DELEGATE ASSEMBLY MINUTES
October 15, 2008

Present: Officers: Phil Cordella, Vicky Pittman, Karen Roberts and Angela Sartori
Vails Gate: P. Steel NYSUT/AFT Delegates: W. Lastowski, Retirees: B. Fogarty, R. Leduc, D. Morano, J. Richards, S. DeMarco Substitute Chapter: P. Cavallo
Teaching Assistants: J. Mongelli B. Johnson,

Additional Attendees: Ed Issues Chair G. Pinhero, New Teacher Initiative Chair: M. Henry, Health and Safety: J. LeRoy

Schools not represented: Administration, HJH@ Stewart,

Meeting was called to order at 4:20 PM
Moment of Silence: Mario Rancini
Louis Sieglaubum
Carly Sieglaubum

Solidarity Oath

Approval of the Minutes of September 17, 2008
Moved: V. Pittman
Seconded: D. Liebman
Passed Unanimously
President’s Report
1. A discussion took place regarding Blocked Websites. Copy of email correspondence from the District was distributed.

2. Correspondence with Retiree Chapter concerning repayment of legal fees as well as information concerning creating a not for profit was discussed.

3. Breast Cancer Walk will be on October 19 at Woodbury Commons. T-shirts available to those members making a donation or attending the walk.

4. Audit of Curriculum is ongoing. P. Hunter attended the last meeting.

5. Further negotiations took place with NTA President and Central Office. New procedures to be rolled out at the November faculty meetings. Walk-throughs are a part of the Audit of Curriculum to the State Education Department. The walk-through is to be non-threatening and non-evaluative.

Vice- President’s Report
1. Performance conditions meetings with grade levels and departments were held throughout last year. A letter will be sent to the departments and grade levels that did not get to meet last year. This letter will be used to gather data for a sub committee to be presented to the Labor- Management Committee to aid in future contract negotiations.

Treasurer’s Report
1. Report given at meeting, check registry was made available. Currently, the yearly audit is under way. Head Delegates will receive a copy of the report.

Committee Reports
- **Labor Management**- Report given at meeting
- **Grievance**- Report given at meeting
- **Health and Safety**- Key issues need to go through the Head Delegates. Please identify the members of each building level Health and Safety Committee for J. Daley.
- **Educational Issues Advocacy**- Labor walks will be taking place in the area soon. Members are encouraged to attend. A labor walk in Hyde Park will take place on November 1st. Phone banks will take place from October 27- 30 and on November 3rd. Please watch for your school’s assigned night. If you cannot attend your scheduled session please attend another night. Dinner will be provided.
- **Teacher Center**- Currently, there are 67-70 mentor pairings. Staff development proposals are due on October 31st. Courses are running now.
• **Nomination and Elections**—Members of the Committee attended a conference on holding union officer elections given by the Department of Labor. Look for information regarding the officer elections soon. The Board of Directors has approved a revised Conditions of Election.

• **Sabbatical**—Deadline for submitting applications is February 1, 2009

• **Special Events**—Leadership Conference is November 14-16, 2008 at the Gideon Putnam in Saratoga Springs. Date is quickly approaching; please turn in your responses. New tenure laws will be discussed as well as peer review. A retirement Q & A with Sheila Salinger will be held Friday Night.

• **ER&D**—We will be training eight new research linkers, two teachers to train for Middle School Math, Summer Training for Home-School Connection and Instructional Strategies that work.

• **VOTE/COPE**—New Chair is Patricia Van Duser. Committee will meet and report at the next Delegate Assembly.

• **Teaching Assistants**—

• **New Member Initiative**—Any questions can be sent to M. Henry at HJH. Applications are due by March 1, 2009

• **Retirees**—No Report

• **Substitutes**—No Report

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**CHAIR WAS TURNED OVER TO VICE PRESIDENT VICKY PITTMAN**

**MOTION #1**

Whereas, the NTA is an active participant in the political process which translates into support for public education and our profession, and

Whereas, at a recent meeting of NYSUT election district leaders it was pointed out that the continual pro tax cap and union rhetoric of incumbent Assemblywoman Nancy Calhoun is problematic, be it therefore

*Resolved*, that the Newburgh Teachers’ Association officially endorse Richard Randazzo for the 96th Assembly District seat and actively work toward his election.

*(Submitted by NTA President Phil Cordella)*

**Moved:** P. Cordella  
**Seconded:** V. Pittman  
**Passed Unanimously**
GOOD AND WELFARE

Co-Teaching is becoming problematic on the secondary level. Many Co-Teachers are moved from subject to subject from year to year. This makes it difficult for special education teachers to meet student needs.

Preparing for the eighth grades to come to Temple Hill is difficult. Trouble with classroom space, scheduling etc things need to be in place for September.

A Board Forum was suggested.

Blacktop in the rear of the building is in need of repair.

Tenure reception date has been moved to the spring. Details will follow.

ADJOURNMENT
Motion to adjourn at 5:40 PM
Moved: L. Mangan
Seconded: J. Mongelli
Passed Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Roberts
NTA Secretary