Delegate Assembly Minutes
April 27, 2005


Not represented: Chestnut Street, West Street

Meeting was called to order as of 4:05 PM.

Approval of Minutes:
   Approval of minutes from March 9, 2005
   Moved: K. Marley
   Seconded: P. Hunter

   Motion carries unanimously

President’s Report:
   1. Inclusion workshop 100 participants to be held on May 6, 2005
   2. Retirement Workshop May 3, 2005
   3. Meadow Hill School Reading First MOA districted – approved and funded $900,000 year one, $700,000 for years two and three.
   4. Budget Vote “5/17/05 It Matters!” Campaign is underway.

Vice-President’s Report:

Treasurer’s Report:
   • See attached report
   • Presentation on the budget

"Dedicated to Excellence"
AFT Local #2867
AFL-CIO
Motion #1

Resolved: that the NTA Delegate Assembly change the order of business to move the motion to adopt the 2005-2006 budget and dues structure to the first order of business prior to committee reports.

Moved: J. Lotito
Seconded: D. Brown

Motion carries unanimously

Motion #2

Resolved: that the NTA’s Delegate Assembly vote to approve the NTA Budget for 2005-2006 as presented.

Moved: J. Lotito
Seconded: K. Marrinan

Motion carries unanimously

Committee Reports:
1. Grievance
2. Pendulum
3. Educational Issues Advocacy
4. Teacher Center
5. ER & D
6. Sick Leave Bank
7. NYSTRS Retiree System

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Motion # 3

Whereas, the AFT-Africa Aids campaign has become a central part of the NYSUT and AFT public awareness program, and
Whereas, the AFT Africa-Aids campaign has proven to be a strong initiative in saving lives and improving public education in Africa, and
Whereas, the AFT and NYSUT have been strong supporters of this successful program for over a year, and
Whereas, the involvement of as many locals as possible helps to ensure the continued success of this public awareness health program, be it therefore,

Resolved: That the NTA establish as policy to support the AFT Africa Aids Awareness campaign, and be it further

Resolved: That the NTA contribute $500.00 to the AFT Africa Aids Awareness campaign.

(Submitted by NTA Board of Directors)
Motion # 4

Whereas, SITESABES (First Independent Mexican Democratic Union of Teachers) is faced with many obstacles in its formative years, and
Whereas, SITESABES has been unduly harassed and menaced by authorities, and
Whereas, SITESABES has shown resilience and tenacity in the face of adversity, and
Whereas, SITESABES and its members continue to portray the qualities and characteristics that personify the best of public educators, and
Whereas, SITESABES needs the support and aid from their sisters and brothers of public education at this crucial juncture in their organization efforts, be it therefore

Resolved: That the NTA adopt as policy to pledge support for SITESABES, and be it further,

Resolved: That the NTA contribute $500.00 to SITESABES and its organization efforts.
(Submitted by NTA Board of Directors)

Moved: J. Benton
Seconded: W. Lastowski
Motion carries unanimously

Motion # 5

Whereas, the Newburgh Teachers’ Association has met with the District to review its proposed 2005-2006 school district budget, and
Whereas, the proposed budget includes teaching assistants for each of the nine elementary SAVE rooms, and
Whereas, the proposed budget maintains current staffing levels, avoiding layoffs, be it therefore

Resolved, that the Newburgh Teachers’ Association support the proposed 2005-2006 school district budget and actively work for its passage.
(Submitted by NTA Board of Directors)

Moved: J. Eitel
Seconded: J. Lotito
Motion carries unanimously

Special Order of Business

Whereas, Lenore Giansante has been an earnest and dedicated Office Manager for the Newburgh Teachers’ Association, and
Whereas, Lenore Giansante, continuously works tirelessly on behalf of this great organization and all the members, and
Whereas, Lenore Giansante, has been a consistently positive presence for everyone she come into contact with on a daily basis, and
Whereas, Lenore Giansante, has given over 25 years of service to this fine union, and
Whereas, Lenore Giansante, has never been recognized through resolution by this body, and

Whereas, today is National Secretaries’ Day, be it therefore

Resolved: That the Newburgh Teachers’ Association’s Delegate Assembly formally recognize Lenore Giansante by resolution, and be it further

Resolved: That the Newburgh Teachers’ Association Delegate Assembly stand in honor of that recognition.

Moved: J. Benton
Seconded: P. Van Duser

Motion carries unanimously

Good and Welfare:

- NJHS & NWS asked the President to follow up on post Building Bond plans
- May 4th. District Health and Safety Committee @ 7:00 PM. Thank you to NTA District Health and Safety Co-chair Jeanne Daley
- Walk for Housing on May 1, 2005 – NTA Hats to participants

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made 5:10 PM.

Moved: D. D’Alessandro
Seconded: J. Richards

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Van Duser