DELEGATE ASSEMBLY MINUTES  
April 18, 2012

Present: Officers: P. Van Duser, J. LeRoy, E. Hart, J. Daley  
Balmville: S. Quinn; Fostertown: J. Komondorea, D. McDonough; Gidney Ave.: B. Glynn,  
C. Malcolm, G. Pinheiro, M. Scully, K. Andre, V. Marin; Heritage Middle: C. Marino,  
New Windsor: J. Logerfo, M. Petruncola; NFA M: J. Borgia, B. Browne-Fazio, S. Hall,  
S. Moran, A. Plichta; NFA North: L. Colacchio; South Middle: D. Crisci-Rodriguez;  
Temple Hill: M. Corbet, L. Puma; Vails Gate: M. Smith; West St.: N. Colon;  
Retiree Chapter: P. Gertler, R. Leduc, R. Coughlin, J. Eitel, L. Smith;  
Substitute Chapter: K. McCrossen; Teaching Assistant Chapter: S. Manning, T. Brady-Lyden, B. Johnson;  
AFT/NYSUT DEL: J. Eitel Jr.; Committee Chairs: Grievance: L. Mangan, A. Sartori;  
Central Compact: T. Vidi; VOTE/COPE: M. Olsen; Other Attendees: J. Richards.

Schools not represented: Administration; Gardnertown; Bishop Dunn; Sacred Heart.

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order at 4:32 pm.  
Moment of silence observed for A. Plichta who lost his mother; L. Colacchio who lost her father.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

March 21, 2012

Moved: M. Olsen  
Second: B. Browne-Fazio  
Passed Unanimously

PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

1. Governor Cuomo brought back $125 million of the $250 million that was to be cut from school aid. Newburgh will receive $1.2 million.

2. Thanks to Mr. Frank Skartados for getting more money for NECSD.

3. Spoke before spring break with Mr. R. Pizzo about the concerns over budget with staff cuts and the uncertainty during this time.
4. Contractual bargaining has started. NYSUT has reviewed the District’s finances and has given us the results.
5. The District and NTA membership numbers are the same except for one.
6. Friend of Education and Retirement Awards Dinner will be held June 7, 2012 at Osiris Country Club.
7. Seniority number calls to the NTA continue from both Teachers and Teaching Assistants. NOTE: any unpaid leave of absence time does not accrue seniority.
8. Payroll schedule from Mr. Pacella and Mr. Lastowski was reviewed.
9. Mr. Velez is visiting classrooms with NYSED concerning the Small Cities lawsuit to provide information to NYS. The schedule is as follows:
   - April 26, 2012 NFA Main
   - April 27, 2012 NFA North and South Middle School
   - April 30, 2012 HMS and VGS
   - May 1, 2012 THA and NWS
   - May 2, 2012 MHS, HOH, GAMS
   - May 4, 2012 GDN, FOST, BALM, PRE K @ WASH

**VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT:**

Attended NYSUT’s Professional Issues on Health Care Forum at the Desmond. One of the breakout sessions spoke on the importance of becoming a Health Care lobbyist. VOTE/COPE importance was discussed.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

Attached.

**SECRETARY’S REPORT:**

**Central Compact:** T. Vidi reported the next meeting will be May 17, 2012 at Fostertown School.

**BOE Curriculum:** D. Crisci-Rodriguez reported the topic of discussion was technology and some of the issues surrounding the I Pad’s for sixth grade students.

**Educational Issues:** G. Pinheiro reported the Board of Education Candidate interviews will take place on April 30, 2012. Phone banks for the Candidates and the budget are scheduled for May 9, 10, and 14, 2012.

**Nominations and Elections:** P. Van Duser reported for K. Roberts the NYSUT/AFT/NEA elections will be held on May 21, 2012. Information was sent out to the membership April 16, 2012.

**Grievance:** L. Mangan reported the March resolution is awaiting acceptance from the grievant.

**Health and Safety:** J. Daley had nothing to report at this time.

**Labor Management:** P. Van Duser reported for J. Nee that the APPR talks have begun and will continue on April 23, 2012.

**Newburgh Teacher Center:** P. Van Duser reported for J. Nee that course work for the summer is pending.
**BOE Policy Committee:** B. Browne-Fazio had nothing to report at this time.

**SAVE:** B. Browne-Fazio reported there is debatable discussion to imbed the RTI intervention tiers in the Code of Conduct. Administration and Delegation are hoping for more training in the last weeks of August so that all hear the same message at the same time. This will result in 2 hour turnkey training session to train at the building level.

**Special Events:** J. Laudiero reported on the Friend of Education Dinner event. May 15, 2012 is deadline for reservations.

**VOTE/COPE:** M. Olsen reported our VOTE/COPE dollars are hard at work. Checks for the calendar year can still be sent to M. Olsen at HMS or N. Karnavezos at Fostertown.

**Retiree Chapter:** P. Gertler had nothing to report at this time.

**Teaching Assistant Chapter:** S. Manning reported the next Defensive Driving class is May 19, 2012 and the sign up form in on the NTA website.

**Substitute Chapter:** K. McCrossen reported the next meeting is coming up.

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**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 Delegate Assembly approve the 2012-2013 NTA Budget as presented.

(Submitted by the NTA Board of Directors)

Moved: D. Brown  
Second: M. Scully

*Motion to table until May Delegate Assembly*  
Moved: D. Brown  
Second: M. Olsen  
Passed unanimously

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**MOTION # 2**

*Whereas:* Lee Cutler is the Secretary/Treasurer of NYSUT which represents more than 600,000 people who work in, or are retired from, New York’s schools, colleges, and healthcare facilities, and

*Whereas:* Brother Cutler has taught middle-level English/language Arts for more than 24 years in Nanuet, Marlboro and Tarrytown, and

*Whereas:* Cutler’s role as secretary-treasurer has expanded to overseeing the NYSUT social justice agenda including child slavery, women’s rights, anti-bullying and many others, and

*Whereas:* the Newburgh Teachers’ Association has had a long and positive relationship with NYSUT Secretary/Treasurer Cutler through working closely lobbying, attending workshops and policy setting meetings, participation in pro-union and labor led activities and programs, and
Resolved, that we honor a great leader by awarding our union's highest honor, the 2012 NTA Friend of Education, to NYSUT Secretary/Treasurer Lee Cutler. (Submitted by the NTA Board of Directors)

Moved: D. Brown
Second: J. Laudiero
Passed unanimously

MOTION # 3

Resolved, that the NTA's Delegate Assembly approve the 2012-2013 NTA Calendar. (Submitted by the NTA Board of Directors)

Moved: M. Scully
Second: D. Brown
Passed unanimously

GOOD AND WELFARE:

2. M. Corbet asked about half days the last week in June for elementary schools.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn at 5:20 PM
Moved: L. Mangan
Second: B. Browne-Fazio
Passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne M. Daley
NTA Secretary