DELEGATE ASSEMBLY MINUTES

May 12, 2010

Present: Officers: P. Van Duser, J. LeRoy, E. Hart, J. Daley

Schools not represented: Administration; Balmville; Executive Drive; Gardnertown; Pre-K at Washington St.; Stewart; Vails Gate; West St.; Bishop Dunn; Sacred Heart; St. Joseph; Substitute Chapter.

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order at 4:15 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

April 21, 2010
Moved: J. Conn
Second: S. Manning

Presides Unanimously

PRESIDENT’S REPORT:
1. Representative Assembly recap.
2. Committee of 100 met on May 11, 2010.
3. NYSUT is working with the SED to reach an agreement for the Race to the Top Application.
4. NJH reconfiguration placement completed May 11, 2010. SJH and HJH reconfiguration placements done today.
5. Summer school posting out.
6. May 18, 2010 Staff Development.
7. Retirement party for P. Cordella June 9, 2010. RSVP if you plan to attend.
9. Randi Weingarten, President of AFT, will be in Newburgh for the Friend of Education Dinner, as well as touring NFA Construction Academy, NFA, and NFA North Campus.
10. Newburgh is being considered for a roll over grant for PLC Part 2. Participants asked to please return evaluations.
11. NYSUT, per their policy, is not supporting Senator Larkin’s fundraising dinner.

**VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT:**

1. Retirement Planning Seminar summer schedule will be posted on the NTA website.
2. Continues to attend Teaching Assistant Chapter meetings.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**


**SECRETARY’S REPORT:**

**Grievance:** L. Mangan reports there was one Stage II hearing May 13, 2010 and one Stage II pending resolution.

**Health and Safety:** J. Daley reports nothing new to report.

**Labor Management:** J. Nee reports that collective bargaining is ongoing. Data input only into Infinite Campus.

**Education Advocacy Issues:** G. Pinheiro reports that volunteers completed the first phone bank for the budget vote yesterday. There will be more calls tonight and tomorrow.

**SAVE:** B. Browne reminds members to keep gold copy of referrals.

**NTC:** President Patricia Van Duser reports for J. Eitel that candidate interviews for National Board Certification are taking place.

**TA Chapter:** S. Manning reports the last Defensive Driving Course is June 12, 2010 at the NTA. The LAP project, “Starting and Staying Healthy in Newburgh” event date is June 5, 2010, at the Delano Hitch Recreation Center.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Motion #1:**

**Whereas,** the NTA historically has played a significant role in passing school district budgets and electing members to the Board of Education, and

**Whereas,** for the past two years the District and the Board of Education have instituted a “full-board open-budget development process” which has resulted in consecutive years of negative tax increases and the layoffs of 39 members last year and an undetermined number of layoffs this year, and

**Whereas,** to the Board’s credit, a proposal to decimate a whole department by Central Administration was averted through bold direct lobbying on the part of our members and community partners, and
Whereas, District/NTA collaboration remains a goal of the NTA while never compromising programs and working conditions, and

Whereas, there will come a time when a positive partnership to promote innovation and progressive educational planning will be needed by both parties with broad financial commitments, and

Whereas, history has taught us that only if the school budget passes will proper resources become available to nurture positive labor-management relations, be it therefore

Resolved, that for the second year in a row, the NTA remains neutral in its candidate endorsement process while pledging to develop productive and professional relationships with the three members elected from the field of eight candidates.
(Submitted by NTA Board of Directors)

Moved: J. Nee
Second: N. Lorenzo

Motion # 2:

Resolved, that the NTA’s Delegate Assembly approve the 2010-2011 NTA Calendar.
(Submitted by NTA Board of Directors)

Moved: A. Mahon
Second: L. Mangan

GOOD AND WELFARE:

1. June half day consideration.
2. Newburgh Lyceum Website video of BOE candidates’ answers.
3. Charter School clarification
4. AFT President Randi Weingarten supports student assessments in teacher evaluations.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn at 5:05 pm

Moved: J. Nee
Second: J. Mongelli

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne M. Daley
NTA Secretary