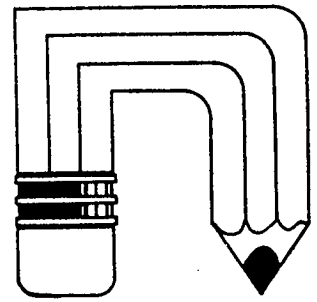


# Newburgh Teachers' Association



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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MINUTES

June 13, 2007

**Present:** Phil Cordella, Vicky Pittman, Angela Sartori, Karen Roberts, William Lastowski, Donna Liebman, Sharon Minard, and Nancy Sparacio.

**Meeting was called to order:** 4:15 PM

### **Order of business changed by NTA President**

Presentation by Mr. Brian Schrupp about mold removal of the building. Also in attendance during the presentation was invited guest Chip Hoagland.

Approval of Minutes of May 9, 2007.

**Moved:** V. Pittman

**Seconded:** S. Minard

**Passed Unanimously**

### President's Report

1. Friend of Education Dinner will be held on Friday. One hundred eighty people will be attending.
2. Larkin Grant- \$70,000.00 for next year. The type of program may change for next year due to the fact that the Governor's Contract for Excellence will be funding extended day in every building.
3. The NTA has answered the lawsuit brought against the NTA by four retirees.
4. NTA President, Vice President, and Secretary met with over 50 special education teachers for a professional discussion.
5. NTA Vice President attended a celebration at the NTA house for Habitat for Humanity with the US Secretary for Housing and Urban Development.

### Vice -President's Report

1. APPR surveys still coming in. Please encourage teachers to send in their surveys.

### Treasurer's Report

1. Report given at meeting.
2. Treasurer discussed audit issues with the Directors. Accountant will meet with the NTA treasurer for further training to correlate suggested corrections. NTA President added that the treasurer and the NTA are taking the recommendations seriously and we will attempt to treat them systematically.

*"Dedicated to Excellence"*  
AFT Local #2867

**MOTION #1:**

*Resolved*, that the Board of Directors approve the mold removal estimate increase of \$4,350 for a total of \$14,200 as a result of additional testing and information, and be it further

*Resolved*, that the NTA additionally get estimates to expend funds to solve the water issues that include, but are not limited to, replacement of both sets of outside doors, repair of molding around the exhaust fan, installation of an internal drain, proper weatherproofing of inside walls, contacting a mason/painter to waterproof and paint the outside of the building, purchase and installation by a plumber of a proper size dehumidifier, and that the NTA Board of Directors adjust the budget as needed with assets from our UBS account or checking account prior to expenditure.

(Submitted by NTA President Phil Cordella)

**Moved: V. Pittman**

**Seconded: N. Sparacio**

**Passed Unanimously**

**MOTION #2:**

*Resolved*, that the Board of Directors approve the request for payment of \$612.50 to Shebitz Berman and Cohen, P.C. for invoice #18938 and \$1,663.15 for invoice #19100 and other charges submitted.

(Submitted by NTA President Phil Cordella)

**Moved: A. Sartori**

**Seconded: N. Sparacio**

**Motion defeated (0-7)**

**MOTION #3:**

Whereas, it is the policy of the NTA to reaffirm on a yearly basis its intent to conduct an annual Leadership Training Conference, and

Whereas, the benefits and gains for the union and the members is evident in the passage of important bonds, implementation of action plans, and the discussion of important information topics necessary for NTA representatives to properly perform their duties, be it therefore

*Resolved*, that the NTA Leadership Conference for 2007 be held November 9-11, 2007 in Saratoga Springs, New York.

(Submitted by NTA Special Events Coordinator Jennifer Laudiero)

**Moved: W. Lastowski**

**Seconded: N. Sparacio**

**Motion to table to next meeting:**

**Moved: A. Sartori**

**Seconded: V. Pittman**

**Passed Unanimously**

**NTA Director Sharon Minard had to leave at this time.**

**MOTION #4:**

*Resolved*, that the Board of Directors approve the 2007-2008 Committee assignments and stipends as amended by the NTA President for a total of \$61,825

(Submitted by NTA President Phil Cordella)

**Moved: K. Roberts**

**Seconded: D. Liebman**

**Passed Unanimously**

**MOTION #5:**

Whereas, the NTA provides for new teacher initiatives; and

Whereas, NFA has submitted a proposal which has been reviewed by the NTA President; be it therefore

*Resolved*, that the NTA's Board of Directors approve a New Teacher Initiative Grant for Newburgh Free Academy as amended.

(Submitted by NTA President Phil Cordella)

**Moved: Vicky Pittman**

**Seconded: Angela Sartori**

**Motion Passes (4-3)**

**Chair broke the tie.**

**MOTION #6:**

Whereas, the NTA provides for new teacher initiatives; and

Whereas, HJH has submitted a proposal which has been reviewed by the NTA President; be it therefore

*Resolved*, that the NTA's Board of Directors approve a New Teacher Initiative Grant for Heritage Junior High School.

(Submitted by NTA President Phil Cordella)

**Moved: Vicky Pittman**

**Seconded: Angela Sartori**

**Passes (4-3)**

**Chair broke the tie.**

**MOTION #7:**

Whereas, the NTA provides for new teacher initiatives; and

Whereas, Alternative Program @ Stewart has submitted a proposal which has been reviewed by the NTA President; be it therefore

*Resolved*, that the NTA's Board of Directors approve a New Teacher Initiative Grant for Alternative Program @ Stewart.

(Submitted by NTA President Phil Cordella)

**Moved: Vicky Pittman**

**Seconded: Angela Sartori**

**Passes Unanimously**

**MOTION #8:**

Whereas, the NTA provides for new teacher initiatives; and

Whereas, Meadow Hill has submitted a proposal which has been reviewed by the NTA President; be it therefore

*Resolved*, that the NTA's Board of Directors approve a New Teacher Initiative Grant for Meadow Hill School.

(Submitted by NTA President Phil Cordella)

**Moved: Vicky Pittman**

**Seconded: Angela Sartori**

**Passes Unanimously**

**MOTION #9:**

Whereas, the NTA provides for new teacher initiatives; and

Whereas, Balmville has submitted a proposal which has been reviewed by the NTA President; be it therefore

*Resolved*, that the NTA's Board of Directors approve a New Teacher Initiative Grant for Balmville School.

(Submitted by NTA President Phil Cordella)

**Moved: Vicky Pittman**

**Seconded: Angela Sartori**

**Passes Unanimously**

**MOTION #10:**

Whereas, the NTA provides for new teacher initiatives; and

Whereas, Washington St. Pre-K has submitted a proposal which has been reviewed by the NTA President; be it therefore

*Resolved*, that the NTA's Board of Directors approve a New Teacher Initiative Grant as amended for Washington St. Pre-K School.

(Submitted by NTA President Phil Cordella)

**Moved: Vicky Pittman**

**Seconded: Angela Sartori**

**Passes Unanimously**

**MOTION #11:**

Whereas, the NTA provides for new teacher initiatives; and

Whereas, Pre-K at St. Francis has submitted a proposal which has been reviewed by the NTA President; be it therefore

*Resolved*, that the NTA's Board of Directors approve a New Teacher Initiative Grant as amended for Pre-K at St. Francis.

(Submitted by NTA President Phil Cordella)

**Moved: Vicky Pittman**

**Seconded: Angela Sartori**

**Passes Unanimously**

**GOOD AND WELFARE:**

NTA President thanked the Board Members for the late meeting.

It was suggested that we monitor a new district Math program- Math Director met with fifth grade teachers and discussed keeping a separate plan book for math. Lessons are to be created by teachers and stored in a binder that may not be available until August.

It was reported that most art classes canceled for tenth grade with the exception of studio art. This could effect many students. The NTA is looking into this.

**Motion to adjourn: 7:30 PM**

**Moved: V. Pittman**

**Seconded: D. Liebman**

Respectfully submitted,



Karen Roberts  
NTA Secretary