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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MINUTES

Special Meeting

February 4, 2008

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Present: Phil Cordella, Vicky Pittman, Angela Sartori, Karen Roberts, David Brown, Donna Liebman, Sharon Minard, Jim Nee, and Nancy Sparacio.

Meeting was called to order: 4:00 PM

The business of the meeting was to discuss the current status of the lawsuit against the NTA. The NYSUT attorney postponed this meeting.

Whereas: the Directors are currently assembled and pending business may want to be considered, be it

Resolved: that the NTA Board of Directors, as long as time allows, conduct a regular business meeting in lieu of the regular meeting of February 13, 2008 starting at 4:08 PM

Moved: J. Nee

Seconded: D. Brown

Passed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes of January 9, 2008

Moved: J. Nee

Seconded: V. Pittman

Passed Unanimously

President's Report

1. School Board and Budget Vote Elections Calendar - candidate interviews being set up.
2. New cancer screening – allows for up to four hours, excused, once a year, draft form proposed at LMC.
3. Middle Level Alternative Program election committee review requested.
4. Letter from Retiree Chapter requesting reconsideration of January 9, 2008 motion.
5. Phone survey for Contract 4 Excellence being conducted by NYSUT– in-service members first, survey of the public to follow.
6. Feb. 11, 2008 secondary ELA teacher representative meeting scheduled.
7. Staff reorganization MOA update.
8. Meeting dates with NW delegates set for February 12, 2008.
9. Sharon Minard and Berenda Johnson will be attending a meeting of the Coalition of Black Trade Unionist Conference in May.

10. AESOP
11. Administrators settled contract.
12. 55/25 sub committee being established.
13. Pendulum production temporarily suspended – NTA web site visit encouraged.
14. VOTE/COPE final numbers \$51, 246.00
15. NTATA Chapter are 2008 Lap Grant Applicants

Vice -President's Report

1. Board Forum- April 7, 2008: possible topics discussed.
2. Legislative Luncheon was attended by Vicky Pittman, Karen Roberts, Lou Stanley and John Eitel. Talking points for Committee of 100 were presented and discussed at the luncheon.

Treasurer's Report

1. To be presented at the Delegate Assembly

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION #1

Whereas: the NTA conduct a yearly certified audit, be it

Resolved: that the NTA Board of Directors accept the audit from the certified public accounting firm of Vanacore, De Benedictus, DiGiovanni, and Weddell for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2007 and distribute said findings to the membership accordingly.

(Submitted by NTA Treasurer Angela Sartori)

Moved: A. Sartori

Seconded: N. Sparacio

Passed Unanimously

MOTION #2:

Whereas, the NTA is investigating the feasibility of an automated chair lift from the lower level to the upstairs meeting room from Stannah Stairlifts Inc., be it

Resolved, that the Board of Directors begin to investigate the permit process with the City of Newburgh Building Department for the appropriate second floor access.

(Submitted by NTA President Phil Cordella)

Moved: J. Nee

Seconded: V. Pittman

Passed Unanimously

MOTION #3:

Whereas, the NTA provides for new teacher initiatives; and

Whereas, the Pre-K at Renwick St. has submitted a proposal which has been reviewed and approved by the NTA President and New Member Initiative Committee; be it therefore

Resolved, that the NTA's Board of Directors approve the New Teacher Initiative Grant for Pre-K at Renwick St.

(Submitted by NTA President Phil Cordella)

Moved: S. Minard

Seconded: N. Sparacio

Passed Unanimously

MOTION #4:

Resolved, that the NTA's Board of Directors approve the appointment of NFA Teacher Sherri Hall as the High School grievance co-chair with the appropriate stipend.

(Submitted by NTA President Phil Cordella)

Moved: J. Nee

Seconded: A. Sartori

Passed Unanimously

MOTION #5

Whereas: the current lease of \$443.00 plus fees for the postage machine comes due July '08, and

Whereas: a new machine, without fees with folding capabilities, would cost \$408.00 per month for a period of 57 months, be it

Resolved: that the NTA Board of Directors authorize an agreement for a DM450 postage machine and D1200 mail insertion system at the cost of \$408.00 per month including installation, training, and maintenance.

(Submitted by NTA President Phil Cordella)

Moved: V. Pittman

Seconded: D. Liebman

Passed Unanimously

MOTION #6

Resolved: that the NTA Board of Directors approve the establishment of a 55/25 sub-committee and name Jane Scott and Ann Marie Hogan as co-chairs.

(Submitted by NTA President Phil Cordella)

Moved: J. Nee

Seconded: K. Roberts

Passed Unanimously

Discussion took place regarding the Retiree Chapter's request to re-consider motion of January 9, 2008 motion to pay voucher requests submitted by NTA Retiree Chair dated September 28, 2007 and October 3, 2007.

No one on the prevailing side of the January 9, 2008 motion made a motion to re-consider.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

1. Endorsement of Board Candidate process was discussed; interview process needs to be transparent.
2. NTA President Phil Cordella recognized Vice President Vicky Pittman for participating in two local presidential debates as democratic presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton.
3. Temporary suspension of Pendulum discussed.

Motion to adjourn: 5:33 PM

Moved: N. Sparacio

Seconded: A. Sartori

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen Roberts". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Karen Roberts
NTA Secretary