DELEGATE ASSEMBLY MINUTES
April 18, 2007


Schools not represented: Administration, Gardnertown, Pre-K @ St. Francis, Substitute Chapter,

Meeting was called to order at 4:15 PM

Approval of Minutes of March 21 2006
Moved: J. Daley
Seconded: J. Richards
Minutes Approved Unanimously

President’s Report
1. The NTA received a letter that the NTA Retiree Chapter will be filing a claim against the NTA.
2. The Constitutional Review Committee is continuing to meet on Friday evenings. They are hoping to make a presentation shortly.
4. Dr. Saturnelli and NTA President along with NYSUT President and the Commissioner of Education have been invited to a national discussion about collaboration, collective bargaining, and quality professional development in Washington DC. They will be meeting with teams from Ohio, Texas, New Jersey, Minnesota, and North Carolina.
5. Stipulation of settlement will allow dorm size refrigerators in classrooms, no toaster ovens, microwaves or hot plates. District is to provide coffee in the cafeteria.
6. Special order of business motion - a discussion of the budget vote. Increase in foundation aid, library budget increases 5 percent, busing for all students within 1 mile secondary and .9 mile for elementary students. Provides for a K-8 Extended Year Program for level targeted students in literacy and numeracy. Voluntary for teachers. Will run in July for 4 weeks. Secondary program may be four weeks and some programs will be six weeks.

7. Two Executive Directors will be hired to assume a role similar to that of the coaches to assist administrators.

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**Vice-President's Report**

1. Committee of 100 was attended by NTA President, Vice President, and Secretary. They lobbied in support of the state budget, and against charter schools. In May, we hope to lobby for 55/25 retirement incentive and retiree benefits.

**Treasurer's Report**

1. Report given at meeting.

**Committee Reports**

- Labor Management- Contract was signed by all parties, currently being printed and will be distributed when complete.
- Grievance-Report given at meeting
- Health and Safety -NFA still has some problems with leaking roofs. The 1963 wing has not been completed. Meadow Hill has issues with parking lot run off with regard to water and ice. Temple Hill is undergoing ceiling tile removal. The district committee will meet April 19th and the phones will be discussed.
- Educational Issues Advocacy –Signs are available for the budget vote. A new disk was installed on the Teleprompters, 1400 phone calls need to be made for the budget vote. Importance of teachers helping with this effort discussed. A vote canvass will take place after the election of May 15th.
- Teacher Center- Flyers distributed this week for new courses through NYSUT. Due to a possible budget decrease, classes may need to be cut by 2/3. Policy Board is interviewing for five new courses for summer/fall. Request is in for the mentor posting. The district authorizes mentor training courses.
- Nomination and Elections-Chair stated there was no report to give at this time.
- Special Events-Chair stated there was no report to give at this time.
- ER&D –New teacher, substitutes, and teaching assistant training scheduled. Some research linkers will train this summer.
- Publications-No Report
- Retirees- No Report
- Teaching Assistants-No Report
- Sub Chapter- Next meeting May 10, 2007
UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION #1
Resolved that the NTA’s Board of Directors approve the 2007-2008 NTA budget including necessary corrections as presented by the Treasurer.
Moved: N. Sparacio
Seconded: K. Wingfield
Motion Passes

GOOD AND WELFARE
An NTA member lost her home due to the floods of the nor’easter. A letter went to each school for donations.
Blues and Jazz Night at North Jr. High on April 20th should be a fun evening.
A work day is scheduled at the Habitat House for Saturday April 21, 2007. The walk is scheduled for April 29, 2007.
Pre-K – Next week is the week of the young child as well as turn off your television week.
Yvette Lewis was awarded a scholarship to Japan in the Fall.

ADJOURNMENT
Motion to adjourn at 5:30 PM
Moved: K. Masten
Seconded: S. Manning
Motion approved unanimously

Respectfully submitted by,

Karen Roberts
NTA Secretary