phone; it is called NYSUT Action Center. You can also locate it on the NYSUT website.

**Grievance:** L. Mangan reported that one Stage II grievance was settled; one Stage II grievance was in the process; one Stage I grievance has begun; and one grievance is going to arbitration.

**Health and Safety:** J. LeRoy reported that 2 members (nurses) will be attending a conference on Concussion Management.

**Labor Management:** M. Riverol reported we moved forward on some issues, but there were a lot of issues pending.

**Newburgh Teacher Center:** A. Healy reported that the TC was inventorying items and one large laminator was returned back to the TC. Two in-service courses will begin shortly. The Policy Board will be interviewing course proposals and if approved the courses will begin mid-April to mid-June. NTC is reconstructing its website.

**SAVE:** K. DeMarco thanked all head delegates for the time they put in to get the surveys back on the proposed changes to the Code of Conduct. She also shared that Margo (the district’s attorney) is determined to change the Code of Conduct, **not if, but when.** Teachers are to keep the Gold Copy from the discipline form, and if you don’t receive a response from your administrator within five business days, you should ask for your pink copy.

**Special Events:** J. Daley reported that they would be looking into holding the Friends of Education Dinner at the Hilton Garden Inn in Newburgh.

**Vote Cope:** None

**Chapters**

**Retirees:** None

**Teaching Assistants:** S. Manning reported that the next Defensive Driving course will be held on May 18, 2013; applications are on the NTA website. The TA Chapter made a donation in Jean Harris’s name to Empty Bowls. Applications for student Scholarships were sent out.

**Substitutes:** J. Daley reported that there is a new substitute chapter person and her name is Jackie LaRosa.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**GOOD AND WELFARE:**

N. Lorenzo – Questioned the seniority list numbers and what was being done about the discrepancies, and how do the discrepancies get fixed. J. Daley said to contact President Plichta by email or phone. She also reported that a new seniority list came out last week (3/11-15) and it was being looked at closely.

E. Hart – Suggested everyone double check their number on the seniority list. There was an error at her school and the error impacted another person’s number because of the correction to the seniority list.

B. Browne Fazio – Questioned if teachers were going to be trained on the appeals process for the new APPR. She also suggested that the calendar changes for the meetings have ‘Revised Calendar’ clearly stated to make it clear it is a new meeting calendar.
ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn at 5:30 PM

Moved: S. Warren

Second: B. Browne Fazio

Passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Colacchio
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