DELEGATE ASSEMBLY MINUTES
May 15, 2013

Administration: K. Pellino; Balmville: J. Santana, A. Healey; Gardnertown: R. Phillips;
Heritage: A. Hightower, C. Marino, M. Abate, J. Hesse; Horizons: J. Catalano, N. Lorenzo;
Meadow Hill: T. Cadden, J. Connolly, K. DeMarco, M. McCann, L. Stanley, S. Warren;
New Windsor: M. Bowe, J. Logerfo, A. Merrill; NFA Main: B. Brown Fazio, S. Hall,
NFA North: B. Rubin, L. Colacchio, N. Morales, T. Toomey, P. Quiroz-Pavez;
South Middle: A. DuBois, R. Durbin, M. Harris, J. Michalek, L. Benvenuto,
D. Crisci-Rodriguez; Temple Hill: M. Corbett, J. LeRoi, L. Puma, K. Wingfield;
Vails Gate: M. Smith, P. Steel;
Retiree Chapter: S. DeMarco; P. Gertler, R. Leduc, D. Morano, R. Coughlin, J. Eitel, L. Smith;
Teaching Assistant Chapter: S. Manning; T. Brady-Lyden;
NYSUT Delegates: J. Eitel, M. Riverol; Committee Chairs: L. Mangan, Grievance;
Theresa Vidi, Compact; A. Healey, NTC; J. Lotito, Ed. Advocacy; L. Vinti, Labor Management;
Other Attendees: Judith Richards, C. Moriello;

Schools not represented: Chestnut St.; Bishop Dunn; Fostertown; Sacred Heart;
Washington St.; AFT Delegates;

Chapters not represented: Substitute Chapter

CALL TO ORDER:
Meeting called to order at 4:36 PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
April 24, 2013

Moved: M. Scully
Second: J. LeRoy
Passed Unanimously
PRESIDENT’S REPORT:
1. I want to publicly thank Karen Roberts for all her hard work in planning and organizing the ratification vote, as well as overseeing the voting process and the tallying of the ballots this past Tuesday. I would also like to thank: Laurie Colacchio and Gail Nichols from the Election Committee and Michelle Bowe, who returned to the Election Committee to assist with the vote. I also want to thank Sue Warren who also returned to the Election Committee to help with the counting of the votes. I want to thank all the retirees who monitored the voting throughout the district. This is a huge job and we appreciate their efforts.
2. The NTA Board of Directors decided last Wednesday, May 8th, to support the District budget, but not individual candidates for the Board of Education.
3. The contract MOA’s were both defeated and the information was put on the NTA website that evening. They were defeated by sizable majorities and it was decided that any specific information related to votes by school etc. could be detrimental to our members. We would not like anything to be used as ammunition against teachers, TAs or the NTA. After the budget vote on Tuesday, May 21, 2013, the total votes yes and no will be put on the NTA website.
4. We have ordered three school buses for June 8th to go to Albany. There are sign-up sheets on the tables by school, as well as, sign-up for t-shirts—we need sizes. If you haven’t signed up for the bus, feel free to add your name.
5. There are postings for summer school positions on the District website; please check the postings at your school.

VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT:
1. Plans for the Friends of Education Dinner are moving along smoothly. The dinner will take place at the Powelton Club on Friday, June 21, 2013. Frank Skartados will be the Friends of Education Recipient.
2. Frank Skartados spoke about the importance of the June 8th rally in Albany, at his office in Newburgh.

TREASURER’S REPORT:
See Attached

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
BOE Curriculum: D. Crisci-Rodriguez reported on AYP; the report from the NYSED said that only four schools made AYP in English and Math last year. Funds from Title 1, 2 etc. will be used for programs in middle and high school to help boost scores.
BOE Finance: None
BOE Policy: None
Central Compact: T. Vidi reported that there was a presentation by the Guidance Counselors on a new program called Naviance, which is used by high school students to help search for colleges and careers. This is free to every student in grades 9 through 12.
Educational Issues: G. Pinheiro reported that phone banks would be starting tonight and Monday, May 20, 2013. Budget vote takes place next Tuesday, May 21st. G needs volunteers to collect votes on Tuesday night, if anyone is interested please let him know.
Grievance: L. Mangan reported that there was a possible Stage III grievance.
Health and Safety: J. LeRoy reported the next meeting would be on May 16, 2013.
Labor Management: A. Plichta reported that both contracts were not ratified.

Newburgh Teacher Center: A. Healey reported that in-service proposals were due to Valerie Morrison by May 20th, and NBPTS candidates were submitting their portfolios by May 31st. She also reported that Phil Giansante will be overseeing a Technology Grant at both campuses of NFA Main and North starting May 23, 2013. Newburgh Teacher Center Grant money is projected to be the same as last year.

SAVE: K. DeMarco and B. Brown Fazio reported that the SAVE meeting was cancelled. They also reported that the BOE needs to vote on the Code of Conduct in June to change the language. They are concerned that the District is going to try to put RTI into the Code of Conduct which would be a violation of the 2001 legislation. Teachers are to keep the Gold Copy from the discipline form, and if you don’t receive a response from you administer within 5 business days you should ask for your pink copy.

Special Events: A. Plichta reported that the Friends of Education Dinner invitations will be sent out soon.

Vote Cope: None

Chapters
Retirees: F. Gertler asked that the two retired teachers on the BOE be endorsed.
Teaching Assistants: S. Manning reported that their chapter will be giving out a Scholarship on May 30, 2013, to one member’s child/student in the district.
Substitutes: None

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION #1:
Whereas, the Newburgh Teachers’ Association has established a college scholarship in the name of South Junior High School Math Teacher and former NTA President John DeMiceli, and Whereas, the award is given to an NFA senior who has demonstrated excellence, leadership and academic ability, be it therefore Resolved, that the NTA award this year’s John DeMiceli Scholarship to an NFA graduating senior (to be announced) in the amount of $2,500.00.
(Submitted by NTA President A. Plichta)

Moved: J. Daley
Second: J. Catalano Passed Unanimously

MOTION #2:
Resolved, that the NTA Delegate Assembly support Runston Lewis, Judith McAfee, and Susan Prokosch for Board of Education Candidates.
(Submitted by Delegate Assembly)

Moved: M. Corbett
Second: T. Cadden

Yes votes: 24 No Votes: 15 Passed

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GOOD AND WELFARE:
There was a general discussion on future negotiations.
E. Hart clarified that the Retiree Chapter contribute $1500.00 to the John DeMiceli Scholarship and the other $1000.00 comes from the NTA.

ADJOURNMENT:
Motion to adjourn at 6:20 PM

Moved: S. Warren
Second: R. Durbin

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Colacchio

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