DELEGATE ASSEMBLY MINUTES
April 29, 2009

Present: Officers: Phil Cordella, Vicky Pittman, Karen Roberts and Angela Sartori
Balmville: C. Crozzoli, Chestnut Street, J. Eitel, A. Grice Executive Dr. N. Colon
Fostertown: J. Conn, S. Minard, Gidney Avenue: F. Canfield, M. Scully Heritage Junior High: P. Hunter,
J. Lastowski, L. Vinti, A. Perez HJJH@ Stewart: J. Daley Horizons-on-the-Hudson: J. Laudiero,
D. Liebman, Meadow Hill: L. Colacchio, K. DeMarco, New Windsor: J. Logerfo, L. Mangan, M. Bowe
N. Morales Pre-K @ Renwick: E. Hart Pre K @ Washington St.: D. Mahusky South Jr. High: L. Stanley,
Temple Hill: M. Corbett, R. Grove, W. Kostenblatt, K. Wingfield, Vails Gate: C. Moriello, NYSUT/AFT
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Chair: G. Pinheiro
J. Martaro, N. Bliss

Schools not represented: Administration, Gardnertown, West Street, and Substitute Chapter

Meeting was called to order at 4:20 PM

Approval of the Minutes of March 25, 2009
Moved: P. Hunter
Seconded: S. Minard

Passed Unanimously

President’s Report
1. Payroll schedule for 2009-2010 was distributed; NTA did sign off on it.
2. COBRA payments for laid off employees were discussed.
3. NYSUT/AFT responsibilities were distributed and discussed.
4. JUUL Agreements (Tenure extension) should have specific language. Contact the NTA
5. May 22, 2009 will be half day and May 26, 2009 will be a day off for the fifth snow day not being used.
7. Letter to the Superintendent and the Board of Ed President was read and discussed.
8. 32.5 Teacher layoffs and 10 TA layoffs expected. Board tabled the vote for now.

Vice-President’s Report
1. April 2-4, 2009 NYSUT RA took place in Buffalo. The theme was Speak Up, Speak Out identifying
and teaching tolerance.
20th Congressional District – Scott Murphy is now the Congressman

Treasurer’s Report
1. Report given at meeting, check registry was made available.

Committee Reports
- Labor Management- Next meeting will be May 14, 2009
- Grievance- We have five Stage II discussions are ongoing for a resolution. Three more Stage II’s waiting to be scheduled.
- Health and Safety- Swine Flu information is available on the District website. Construction will take place over the break.
- Educational Issues Advocacy- Phone banks on hold for the moment.
- Teacher Center- Teacher center will be posting new in-service classes. Forty-four proposals will be voted on at the next meeting. Registration will take place in September.
- Nomination and Elections-NYSUT/AFT/NEA elections will be held on May 19th. Ballot boxes will be distributed at next Delegate Assembly; packets went out in today’s courier to each nominee. Please fill out the form for how you want your name to appear on the ballot. Retirees will be asked to be poll watchers.
- Sabbatical- No Report
- Special Events- Friend of Education Dinner will be June 19, 2009.
- ER&D- There are 8 people attending national training in Maryland. New teacher orientation will take place on 8/25 and 8/26. The substitute orientation will be on 8/27. TA orientation will be announced.
- VOTE/COPE- No Report
- Teaching Assistants- Healthy Kids Fair was a huge success, thank you to all LAP Committee members and attendees.
- New Member Initiative- No Report
- Retirees- Please let retirees know of activities so they can help.
- Substitutes- No Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION #1
Whereas, it is the responsibility of the NTA to adopt an operating budget yearly, be it therefore

Resolved, that the NTA Board of Directors approve the 2009-2010 NTA Budget as presented.

Moved: L. Colacchio  
Seconded: R. Grove  
Passed Unanimously

MOTION #2

Whereas, the NTA realizes that what happens in the legislative halls of Albany and Washington affects our members’ working conditions on the local level, and

Whereas, the teacher union movement can rest assured that our collective voice is heard loudly and clearly because of NYSUT’s legislative program and its director, NYSUT Executive Vice President Alan Lubin, and

Whereas, Alan Lubin’s career has spanned over 40 years when he began as a teacher and become the elected leader of the United Federation of Teachers in New York City, he helped found the New York State United Teachers and has served as an officer for the last 16 years, and
Whereas, Alan Lubin guides our union’s massive political mobilization and legislative efforts which protects our pensions, provided a permanent Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for our retirees explains and safeguards teacher and teaching assistant tenure, assures that public schools are adequately funded, and promoting workers rights.

Whereas, lobbying and influencing legislators has become an art and not merely a necessity, be it

Resolved, that the NTA bestow its highest honor, the 2009 Friend of Education Award to our friend and mentor, NYSUT’s Executive Vice President, Alan Lubin.

Moved: J. Eitel  
Seconded: V. Pittman  
Passed Unanimously

MOTION #3

Whereas, in light of conversations that took place today, Tuesday, April 28, 2009, with the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, and in light of new layoffs identified and absent any commitment to reinstate positions, (teaching and teaching assistant), be it

Resolved, that the Newburgh Teachers’ Association take no action in respect to endorsing the 2009 -2010 candidates for the Board of Education.

Moved: L. Colacchio  
Seconded: D. Liebman  
Passed Unanimously

MOTION #4

Whereas, in light of conversations that took place today, Tuesday, April 28, 2009, with the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, and in light of new layoffs identified and absent any commitment to reinstate positions, (teaching and teaching assistant), be it

Resolved, that the Newburgh Teachers’ Association take no action at this time and until different information becomes available in respect to endorsing the 2009 -2010 School District Budget, and furthermore

Resolved, that the NTA continue to explore all avenues-- including but not limited to letter writing, lobbying, grievances, and legal actions-- in order to restore every teaching and teaching assistant position identified to be cut which may result in a layoffs.

Moved: J. Daley  
Seconded: B. Browne  
Passes Unanimously

GOOD AND WELFARE

It was suggested that NTA members attend the special Board of Ed meeting on Tuesday. Five save room positions being discontinued; we need to hold administration responsible. Referral forms should be returned in a timely manner.

It was suggested that those attending the Board of Ed meeting on Tuesday, to wear black.

S. DeMarco commented that as a Board of Education member, the most accurate information he received was from NTA President Phil Cordella.

Thank you to all members that spoke at the last Board of Education meeting.

May 21, 2009 40th Anniversary Gala for Pre-K held at Anthony’s Pier 9.
ADJOURNMENT
Motion to adjourn at 6:04 PM
Moved: L. Colacchio
Seconded: L. Mangan

Passed Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Roberts
MTA Secretary