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SPECIAL MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MINUTES

April 28, 2009

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Present: Phillip Cordella, Vicky Pittman, Angela Sartori, Karen Roberts, David Brown, Patricia Hunter, William Lastowski, Donna Liebman, and Sharon Minard.

Additional Attendees: Patricia Van Duser, Judy LeRoy, Ellen Hart, Jeanne Daley, Herb Lamb, Phil Castiglione.

Meeting was called to order: 4:20 PM

President's Report

1. "Teaching, It's a Class Act" conference happening at Mount Saint Mary College. 8-10 students will attend along with one counselor and one teacher. NTA has sponsored lunch for those students and members attending.
2. Dr. Saturnelli's letter was rescinded mandating a full day of work on May 22nd and allowing for a half day.
3. District t pay schedule for 2009-2010 school-year was distributed.
4. District Property Tax Report Card was distributed.
5. Coalition of Black Trade Unionists will be attended by Sharon Minard and Berenda Johnson.

Vice - President's Report

Scott Murphy was elected to the 20th Congressional District. This seat was vacated by Kirsten Gillibrand when she named US Senator.

Treasurer's Report

Report given at meeting.

Unfinished Business

MOTION #1

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: V. Pittman

Seconded: S. Minard

Passes Unanimously

MOTION #2

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: D. Liebman

Seconded: S. Minard

Substitute Motion:

Whereas, in light of conversations that took place today, Tuesday, April 28, 2009, with the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, and in light of new layoffs identified and absent any commitment to reinstate positions, (teaching and teaching assistant), be it

Resolved, that the Newburgh Teachers' Association take no action in respect to endorsing the 2009 -2010 candidates for the Board of Education.

(Submitted by NTA President Phil Cordella)

Moved: D. Liebman

Seconded: S. Minard

Passed Unanimously

MOTION # 3

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 identified 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: S. Minard

Seconded: D. Liebman

Substitute Motion:

Whereas, in light of conversations that took place today, Tuesday, April 28, 2009, with the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, and in light of new layoffs identified and absent any commitment to reinstate positions, (teaching and teaching assistant), be it

Resolved, that the Newburgh Teachers' Association take no action at this time and until different information becomes available in respect to endorsing the 2009 -2010 School District Budget, and furthermore

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

(Submitted by NTA President Phil Cordella)

Moved: S. Minard

Seconded: D. Liebman

Passed Unanimously

NEW Business

GOOD AND WELFARE:

Correspondence from Herb Lamb was read and discussed.

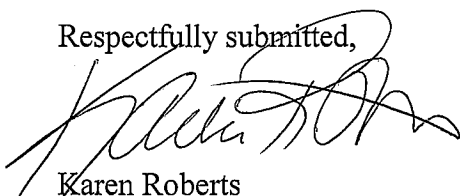
Motion to adjourn: 6:25 PM

Moved: V. Pittman

Seconded: P. Hunter

Passed Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,



Karen Roberts
NTA Secretary