

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS:** During Carl Paladino's unsuccessful campaign for Governor of New York State, he emailed what many consider racist, demented and obscene emails, such as:

- A scantily dressed First Lady Michelle Obama holding hands with President Obama dressed as what many interpret as a "pimp" with a large dollar sign hanging from his neck attending a "White House Ball".
- An airplane crashing into a field of men of color with the caption: "Holy Shit - Run niggers, run!"
- A horse sexually assaulting a woman. "Subject: Easy, Steady Big Fella", and;

**WHEREAS:** In the December 22 - December 28, 2016 edition of Artvoice, in answer to the question "1. What would you most like to happen in 2017?" and "2. What would you like to see go away in 2017?", Buffalo Board of Education member Carl Paladino replied, "1. Obama catches mad cow disease after being caught having relations with a Herford. He dies before his trial and is buried in a cow pasture next to Valerie Jarrett, who died weeks prior, after being convicted of sedition and treason, when a Jihady cell mate mistook her for being a nice person and decapitated her." "2. Michelle Obama. I'd like her to return to being a male and let loose in the outback of Zimbabwe where she lives comfortably in a cave with Maxie, the gorilla." and;

**WHEREAS:** Buffalo Board of Education member Carl Paladino had been reported as saying he was going to forward his (Artvoice) response to a couple of friends but "I didn't hit 'forward', I hit 'reply'. All men make mistakes." However;

- In an interview with the New York Times, when "Asked why he wanted to see the first lady live with a gorilla in Africa, he paused for a long time, then said: 'What's wrong with that?'"
- In response to community and National outrage he once again focused on race, "It's about a president who for 8 years did absolutely nothing for black children in our urban centers held prisoner by the cycle of poverty and illegitimate black leadership more interested in power and preserving their voting base by keeping them hungry and uneducated in the inner cities." and "And yes, it's about a little deprecating humor which America lost for a long time. Merry Christmas and tough luck if you don't like my answer.", and;

**WHEREAS:** Carl Paladino's statements, as a member of the Buffalo Board of Education, whose responsibility is to;

- provide a positive role model for our students and community.
- not take actions that negatively impact our students' education and self image, and;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Buffalo Teachers Federation condemns the statements of Board of Education member Carl Paladino, as detrimental to the education and self image of our students, and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Buffalo Teachers Federation will seek NYSUT's legal and other necessary assistance to have Board member Carl Paladino removed from the Buffalo Board of Education.

**RECOMMENDED:** Philip Rumore, President

**MOVED:** Edith LeWin, Vice President      **SECOND:** Rebecca Pordum, Treasurer

**PASSED BY THE BUFFALO TEACHERS FEDERATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**