DELEGATE ASSEMBLY MINUTES

October 20, 2010

Balmville: C. Franklin; Executive Drive: N. Colon; Fostertown: J. Conn, J. Komondorea, K. Lane, A. Mahon, A. Schofield; Gidney Ave.: G. Pinheiro, M. Scully, K. Andre;
Heritage Middle: A. Landol; Horizons: J. Laudiero, N. Lorenzo, D. Brown;
Temple Hill: M. Corbett, W. Kostenblatt, L. Puma; West St.: T. Colon-Palenik;

Schools not represented: Administration; Gardnertown; South Middle; Vails Gate; Bishop Dunn; Sacred Heart; St. Joseph; Retiree Chapter.

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order at 4:19 pm.

SOLIDARITY OATH TAKEN

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

September 15, 2010

Moved: C. Franklin
Second: N. Lorenzo

Passes unanimously with correction.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

1. Thank you to all who assisted at NTA during recent illness.
2. Attended RTTT meeting at Orange-Ulster BOCES. $900,000.00 awarded to Newburgh over the next 4 years.
3. Attended Education Nation with D. Brown at 30 Rockefeller Drive, NYC, hosted by Brian Williams.
4. Thanks to those who participated in the Data Team Training September 25, 2010 at the Board of Education. NYSUT Trainers will return November 2, 2010 at the NFA North Campus.
6. Mid-September 5.5 positions were slated to be eliminated. After lobbying with Board of Education members and meeting with the Acting Superintendent of Schools, the decision was reversed.
7. K-5 teachers met and they are planning November 2, 2010 Staff Development Day.
8. John Hall and Kevin Cahill have been endorsed by NYSUT. They are in a tight race.
9. NYSUT Teacher Retirement Convention November 14, 2010 will be attended by alternates and one delegate. Sheila Salinger is running for re-election.
10. NTA’s Board of Directors discussed the possibility of having a Facebook page as another avenue for members to stay informed on things such as AFT/NYSUT/ELT/TRS updates, Political Action news, happenings, and reminders.

VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

1. Congratulations to the Teaching Assistant Chapter being honored as recipients of the Mildred Warren Good Neighbor Award on October 28, 2010.
2. The Teaching Assistant Chapter is the recipient of over 430 books to be distributed among the NECSD buildings.
3. Thanks to all who participated in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walks in Fishkill and Woodbury.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

1. Attached.

SECRETARY’S REPORT:

**Educational Issues:** G. Pinheiro reports phone bank signup sheets are out for October 27, 28, and November 1, 2010, from 6-8 PM. Please email participant lists as soon as possible to him.

**ER & D:** J. Eitel reports the annual TA Workshop was held on September 25, 2010.
Three or four in-service courses are slated between now and Spring if they are approved.

**NTC:** A.M. Healey reports the NTC Policy Board may be undergoing changes in governance. More information to follow.

**Grievance:** L. Mangan reports there are two Stage II hearing pending for October 28, 2010.

**Labor Management:** J. Nee reports Infinite Campus is still an issue. Roll out plan from the District is requested, but must be negotiated. Teaching Assistants should not be regularly scheduled out of their classrooms. Eighteen new Schedule J and 3 new coaching positions have been added. Monday, October 25, 2010, there is a meeting of the Substitute Chapter, and bargaining for that chapter begins on Thursday October 28, 2010.

**SAVE:** B. Browne reports on the first District SAVE committee meeting. The idea of having Head Delegates and Principals meeting together to review procedures for properly completing Misconduct Report forms was warmly received. Report to B. Browne, M. Corbett, and K. DeMarco any Code of Conduct issues not being adhered to.
Special Events: J. Laudiero and President Van Duser report the Leadership Conference at NFA North Campus is November 13, 2010 from 8 am – 4 pm. President Van Duser and Ken DeStefano, our NYSUT LRS worked out the details.

VOTE/COPE: President Van Duser reports more payroll deduction forms will be sent to all buildings and stressed the importance of donating to VOTE/COPE.

Election Committee: K. Roberts reports there will be an election for three (3) Elementary Directors on November 3, 2010. No election is necessary for Middle Level, NFA, NYSUT, and AFT Directors. They are as follows: Middle Level Director is L. Vinti (HMS), NFA Director is S. Hall, NYSUT Director is J. Nee, and AFT Director is D. Brown.

Health and Safety: J. Daley reports next meeting is tomorrow. Nothing new to report.

TA Chapter: S. Manning reports the Defensive Driving course is scheduled for October 23, 2010. 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 over 430 Books. SRP Day is November 16, 2010, and there will be a general membership meeting that day.

Substitute Chapter: A. Walker is the new Executive Committee Chair.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

Janet DeStefano of Vails Gate and Dana McDonough were honored by Mid Hudson School Study Council. They both received the Dean’s award for Excellence in Teaching on Thursday night, October 14, 2010. Congratulations Janet and Dana.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn at 5:25 pm.

Moved: D. Brown
Second: B. Browne

Passes Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne M. Daley
NTA Secretary