DELEGATE ASSEMBLY MINUTES  
September 20, 2006

Present: Officers: Phil Cordella, Vicky Pittman, Patricia Van Duser.
Schools not represented: Gardnertown, Alt. Program @Stewart, South Junior High

Meeting was called to order at 4:15 PM

Moment of Silence in memory of William Dederer and Rima Lang

Approval of June 14, 2006 minutes
Moved: L. Colacchio
Seconded: J. Richards
Minutes approved unanimously

President’s Report
1. Thank you to all NTA delegates, alternates and committee members for the great work they do representing our members.
2. NTA President to do school visits
3. Letter from lawyer from the NTA Retiree Chapter
4. Our new NYSUT Labor Relations Specialist is Ken Franzblau
5. “NTA for Habitat” ribbon cutting tentatively scheduled for Oct. 18, 2006
6. Lesson Plan directives confusing and causing unnecessary added work

Vice-President’s Report
1. APPR Report
Treasurer’s Report
1. NTA President gave the report

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS
NEW BUSINESS
MOTION #1
Whereas, NYSUT and NEA New York has merged, and

Whereas, the NTA’s Constitution must be amended to reflect this change, be it therefore

Resolved, that the NTA designate Thursday, September 21, for a general membership meeting for the sole purpose of amending the constitution to replace the words “AFT” with the words “national affiliates.”
Moved: L. Colacchio
Seconded: J. Eitel, Jr. Motion approved unanimously

MOTION #2
Whereas, the Newburgh Teachers’ Association’s long standing practice is to endorse the NYSUT supported teacher member to the New York State Teacher Retirement System; and,

Whereas, Michael Corn has a long history of advocating for teachers’ retirement issues as an incumbent teacher member to the retirement system; be it therefore

Resolved, That the NTA retiree delegates vote for Michael Corn as the teacher representative to the New York State Teachers’ Retirement System convention this November.
Moved: J. Eitel, Jr.
Seconded: D. Liebman Motion approved unanimously
MOTION #3
Whereas, the Newburgh Teachers’ Association has been a proud and active sponsor of Making Strides Against Breast Cancer; and,

Whereas, participation by NTA members, their families, and their friends is greatly encouraged to make this year’s event a success; be it therefore,

Resolved, That the NTA support and advocate participation at this year’s Making Strides Against Breast Cancer event on October 15, 2006 at 8:30 AM at Woodbury Common Premium Outlets in Monroe, New York.

Moved: S. Manning
Seconded: P. Hunter

Motion approved unanimously

MOTION #4
Whereas, the terms and conditions of our careers are affected by politics at all levels; and,

Whereas, VOTE/COPE is necessary to supply the resources necessary to support pro-public education candidates and initiatives, run campaigns for school budget initiatives and help elect pro-education school board members; be it therefore,

Resolved: That the Newburgh Teachers’ Association designate September 1, 2006 to December 23, 2006 for this calendar year’s VOTE/COPE campaign.

Moved: C. Franklin
Seconded: R. Grove

Motion approved unanimously

MOTION #5
Whereas, political action by the Newburgh Teachers’ Association has had a long and positive effect on the lives of our members; and,

Whereas, the NTA participated in the NYSUT Local Presidents’ Endorsement Conference; and,

Whereas, our political endorsements represent our acknowledgement of the hard work by public officials on behalf of public schools, teachers, and their students; be it therefore,

Resolved, That the NTA endorse the following candidates for election to public office on Tuesday, November 7, 2006 except where noted:

- U.S. Senate: -- Hillary Clinton
- NYS Governor: -- Eliot Spitzer
- NYS Attorney General: -- Andrew Cuomo
- 19th Congressional District: -- John Hall
- 20th Congressional District: -- Kirsten Gillibrand
- 22nd Congressional District: -- Maurice Hinchey
- 38th Senatorial District: -- Thomas Morahan
- 41st Senatorial District: -- Stephen Saland
42nd Senatorial District -- John Bonacic
96th Assembly District -- Nancy Calhoun
98th Assembly District -- Aileen Gunther
100th Assembly District -- Thomas Kirwan
101st Assembly District -- Kevin Cahill
102nd Assembly District -- Joel Miller
Moved: J. Richards
Seconded: P. Hunter Motion approved unanimously

MOTION #6
Resolved, That the NTA set the new dues rate for per diem substitutes and those similarly situated at $1.00 per day.
Moved: J. Eitel, Jr.
Seconded: L. Colacchio Motion approved unanimously

MOTION #7
Whereas, NTA members who take unpaid Leave of Absences (LOA) and wish to keep active their NTA, NYSUT, and AFT membership; be it,

Resolved, That the NTA set the Leave Of Absence dues at $44.00 per year.
Moved: P. Van Duser
Seconded: J. Eitel, Jr. Motion approved unanimously

MOTION #8
Whereas, floods have ravaged many parts of NYS effecting fellow NYSUT members and their families, be it

Resolved, that the NTA donate $1000 to the NYSUT Disaster Relief Fund to help our needy brothers and sisters.
Moved: R. Grove
Seconded: D. Morano Motion approved unanimously

GOOD and WELFARE
- Peter Gonzalez is in the NY Teacher, NFA Graduate Laura Garcia on the cover
- Saugerties Teachers in crisis - may be going on strike
- NTA offices were open all summer
- Congratulations to P. Hunter for her first Pendulum
- Thank you to Karen Roberts for her work on the Area Labor Federation

ADJOURNMENT
Motion to adjourn at 5:44 PM
Moved: K. Roberts
Seconded: D. Brown Motion approved unanimously