DELEGATE ASSEMBLY MINUTES
November 28, 2007


Schools not represented by a delegate or alternate: Administration, Chestnut St., Gardnertown, Pre-K @ Renwick St., West St., and Substitute Chapter.

Meeting was called to order at 4:20 PM

Approval of Minutes of October 17, 2007

Moved: J. Daley
Seconded: L. Colacchio
Passed Unanimously

President’s Report
1. Meetings with Superintendent to take place.
   A) Elementary Reps will meet tomorrow at 4:15pm
   B) Secondary Head Delegates and Reps will meet Thursday December 6th.
2. Memo regarding instructions on communicating an absence with your building was to be distributed on October 25, 2007. List of schools that did not receive was taken.
3. Lunch with the President- Please fill in dates and time along with location. NTA President will be available in the building faculty room during lunch periods to meet with members.
4. Union Activities: December Holiday meeting will be an Open House at the NTA office on December 19, 2007. Food and beverages will be served. Other activities being considered: Family Activity such as a picnic, bowling, Ice Time, Yoga or Dancing classes.
5. Central Compact at Horizons On Hudson to take place on December 6, 2007. Plans for outdoor fields modifications for: THA, MH, NFA, NJH to be discussed. Members from these schools may want to attend.
6. Board of Directors certified the results of the Constitutional Amendment vote. Vote had a majority of yes votes but did not have a 2/3 vote to pass.
Vice-President’s Report
1. Leadership conference went well. The goal was to improve efficiency and increase participation.
2. Reminder to all to attend the Board Forum at North Junior High on December 3, 2007.
3. On November 27, 2007, Nurses, P/T, VI, and Speech members met with President Phil Cordella, and Vice President Vicky Pittman about performance conditions. The next meeting will be held December 4, 2007 with Fifth Grade Teachers.

Secretary’s Report
1. NTA Secretary Karen Roberts represented the NTA at the Dedication of the NTA Habitat for Humanity House. Thank you to all members that attended and were involved with the project.

Treasurer’s Report
1. Report given at meeting. Check registry was made available.

Committee Reports
- Labor Management- Report given at meeting
- Grievance- Report given at meeting
- Health and Safety- Balmville Annex may not be coming down. MRSA scare- Newspaper article was misleading. A student contracted the virus from the hospital. Still working on hand-washing.
- Educational Issues Advocacy- No Report
- Teacher Center-NYSUT is making a video available about MRSA. A mailing went out about upcoming in-service courses. More courses centering on Houghton Mifflin. Paper work for mentors is due on December 13, 2007. Mentors will see their stipends in the last paycheck before the winter break. MOA established that additional money be put in the contract for the Teacher Center.
- Nomination and Elections- No Report
- Special Events- No Report
- ER&D- We will need research linkers next year. A. Grice will be training with AFT this winter.
- VOTE/COPE- Thank you to the Head Delegates for their support and hard work during the drive. Payroll forms due by December 13, 2007.
- Teaching Assistants- Defensive driving class this weekend. Safe Home wish list will be coming out for recipients. Teaching Assistants will be active in that fund raiser.
- New Member Initiative- Event for South Junior High took place last night. Paperwork issues still being resolved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION #1
Whereas, the education of every child is the mission of our public schools, and,

Whereas, instructional supplies are paramount in order to support the work of our professional staff in accomplishing this goal, be it therefore

Resolved, that the NTA design and conduct an inventory of supplies needed to help identify where and why we are being told there are insufficient funds to support educational activities.

Moved: L. Colacchio Passed Unanimously
Seconded: R. Grove

MOTION #2
Whereas, building Head Delegates have been hailed as our union's unsung heroes, and

Whereas, the building Head Delegate represents the professional staff, contractually, and constitutionally, through monthly delegate/principal meetings, attendance at Delegate Assemblies, attendance at monthly meetings with the NTA President, being responsible for the union’s democratically run referendums and elections, and being the first person called upon by our members, NTA leadership, and District administrators with day to day concerns, and

Whereas, all the many roles and responsibilities of our building Head Delegates perform in order to protect, educate, advocate, and impart knowledge (PEAK) on behalf of the membership are too numerous to name, be it therefore,

Resolved: that the 2007 William G. Reilly award go to NTA building Head Delegates, past and present.

(Submitted by NTA member and NJH building Head Delegate Ken Masten)

Moved: K. Masten Passed Unanimously
Seconded: P. Hunter

GOOD AND WELFARE
- Discussion about Health Insurance for retirees who retiree prior to age 55.
- Thank you to all that attended the leadership conference and for all of your kind words. Means a lot to the members of the band.

ADJOURNMENT
Motion to adjourn at 5:25 PM
Moved: B. Lastowski
Seconded: N. Sparacio Passed Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]
Karen Roberts
NTA Secretary