DELEGATE ASSEMBLY MINUTES
May 21, 2008

Present: Officers: Phil Cordella, Vicky Pittman, Karen Roberts, Angela Sartori
Gidney Avenue: F. Canfield, J. LeRoy, Heritage Junior High: B. Browne, P. Hunter,
Mangan, N.F.A.: S. Hall, North Junior High: K. Masten. N. Morales Pre-K @
Renwick: A. Mahon. Pre K @ Washington St.: D. Mahusky. Temple Hill: R. Grove,
Retirees: R. Leduc, D. Morano, J. Richards, S. DeMarco
Teaching Assistants: S. Manning, J. Mongelli Additional Attendees: New Teacher
Initiative Chair, M. Henry, Ed Issues Chair J. Lotito, Sharon Kennedy.

Schools not represented: Administration, Chestnut St., Executive Dr., Fostertown
Gardnertown, Horizons-on-the-Hudson, Prep Academy @ Stewart, South Jr. High
Substitute Chapter, Vails Gate, and West Street.

Meeting was called to order at 4:15 PM

Moment of Silence observed for: Kevin Murphy, Jean Harrison. Edna Baker, Ruth
Stangler.

Approval of the Minutes of April 16, 2008
Moved: S. Manning Passed Unanimously
Seconded: R. Grove

President’s Report
1. Members will need to re-file for a 26 paycheck payout. This is a re-request to be
paid in 26 paychecks per year (this includes the summer check).
2. School Budget- NTA President met with Dr. Satunelli and Mr. Pizzo earlier in the
day. It was indicated that a save harmless solution would be recommended to the
Board. The recommendation would allow for no jobs lost or programs cut.

Vice- President’s Report
1. Performance Conditions- The sixth grade meeting will need to be re-scheduled to next year as well as some meetings that were canceled due to snow days.

Treasurer’s Report
1. Report given at meeting

Committee Reports
- Labor Management- No Report
- Grievance- Report given at meeting
- Health and Safety- Summer work scheduled at West Street School, PreK Center, slate roof repairs at HJH and SJH. Several projects awaiting approval of SED. HJH parking lot is out for bid. NFA parking lot not identified on second bond, and is currently under discussion with the Board. The new form for reporting concerns was updated with Pike/Herry phone numbers. Each building principal will get a copy of the new form to be put to use immediately.
- Educational Issues Advocacy- Thank you to the members that came out to work on the phone banks. All members are encouraged to get out vote in support of school budgets.
- Teacher Center- The May 20th staff development was the first time the Teacher Center was involved. Mentor training is in the second phase. Two days at 7 1/2 hours each have already taken place. As many as 188 members have submitted their names to be mentors. Next year, the mentor logs will reflect APPR documentation. Flyer for the new courses will go out next week. Registration will be next Thursday.
- Nomination and Elections- No Report
- Special Events- Friend of Education Dinner will be June 20, 2008 at the Powelton Club. We will honor Congressman John Hall of the 19th Congressional District. Invitations will go out this week. It was decided that the Welcome Back Party on the River Rose was a huge success. The Delegates informally expressed their desire to hold the event on the River Rose again.
- ER&D- National Training for one person for Math and one person for Parent/Family Involvement.
- VOTE/COPE- No Report
- Teaching Assistants- The chapter donated 24 scrapbook albums to Safe Homes for Mother’s Day. $2,000.00 has been raised so far for the Jean Harrison Scholarship Fund.
- New Member Initiative- Most schools participated this year. We have worked on streamlining the paperwork. Your feedback is always welcome.
- Retirees: Congratulations to Steve DeMarco on his election to the NECSD Board of Education.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS
MOTION #1

Whereas, it is the policy of the NTA to reaffirm on a yearly basis its intent to conduct an annual Leadership Training Conference, and

Whereas, the benefits and gains for the union and the members are evident in the passage of important bonds, implementation of action plans, and the discussion of important topics necessary for representatives to properly perform their duties, be it therefore

Resolved, that our elected representatives reaffirm its commitment to NTA Leadership Conference activities for 2008-2009.

(Submitted by NTA Board of Directors)

Moved: L. Colacchio
Seconded: R. Grove

Passed Unanimously

MOTION #2

Whereas, Kevin Murphy, as a teacher at South Junior High School and at Newburgh Free Academy, served his students with professionalism, kindness and respect, and

Whereas, Kevin Murphy was a strong unionist and leader who served in many capacities including Building Delegate, Director, NTA Secretary, NYSUT and AFT Delegate/Alternate among others, and

Whereas, Kevin Murphy fought courageously in his battle against cancer, and

Whereas, Kevin Murphy’s life and eventually his death were symbolized by his courage and his compassion, be it therefore

Resolved, that the NTA’s Delegate Assembly pause in its deliberations to remember the life, contributions and dedication of Kevin Murphy to the NTA and to the school district, and be it further

Resolved, that a special notation of this resolution be included in the minutes of the proceedings of the Delegate Assembly, and be it further

Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mrs. Mary Ann Murphy and to their sons Joseph and Michael Murphy on behalf of the NTA, and be it further

Resolved, Delegate Assembly direct the Board of Directors to contribute $250.00 to Hospice in his memory.
MOTION #3

Whereas, Jean Harrison was a member of the Teaching Assistant Chapter of the Newburgh Teachers’ Association and an active parent in the Newburgh Enlarged City School District, and

Whereas, Jean’s children are graduates of or are attending Newburgh Free Academy, and

Whereas, Jean’s untimely death has created a need for financial support, be it therefore,

Resolved, that the NTA make a donation of $500.00 to the Educational Fund that has been established to financially assist the family in providing a post-secondary education for all of her children and that this motion be reaffirmed by the Delegate Assembly.

GOOD AND WELFARE

Thank you to Natalie Morales for serving as Ken Masten’s designee for the remainder of his term as Head Delegate.

Welcome to Angela Sartori’s mentee Sharon Kennedy.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 5:10 PM

Moved: N. Sparacio
Seconded: J. Richards

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Roberts
NTA Secretary