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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MINUTES

April 22, 2009

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Present: Vicky Pittman, Angela Sartori, Karen Roberts, William Lastowski, Donna Liebman, Sharon Minard, and James Nee,
Pat Hunter (Excused)
Additional Attendee: Judy LeRoy

Meeting was called to order: 4:53 PM
Approval of Minutes March 11, 2009 Meeting
Moved: D. Liebman
Seconded: J. Nee

Motion Passes Unanimously

President's Report

1. NYSUT RA was held in Buffalo. The theme this year was Speak Up and Speak Out (Teaching Tolerance)
2. A FAX was sent to the Head Delegates urging all members to attend the April 23rd Board of Education Meeting.
3. Candidate interviews will finish up and a special meeting of the Board of Directors will take place on April 28th.

Vice - President's Report

None

Treasurer's Report

Report given at meeting.

Unfinished Business

All New Teacher Initiatives tabled at the March meeting were accepted and approved- North Junior High, NFA, Temple Hill, and Balmville.

NEW Business

MOTION #1

Whereas, the NTA realizes that what happens in the legislative halls of Albany and Washington affects our members' working conditions on the local level, and

Whereas, the teacher union movement can rest assured that our collective voice is heard loudly and clearly because of NYSUT's legislative program and its director, NYSUT Executive Vice President Alan Lubin, and

Whereas, Alan Lubin's career has spanned over 40 years when he began as a teacher and become the elected leader of the United Federation of Teachers in New York City, he helped found the New York State United Teachers and has served as an officer for the last 16 years, and

Whereas, Alan Lubin guides our union's massive political mobilization and legislative efforts which protects our pensions, provided a permanent Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for our retirees, explains and safeguards teacher and teaching assistant tenure, assures that public schools are adequately funded, and promoting workers rights.

Whereas, lobbying and influencing legislators has become an art and not merely a necessity, be it

Resolved, that the NTA bestow its highest honor, the 2009 Friend of Education Award to our friend and mentor, NYSUT's Executive Vice President, Alan Lubin.

(Submitted by NTA President Phil Cordella)

Moved: D. Liebman

Seconded: J. Nee

Passed Unanimously

MOTION #2

Whereas, it is the responsibility of the NTA to adopt an operating budget yearly, be it therefore

Resolved, that the NTA Board of Directors approve the 2009-2010 NTA Budget as presented.

(Submitted by NTA Treasurer Angela Sartori)

Moved: D. Liebman

Seconded: W. Lastowski

Motion to postpone consideration until April 28, 2009:

Moved: J. Nee

Seconded: S. Minard

Passed Unanimously

MOTION # 3

Whereas, the NTA regularly interviews school board candidates for endorsements, be it therefore

Resolved, that the NTA Board of Directors endorse Runston T. Lewis for re-election to the Newburgh Board of Education

(Submitted by NTA Vice President Vicky Pittman)

Moved: S. Minard

Seconded: A. Sartori

Motion to table:

Moved: K. Roberts

Seconded: W. Lastowski

Passed Unanimously

MOTION # 4

Whereas, the NTA plays a significant role in passing school district budgets, and

Whereas, the proposed budget of a -.33% increase to taxpayers restores 34 preliminary teacher cuts and 23 teaching assistant cuts, and

Whereas, the NTA stands by its members who may be laid off due to district reductions indentified during the budget preparation planning process, and

Whereas, the Board has reinstated the 5 week Extended School Year program as well as all school counselors, all attendance teachers, all the school nurse teachers, math teachers and reading remedial teachers be it

Resolved, that the NTA officially promote the adoption of the 2009-2010 school district budget and be it further

Resolved, that the NTA explore all avenues including but not limited to letter writing and lobbying, grievances, and legal actions in order to restore every position identified to be cut which may result in a layoff.

(Submitted by NTA President Phil Cordella)

Moved: K. Roberts

Seconded: W. Lastowski

Motion to postpone consideration until April 28, 2009:

Moved: S. Minard

Seconded: D. Liebman

Passed Unanimously

GOOD AND WELFARE:

Discussion took place about the staffing cuts in the 2009-2010 budget.

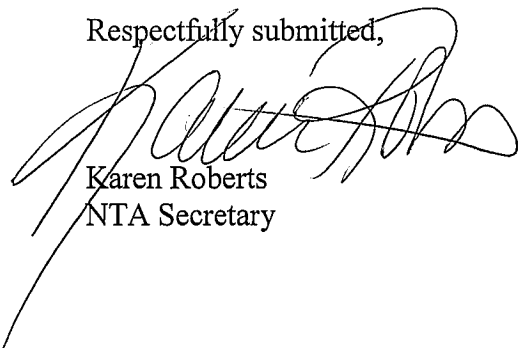
Motion to adjourn: 6:42 PM

Moved: J. Nee

Seconded: W. Lastowski

Passed Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,


Karen Roberts
NTA Secretary