DELEGATE ASSEMBLY MINUTES
June 8, 2011

Present: Officers: P. Van Duser, J. LeRoy, E. Hart, J. Daley
Administration: A. Lytle; Balmville: D. D’Elicio, C. Franklin; Executive Drive: N. Colon;
Fostertown: J. Conn, J. Komondorea, M. Olsen, A. Mahon, A. Schofield;
D. Crisci-Rodriguez, V. Marin, V. Metzger-Horton; Heritage Middle: L. Vinti;
Horizons: J. Laudiero, N. Lorenzo, D. Brown, J. Catalano; Meadow Hill: L. Colacchio,
K. Gunsch, S. Warren; New Windsor: A. Sartori; NFA: J. Borgia, B. Browne, B. Goodman,
Pre-K @ Washington St.: D. Mahusky; South Middle: M. Harris, R. Morrow;
Stewart: J. Eitel; Temple Hill: M. Corbett, G. Masiello, L. Puma, K. Wingfield;
Vails Gate: P. Steel, M. Wiley; West St: T. Colon-Palenik; Teaching Assistant Chapter:
S. Manning, T. Brady-Lyden, B. Johnson.
Committee Chairs/Other Attendees: Grievance: L. Mangan; Teacher Center Policy Board:
A.M. Healey; Nominations and Elections: K. Roberts, M. Bowe; Balmville: C. Rapalje,
D. Knox, C. Woodhull; Exec. Drive: S. Papageorgantis, N. DeGennaro; Fostertown: L. Hoarty,
K. Coffey, R. Whitted, R. Diaz, J. Colandrea, G. Gil-Arias, C. Marini, E. DiLeo, Z. Matthews,
C. Polgar, A. Schofield, A. Benanti; Gidney Ave: A. Ramos, B. Rivera, G. Byrnes, M. Webb,
J. Scott, A. Santoro, P. Welber, Y. Tirado, A. Spencer-Smith, C. Rosario, C. Cook, L. Gutierrez,
P. Villafuerte; Horizons: M. Grammer, M. Valletta, J. Hernandez, J. Moore, J. Catania;
New Windsor: K. Casi; NFA: D. LeRoy, F. Dinnocenzo, L. Pereira; NFA North: M. Truncale;
Pre-K @ Washington Street: M. St Claire; South Middle: B. Sohan, B. Greene;

Schools not represented: Gardnertown; Bishop Dunn; Sacred Heart; St. Joseph; Substitute
Chapter; Retiree Chapter.

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order at 4:15 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of silence observed for M. Dooley’s husband, and L. Mangan’s brother; J. Parrella’s
mother in-law; C. Stipple’s father.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
May 11, 2011
Moved: N. Lorenzo
Second: B. Browne
Passes unanimously

PRESIDENT’S REPORT:
1. Please pay attention to the Tax Cap Legislation proposal. Call the number for the Governor’s office; leave your name and zip code to oppose the passage of this legislation.
2. School budget was passed. Thanks to Political Action Committee members G. Pinheiro, J. Santana, N. Morales, J. Conn and all the volunteers who came for the phone banks and the runners who brought the tally sheets back to the NTA office the evening of the vote.
3. Next year’s assignments are out. Displaced teachers and teaching assistants’ assignments should be out by the end of next week. Call the NTA office if you have not received an assignment. TBD letter to HR Monday, to be done by next Friday.
4. Letter from the Superintendent went out concerning half day notice and dismissal times.
5. Attended the meeting June 7, 2011 of laid off teachers (38) and teaching assistants (22). NYSTUT LRS K. DeStefano spoke at the meeting about the recall list and other important information needed by the laid off members. This is still a work in progress and today’s numbers may be different in September, 2011.
6. Summer school assignments went out. Put in a grievance if you feel you have been overlooked.
7. The Friend of Education and Retiree Awards Dinner Reception will be June 17, 2011 at Osiris Country Club. 75 Retirees and more than 150 persons are attending. Call by 8:30 am June 9, 2011 to be put on the waiting list. Those calls will be made after 12 pm.
8. Making Strides against Breast Cancer will be October 16, 2011 at both Woodbury Common Outlets and Dutchess Stadium.

VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT:
1. Thanks to everyone who is here this evening.
2. Continues to attend Board of Education meetings.

TREASURER’S REPORT:
Report is attached.

SECRETARY’S REPORT:

Educational Issues: G. Pinheiro reported we had the largest turnout of any phone banks so far and he thanked all who volunteered. Good luck to the newly elected Board of Education members. We look forward to working with them in the future.

ER&D: J. Eitel report ER&D is an AFT/NTA sponsored program since 1987 – 24 years. To date, no dates have been set for New Teacher Orientation, Substitute Teacher Orientation, and Annual TA Workshop. Also, no new Teacher Follow-up Workshops have been established. No ER&D In-service courses are scheduled to take place for the 2011-2012 school year. These courses include: -Beginning Reading Instruction; -Foundations of Effective Teaching I: Organizing the Classroom Environment for Teaching and Learning; -Foundations of Effective Teaching II: Building Academic Success; -Instructional Strategies That Work for All disciplines; - Managing Antisocial Behavior; - Reading Comprehension Instruction; - School, Family and
Community: Supporting Student Learning; - Thinking Mathematics 1 : Ten Principles and Additive Structure; - Thinking Mathematics Middle School: -Journey to Algebra.

_Grievance:_ L. Mangan reported there is one Stage II resolution pending.

_Health and Safety:_ J. Daley reported the next meeting will be Thursday, June 16, 2011 at 4 pm at the Board of Education. Reconfiguration construction is continuing. The summer schedule is established.

_NT&C:_ J. Eitel reported Mentor Logs are due today to be submitted to payroll. The Newburgh Teacher Center will end its 20 year operation on June 24, 2011. It is unclear up to what date NTC resources will be available prior to closing. Mentor postings went- please continue to send applications to HR. Many teachers did not see the posting even after being informed that it was posted. NBPTS candidate posting has been posted. A number of teachers contacted NTC saying they never saw the postings. (President Van Duser mentioned that postings are always available at the NTA office.) There will be a NBPTS Information Session regarding full candidacy and Take One June 9, 2011 at the NTC.

_SAVE:_ B. Browne reported the next meeting is June 14, 2011. Please encourage teachers to make sure their pink copy is returned to them by the administrator (who should NOT be keeping them). The Principal/Delegate trainings will be turnkey trainings hopefully in the fall.

_Special Events:_ J. Laudiero reported the Friend of Education Dinner and Retirement Awards Dinner is June 17, 2011.

_VOTE/COPE:_ M. Olsen reported nothing new, but donations in the form of a check are still welcome for the rest of the 2011 calendar year.

_Retiree Chapter:_ No new report this month.

_Teaching Assistant Chapter:_ S. Manning reported the last Defensive Driving Course will be June 19, 2011 at the NTA office. Attended the Youth Pride Day on May 8, 2011, Carly’s Day on June 4, 2011 and the Tarrytown Leadership Conference. Two (2) $1,000.00 scholarships were awarded June 2, 2011 and two (2) $500.00 scholarship applications went out today. B. Johnson reported on her attendance at the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists in Las Vegas.

_Subsitute Chapter:_ E. Hart reported the chapter is working on reviewing the information from the NTC orientations and updating it for next year.

_Labor Management:_ J. Nee reported the negotiating team is still bargaining in good faith. There will be a general membership meeting before we leave for the summer if needed to either ratify a new contract or be given information on what will happen if no contract has been agreed upon before the expiration date of June 30, 2011. K. DeStefano, our NYSUT LRS reported on the items covered by the Triborough Law should a contract not be negotiated before June 30, 2011.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**MOTION # 1**

_Whereas,_ the duties of delegates of the NTA are “to represent their prospective school, and shall have the responsibility to report back to the building members as promptly as possible on all actions taken at the Delegate Assembly and shall vote in accordance with the instructions given by the members in the individual schools,” and

_Whereas_, “in case of absence, a delegate shall be responsible for having an alternate present on his/her behalf,” be it therefore
Resolved, that the NTA Board of Directors require delegates, alternates and /or committee members to attend a minimum of five (5) meetings annually and be required to assist at two (2) Political Action activities to participate in NTA Special Events (Leadership Conferences/ Friends of Education Dinners).
(Submitted by the NTA Board of Directors.)

Moved:       N. Morales
Second:      G. Pinheiro                           Passes unanimously

GOOD AND WELFARE
1. President Van Duser announced the winner of the A. John DiMiceli Memorial Scholarship is awarded to Sophia Conti. She is the daughter of Bob Conti, a Balmville teacher
2. Congratulations to N. Morales on the publication of her article.
3. B. Goodman shared information that was not in the newspapers regarding the Basketball Team controversy.
4. L. Pereira shared his support of the NTA leadership.
5. M. Truncale shared his experience of knowing the importance of NTA support.
6. D. Brown expressed concern over issues dividing the NTA and asked members to stand for a show of support of NTA leadership.
7. S. Manning congratulated J. LeRoy on her TA retirement dinner speech June 7, 2011.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn at 5:25 pm.

Moved:       C. Franklin
Second:      J. Nee                                Passes Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne M. Daley
NTA Secretary