DELEGATE ASSEMBLY MINUTES

September 15, 2010

Present: Officers: P. Van Duser, J. LeRoy, E. Hart, J. Daley
Schools not represented: Administration; Executive Drive; Gardnertown; South MS; Stewart; West St.; Bishop Dunn; Sacred Heart; St. Joseph; Substitute Chapter.

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order at 4:20 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

June 16, 2010

Moved: M. Olsen
Second: S. Manning

Passes Unanimously

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

1. Good opening of school year.
2. MOA Home Teaching section updated over summer.
4. August 30, 2010 meeting with Arne Duncan, Secretary of Education. David Brown shared highlights of the meeting.
5. Leadership Conference will be at NFA North Campus, November 13, 2010 from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm.

7. The AFT March on Washington D.C is October 2, 2010.

8. The Pendulum is at the printers.

9. NTA participated in the School is Cool Campaign, giving out 1400 backpacks filled with supplies to Newburgh ECSD children. Thanks to Natalie Morales, Marlayna Wiley and her daughter for their participation.

10. Board of Education is hiring a consulting firm to search for a new Superintendent.

**VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT:**

1. Check out the NTA Website for important information.


**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

1. Attached.

**SECRETARY’S REPORT:**

**Educational Issues:** G. Pinheiro reports the committee which now has a new co-chair J. Conn, is busy getting ready for Election Day. Check mailboxes for phone bank sign up sheets coming soon.

**ER & D:** J. Eitel reports the annual TA Workshop will be on September 25, 2010. He is hoping to train teachers to present Foundations 1 ER&D class September, 2011. No one trained this summer.

**NTC:** J. Eitel reports fall courses were posted last week. NTC Policy Board, Curriculum and Instruction and Directors are collaborating on courses. The NTC is totally funded by the District this year, as the State did not fund Teacher Centers due to budget constraints. Mentor information is being received at the NTC. Call for proposals went out for spring courses.

**Grievance:** A. Sartori reports there is one Stage II hearing pending.

**Labor Management:** J. Nee reports on the new changes in the Home Teaching MOA. He reminded teachers to track Infinite Campus work load. There will not be a reprint of the new contract.

**SAVE:** B. Browne reports there are new SAVE books and forms this year due to a change in the numbering system. Dr. Noreiga is reminding principals that formal SAVE training for all teachers must take place this year.

**Special Events:** J. Laudiero reports the Welcome Back Bash is September 24, 2010. President Van Duser reports on the Making Strides Cancer Walk in Woodbury Commons and Dutchess Stadium this year

**VOTE/COPE:** M. Olsen reports a list is pending for the Head Delegates for contributions to this year’s VOTE-COPE campaign.

**Election Committee:** K. Roberts reports the election forms are due by tomorrow, September 16, 2010. Head Delegates must come to the meeting if there is to be an election in their building. Retirees will be contacted to man the polls at schools having
elections. October 5, 2010 will be counting votes at the NTA. Board of Directors elections must take place 2 weeks after delegate elections. Michelle Bowe is now on the committee.

**Health and Safety:** J. Daley reports the new BOE co-chair is Pam Resch. J. LeRoy reports that V. Metzger-Horton is the new co-chair with J. Daley this year. Volunteers for this committee are needed.

**TA Chapter:** S. Manning reports the annual Teaching Assistant Workshop is September 25, 2010. Defensive Driving course is scheduled for October 23, 2010. Safe Homes baskets will be done again this year. The NTA TA Chapter is the recipient of the Mildred Warren Good Neighbor Award. At the SRP Conference, Newburgh was chosen as the recipient for children's books that are donated by other SRP chapters.

**Retiree Chapter:** D. Morano reports the retirees are working on their Vote Cope campaign. Their Fall Luncheon is September 24, 2010. President Van Duser mentioned the need for corrected mailing addresses for ballots for retirees.

**Substitute Chapter:** E. Hart reports September 29, 2010, is the first meeting of the chapter. There was a good response at the New Teacher Orientation for members to join the chapter.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Motion # 1:**

Resolved, that the NTA Board of Directors accept the timeline and conditions of election of NTA Board of Directors Election for the 2010-2011 school year as presented by the NTA Nominations and Elections Committee.

(Submitted by NTA Board of Directors)

Moved: J. Nee
Second: J. Eitel Passes Unanimously

**MOTION # 2**

Whereas, the NTA Constitution requires delegates be elected, and

Whereas, the district's reconfiguration plan has been implemented, and

Whereas, grades 7 – 8 teachers should be considered middle level teachers, and

Whereas, grade 9 teachers should be considered high school teachers, be it therefore
Resolved, that Meadow Hill School and Temple Hill School be assigned the amended number of middle level delegates as allowed by the NTA Constitution, and

Resolved, that the NFA North Campus be assigned the appropriate number of high school level delegates as allowed by the NTA Constitution.

(Submitted by NTA Board of Directors)

Moved: J. Nee
Second: N. Morales
Passes Unanimously

MOTION # 3

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

Whereas, Shelia Salenger has a long history of advocating for teachers’ retirement issues, be it therefore

Resolved, that the NTA TRS delegates vote for Shelia Salenger as the teacher representative to the New York State Teacher Retirement System convention this November.

(Submitted by NTA Board of Directors)

Moved: J. Conn
Second: D. Morano
Passes Unanimously

MOTION # 4

Whereas, the Newburgh Teachers’ Association has been a proud and active sponsor of the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer and

Whereas, participation by NTA members, their family and friends is greatly encouraged to make this year’s event a success, and

Whereas, NTA will donate the money received from t-shirt sales to money raised by our members, be it therefore;

Resolved, that the NTA support and advocate participation at this year’s Making Strides Against Breast Cancer event on October 17, 2010 at 8:30 AM at Woodbury Common Premium Outlets in Monroe, NY.

(Submitted by NTA Board of Directors)

Moved: M. Olsen
Second: L. Vinti
Passes Unanimously
GOOD AND WELFARE:

1. N. Morales presented a Spring Break trip to Egypt.
2. M. Corbett thanked President Van Duser for helping get Temple Hill School ready for the start of school.
3. K. Roberts thanked members of the Elections Committee, Retirees, L. Giansanti and L. Mahon for all their work.
4. J. Nee mentioned the 98% passing vote on the new contract.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn at 5:25 pm

Moved: J. Nee
Second: N. Morales                  Passes Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne M. Daley
NTA Secretary