DELEGATE ASSEMBLY MINUTES
October 14, 2009

Executive Drive: N. Colon; Fostertown: J. Conn, J. Komondore, M. Olsen,
A. Schofield; Gardnertown: R. Phillips, E. Welber; Gidney Ave: J. Cline, B. Glynn,
G. Pinheiro, M. Scully; Heritage: H. Lamb, A. Landol, J. Lastowski, K. Tennant,
L. Vinti; Horizons: L. Colacchio, J. Laudiero, T. Vidi; Meadow Hill: K. DeMarco,
K. Gunsch, J. Way; New Windsor: M. Bowe, J. Logerfo, L. Mangan, A. Sartori;
Pre-K @ Washington St: D. Mahusky, R. Armato; South Jr: W. Lastowski; Temple
Hill: M. Corbett, W. Kostenblatt, L. Puma; Vails Gate: M. Smith West St: T. Colon-
Palenik; Retiree Chapter: B. Fogarty, D. Morano; Substitute Chapter:
P. Cavallo; Teaching Assistant Chapter: J. Mongeli, B. Johnson; NYSUT Delegates:
J. Eitel, M. Riverol; Committee Chairs/Other Attendees: K. Roberts, J. Richards, A.M.
Healey.

Schools not represented: Administration, Balmville, Bishop Dunn, Sacred Heart,
St. Joseph’s, Stewart.

Meeting called to order at 4:15pm.

Solidarity Oath was taken by all present.

Approval of minutes
September 9, 2009
Moved: W. Lastowski
Seconded: J. Nee
Passes Unanimously

PRESIDENT’S REPORT
1. Met with Orange County and Ulster County Presidents
2. Pendulum went out to the schools. The next issue will be sent to retiree and
substitute chapters. Publish date hopefully before Thanksgiving. Thanks to Jeff
Gebhardt and Ashley Mahon.
3. Onteora Teachers settled Tuesday, October 13 at 5:50 AM!! The NTA had 9 of
our teachers go to Onteora to picket on October 6th. Thanks to those who showed
their solidarity.
4. Welcome Back Party was a huge success! More than 1060 lbs of food donated to
St. Patrick’s food pantry. They gratefully acknowledged our contribution.
5. Results of Delegate/Alternate elections and Board of Directors elections.
6. On October 6 & 7, Professional Learning Communities Grant was attended by Gardnertown, Temple Hill, Gidney Avenue Schools. The next session will be attended by South Junior, North, and Heritage on November 5 & 6.

7. This past Sunday attended a silent auction. Johnathan Kossel, the advocate for the homeless spoke.

8. Infinite Campus is our Tenex replacement program. It has the ability to have lessons plans on it, but it is not mandated. Announcements and homework postings are available, but are not mandated. Training for this new program will be announced soon.

9. Dental benefits have seen increased reimbursement. Thanks to Russ Coughlin and Robin Eitel for their continued dedication.

10. Please note the floors and the hard work our new cleaners have done in our building.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

TREASURER'S REPORT

1. Reports given at meeting. Check registry was made available
2. Auditors began their year end audit.
3. Substitute Chapter Meeting.

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 2009-2010 school year as presented by the NTA Nominations and Elections Committee.
(Submitted by NTA Nominations and Election Chair Karen Roberts)

Moved: K. Roberts
Seconded: H. Lamb
Passes Unanimously

Committee Reports:

Labor Management: J. Nee reported the committee met on September 9. There are no issues at this time. February 1, 2010 marks the opening of negotiations for the new contracts. There is a full day Saturday Workshop sponsored by NYSUT that the committee will be attending.

Grievance: L. Mangan reported the last stage 2 hearing was held last week and the last stage 3 hearing was held October 13. Decisions are still pending.

Nominations and Election: K. Roberts gave a list of delegates and alternates. There was a 3 way tie for 2 positions at Temple Hill, and the revote was done Wednesday, October 7. Thanks to the committee members and retirees for all their help.

Educational Issues: G. Pinheiro reported that phone banks dates were given to Head Delegates. Onteora trip was eye opener. Asking help from Head Delegates to get phone tree of a contact person in each building, who would be willing to go where we are
needed to help other districts. Anyone who has last year’s election signs, please return them to the NTA office.

**Special Events:** J. Laudiero reported more than 1060 pounds of food that went to S. Patrick’s food pantry was greatly appreciated. We had 180 people attend.

**Vote Cope:** M. Olsen reported. The goal of the committee is to increase the number of members using payroll deduction for Vote-Cope. An updated list will be available shortly for members currently not contributing.

**Newburgh Teacher Center:** J. Eitel spoke. In-service course proposals are due at the end of the month. Mini-grants have a new name “something” project. No information from some on mentoring pairs. Long term subs are also entitled to have a mentor. The $25.00 registration fee for in-service courses has been discontinued.

**ER&D:** J. Eitel reported. Teacher Assistant workshop #3 is scheduled for November 7th at Temple Hill. Summer trainers are returning for winter training in Math 1, Parent and Family Involvement, and Foundations II. Data and Strategies are not returning at this time. Spring/Summer/Fall participants are able to train teachers.

**Health and Safety:** J. Daley and J. LeRoy reported H1N1 update and vaccine discussion from Dr. Kate Hudson; the Commissioner of Health for Orange County was attended by many district nurses.

**SAVE:** B. Browne reported that there are a few new people on the committee. Diane Lennon spoke at the meeting. If anyone is having referral concerns, let the committee know. Keep the gold copy of your referral and expect a response in 4 days. Follow through if you don’t get a response in this time frame.

**Retiree Chapter:** B. Fogarty reported on the annual coat sale is this weekend.

**Teacher Assistant Chapter:** J. Mongelli reported Building elections will take place at Pre-K at Renwick St and Temple Hill only. All others elections are uncontested. A bus trip fundraiser to the shopping outlets in Reading, PA, will take place November 14th. A new toy donation for safe homes is requested and a small fee for the bus is needed to participate. Contact Lauretta Hazelwood at Washington Pre-K if you are interested.

**Substitute Chapter:** P. Cavallo is the chairperson. The chapter met on September 30. Concerns about AESOP were raised due to there being 460 substitute teachers in the district.

**GOOD AND WELFARE**

- The NTA noted the passing of a retired teacher, T. Miller, the father of a Teaching Assistant D. Knox, and the mother in-law of Mr. P. Cordella.

**ADJOURNED:**

**Motion to adjourn:** B. Browne  
**Seconded:** B. Johnson

Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm  
**Respectfully submitted:** J. Daley, NTA Secretary

Jeanne M Daley