DELEGATE ASSEMBLY MINUTES
April 16, 2008

Present: Officers: Phil Cordella, Vicky Pittman, Karen Roberts, Angela Sartori.
            Balmville: C. Scialia, Fostertown: J. Conn, S. Minard, Gidney Avenue: F. Canfield, V.
            Horton, M. Scully, Heritage Junior High: B. Browne, J. Colonii, P. Hunter, Horizons-
            Delegates: J. Eitel. Pre-K @ Renwick: E. Hart, Pre K @ Washington St.: G. Luloff,
            D. Mahusky. Prep Academy @ Stewart: J. Daley South Jr. High: W. Lastowski, L.
            Steel, M. Wiley West Street: J. Michalek Retiree: S. DeMarco, R. Leduc, D. Morano, J.
            Panzetta, J. Richards, Substitute Chapter: P. Cavallo, Teaching Assistants: S. Manning
            B. Johnson,
            Ed Issues Advocacy Chair: J. Lotito.

Schools not represented: Administration, Chestnut St., Executive Dr., Gardnertown,
            North Junior High

Meeting was called to order at 4:15 PM

Moment of Silence observed for THA Retiree Maria Reyes

Approval of Minutes of March 19, 2008 as corrected
Moved: J. Daley
Seconded: L. Mangan                     Passed Unanimously

President’s Report
1. Thank you to all who attended the Board Forum. Speakers did a great job and the
   evening ended on a positive note.
2. If you spoke at the forum, please forward your notes to the NTA so they can be
   shared with the Board of Education.
3. Three SMOA’s were signed after five weeks of intense negotiations. A brief
   explanation of each SMOA took place.
Vice-President’s Report
1. This past weekend was the NYSUT Representative Assembly. Eleven delegates from Newburgh attended. Three thousand from around the state attended. Governor Patterson spoke.

Treasurer’s Report
1. Report given at meeting.

Committee Reports
- Labor Management- Report given at meeting
- Grievance- Report given at meeting
- Health and Safety- SED is inundated with requests, 12-16 weeks to be accepted. New Windsor has air quality issues. HJH paving is still being worked on. Next District Health and Safety Meeting is April 17th.
- Educational Issues Advocacy- Meeting with Head Delegates on Wednesday after the break to distribute phone lists for phone banks.
- Teacher Center- New teacher courses being defended today. Mentor training will take place, 40 teachers will be trained. The Teacher Center will pick up the cost of training mentors
- Nomination and Elections- Welcome New Head Delegate from West Street School, Jason Michalek.
- Special Events- No Report
- ER&D- Middle School Math training in Providence.
- VOTE/COPE- Opening for Chair next year. Carol Franklin is resigning at the end of the year. VOTE/COPE defends your tenure, working on 25/55. Helps us pass school budgets. Out of 700 locals we are the tenth highest local in the state.
- Teaching Assistants- Thank you to the NTA for time at the Board Forum, J. Mongelli spoke on behalf of the Teaching Assistants. Honorable Mention Award for the Grapevine at the RA. TA’s received Lap Grant. Glenda Faison-Crawford has resigned. Nomination forms to go out next week.
- New Member Initiative- No Report
- Substitute Chapter- No Report
- Sabbatical- No Report
- Retiree Chapter- Thank you to the Board of Directors for not appealing the court decisions. Retiree Chapter will work with Joe Lotito to help man the phone banks to help elect the endorsed candidates.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION #1: Whereas, the NTA supports the District's effort to provide the best quality education to all children; and
Whereas, the proposed 2008-2009 school district budget includes an increased tax levy which is reasonable and prudent, as well as, fiscally sound, and

Whereas, the following highlights warrant support:

- Project Labor Agreements in place for all constructions projects - negotiated with trade council to provide prevailing wage and union workers.

- No layoffs - provides for job security for entire professional staff.

- Phase in of Teaching Assistants in every 1st grade classroom. This goal is realized by using the split model of sharing one TA between two teachers. As soon as additional funds become available, there will be one for each class.

- Creation of a one-call alert system. This allows for immediate communication with staff and District families in case of emergencies.

- Pre-K testing site operations now funded by the District. This program was BOCES funded and serves over 500 children each year.

- Addition of 12 teaching positions to the school budget 6 had come on line last year and were not part of the budget, and 6 are new additional after reconfiguration is taken into consideration.

- A net gain of 19 additional Teaching Assistant positions.

- An additional security guard at Temple and Meadow Hill schools. Therefore, be it

Resolved, that the NTA support the proposed budget and actively work for its adoption.

(Submitted by the NTA Board of Directors)
Moved: J. Daley
Seconded: S. Manning

Motion Passes Unanimously

MOTION # 2:
Whereas, the NTA awards its annual Friend of Education honor to those individuals, groups, or institutions which have made a noticeable and positive contribution to education in our community, and

Whereas, the U.S. Congress affects public education by passing legislation such as No Child Left Behind and the reauthorizing of Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), and

Whereas, first term Congressman John Hall is an advocate for students with special needs and English language learners, and
Whereas, the U.S. Congressman from the 19th. Congressional District has supported a plethora of pro-labor and pro-education bills, and

Whereas, Congressman Hall has a 100% voting record on 16 key pieces of labor and education in the 110th Congress as identified by the American Federation of Teachers, be it therefore

Resolved, that the NTA bestow its highest honor to the U.S. Congressman from the 19th. District, Representative John Hall, and award him the 2008 NTA Friend of Education Award.

(Submitted by the NTA Board of Directors)
Moved: V. Pittman
Seconded: P. Hunter Motion Passes Unanimously

GOOD AND WELFARE
Snow day not used will be added to the Memorial Day weekend (Tuesday). Extended Year Summer Program postings are out. Date will be extended to Friday, April 19th.
Retirement Incentive negotiations continue. There will be a session on May 2nd.
B. Browne asked for suggestions that would help make a good honors student in 9th grade math.

ADJOURNMENT
Motion to adjourn at 5:10 PM
Moved: R. Grove
Seconded: B. Lastowski Passed Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Roberts
NTA Secretary