DELEGATE ASSEMBLY MINUTES
October 19, 2011

Present: Officers: P. Van Duser, J. LeRoy, E. Hart, J. Daley

Schools not represented: Administration; Bishop Dunn; Sacred Heart; Substitute Chapter

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order at 4:30 pm.
Oath of Office
Pledge of Allegiance

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
September 21, 2011
Moved: M. Pritchard
Second: N. Lorenzo

Passes unanimously
PRESIDENT'S REPORT:
1. Welcome Back Bash raised $1,020.00 for the Hudson Valley Food Bank.
2. Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk pictures can be viewed on the website.
3. Renovations: 25 computers/Smart Board/ Projector/Alarm System update. Thanks to those who made this possible: N. Colon and the Technology people, L. Giansante, L. Mahon, and President Van Duser’s nephew who physically moved items.
4. APPR Committee met to look at samples of the local 20% assessment category.
5. Volunteers from the 7th and 8th grade ELA/Math needed for APPR Committee.
6. NYSTRS Seminar will be held tomorrow, October 20. 2011 here at the NTA Office. January 19, 2012 another session has been scheduled.
7. Please check your NTA email.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Thank you to all the members who participated in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walks.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. Report is attached.
2. Welcome to new and returning members.
3. Auditors completed the audit in one day, and the report is pending.

SECRETARY’S REPORT:

BOE Curriculum: N. Morales reported the committee discussed the RTTT initiatives. Common Core Standards at the secondary level was also discussed.

BOE Policy: B. Browne-Fazio reported the District’s Attorney was present at the meeting. Discussion about who can access student’s records for educational purposes. Next meeting will center on Athletic Eligibility Policy.

Central Compact: T. Vidi reported the committee met on October 6, 2011 at Temple Hill Academy. Some of the topics discussed included biannual review which is coming up. Parents were urged to attend BOE workshops and meetings. The goals from individual schools are still pending, and the District’s website will be posting the school’s goals.

Ed Issues: G. Pinheiro reported that no local candidates asked for the NTA endorsement. Many local/and or State Labor Federation Walks are going on and the NTA members need to support fellow Labor Unions. Nan Hayworth will be in Fishkill. Hudson Valley Labor endorsements will be going out.

Grievance: L. Mangan reported that there will be one Stage II tomorrow and another Stage II is to be scheduled.
Elections/Nominations: K. Roberts reported the Delegate elections are completed. There is no election necessary for the Board of Directors and S. Warren and M. Scully are newly appointed to the BOD. Thanks go out to the retirees who helped out at the election sites. There will be a notice of elections in December going out for NTA Officers.

Health and Safety: J. Daley had no report for this month.

Labor Management: J. Nee reported that work continues on the APPR Evaluation tool. All contracts expire this June.

NTC: J. Nee reported proposals for in-service will be due in the next two weeks. Work is being done on mentor pairings. NBPTC candidate discussion with Central Administration has begun.

SAVE: B. Browne-Fazio reported the committee was unhappy with the unseen changes made to the District's Code of Conduct. Reminder to teachers: please keep gold copies of referrals. The next meeting is tomorrow, October 20, 2011.

Special Events: J. Laudio reported the next Leadership Conference at NFA North is scheduled for Saturday, November 5, 2011. The Delegate Assembly meeting of December 21, 2011 will be the Holiday Celebration.

VOTE/COPE: M. Olsen reported information regarding amount of VOTE COPE donations and payroll deduction forms were sent out. Checks for January 1, through December 31 are allowed, but payroll deduction donations are preferred. Literature for schools is available.

ER&D: No report. President Van Duser reported there is no trained coordinator to take on ER&D at this time.

Chapter Reports:

Retiree Chapter: J. Eitel no report for this month.

Teaching Assistant Chapter: S. Manning reported thanks for the Safe Home Basket donations. Congratulations to NFA Student Faculty for receiving the HOPE Award. Defensive Driving will have one form. The next classes scheduled are for October 29, and December 3, 2011. November 15, 2011 is SRP Day, with celebrations individualized at each school. Seven members will be attending the NYSUT SRP Convention.

Substitute Chapter: E. Hart reported the first meeting took place October 5, 2011. The new chair is K. McCrossen.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION # 1

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, this year all three positions are up for election, be it therefore

Resolved, that the NTA's TRS delegates vote for Paul Farfaglia, Karen MacGee, and Tim Southerton, as the teacher representatives to the New York State Teacher Retirement System convention this November (first time in 90 years all three positions are elected at the same time).

Moved: L. Colacchio
Second: N. Lorenzo Passes unanimously
GOOD AND WELFARE
1. Shout out to B. Browne-Fazio and P. Van Duser for standing firm.
2. M. Truncale reported the presentation of NCAA eligibility will be Wednesday at 7 PM.
3. Congratulations to C. Frost and J. Ambrosetti who were recognized at the Mid-Hudson School Study Council for excellence in Pupil Personnel and Teacher excellence.
4. Rumors of school closings and job losses in the future-at this time are not true.
5. K. Roberts encouraged members to be politically active in their home town elections.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn at 5:15 pm

Moved: B. Browne-Fazio
Second: D. Brown 
Passes Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne M. Daley
NTA Secretary