

**Minutes for the Meeting of the  
GNTA DELEGATE ASSEMBLY  
February 26, 2015 - South High School Library**

**Call To Order** – President Sheila Scimone called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**Adoption of Agenda** – The agenda for today’s meeting was adopted.

**Approval of Minutes** – The minutes of the January 15, 2015 DA meeting were approved.

**Treasurer’s Report** – The report is up to date and available as of 2/26/15.

**Announcements & Correspondence**

- A subcommittee was formed to draft a letter to parents from teachers regarding Gov. Cuomo’s proposed changes to APPR.
- The GNPS 200 year anniversary celebration will take place on Sunday 4/26 from 1-4 pm at South High School.

**Executive Board Reports**

- Donna Peirez reported that the four GNTA Directors met with Dr. Dolan to clarify the procedures regarding delayed openings, early dismissals, and school closings related to inclement weather.
- Kim Semder reported that Summer Scholarships will be announced by next week.
- Jim Daszenski reported on the status of our contract negotiations with the district.
- Sheila Scimone reported that she has signed a memorandum of agreement regarding a NMS teacher who has been called to active military service, but will not be fully compensated. The district will allow this member to use sick days to receive compensation.
- Elaine Brendel reported that selection committees are up and running, and that she is working with the administration to fill open positions in a timely manner.

**GNTA Financial Packet** – Maura Carroll reported on the most recent auditor’s report for GNTA from Buchbinder Tunick & Company LLP.

**Internal Organizing Committee Report** – Cindy Pavlic reported that the IOC will be launching a survey asking members to vote for one of two new slogans for GNTA. Also, a portion of the proceeds for new GNTA hoodies and sweatshirts will go towards a student scholarship fund.

**GNTA Elections** – Jim Daszenski reported that GNTA’s elections will take place on 4/27/15. Petitions must be submitted to Linda Gitman no later than 4 p.m. at the next Delegate Assembly meeting on 3/19. All GNTA Officers, Directors, and NYSUT/AFT Delegates/Alternates will be on the ballot. NYSUT/AFT positions will now serve two-year terms.

**Fighting Back** – New buttons from NYSUT are being distributed in all buildings. GNTA is helping to fund a mobile billboard from NYSAPE urging parents to opt their children out of state testing. The APPR Committee will be meeting with Sen. Martins and Assemblywoman Schimel to air our concerns over Gov. Cuomo’s proposed changes to his education policy. A public education forum will be held on 3/12 at Westbury HS. “Cardboard Cuomo” will be making the rounds to every building. BRC chairs were asked to facilitate “his” visits by choosing sites for “him” to see what an excellent public education looks like.

**Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Daszenski

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