

Wednesday, July 16, 2008

NASD School Board News

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**The North Allegheny School District
Board of School Directors
met tonight at 7:30 PM for a Combined Work Session/Regular Meeting
in the CAO Board Room.**

- All Board members were in attendance, with the exception of Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Hubert, Mrs. Ludwig, and Mr. Pagone. In addition, Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Patricia Green; District Solicitor, Mr. Maiello; the Superintendent's Executive Council; and Mr. Hamm, student representative, were present. Ms. Katherine Jenkins, Assistant Principal of CMS, was also in attendance.



**NORTH ALLEGHENY BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
BOARD MEETING
JULY 16, 2008**

AGENDA

- 7:30 WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING**
- Community Relations
 - Speakers (Agenda Items)
 - Review of Board Folder
 - Voting Items
 - Speakers (Non-agenda Items)
- 9:00 EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Following the opening of the meeting, Mrs. Bishop welcomed Dr. Miller to his first Board Meeting in the capacity of Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum.

There were no speakers who came forward to address the Board on voting items.

Mrs. Bishop then requested the Board's indulgence in taking one voting item out of the usual order. She deferred to the Superintendent, asking Dr. Green to introduce this special item. Dr. Green read the following voting item, making note that it was her great pleasure to present Mrs. Jenkins for this position.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT ADDENDUM

I. PRINCIPAL – CARSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

The Board approved the appointment of **Katherine M. Jenkins** to the position of Principal, Carson Middle School, at an annual salary of \$98,000, effective July 17, 2008. The salary will be adjusted annually in accordance with the Administrative Compensation and Performance Plan.

Ms. Jenkins has been employed by North Allegheny as the Assistant Principal of Carson Middle School since December of 2006. Prior to joining the North Allegheny Administrative Staff, she was employed by the Penn-Trafford School District, first as an Assistant Principal in the elementary, middle, and high school levels, and then as Principal of two elementary schools. She also served previously as a Middle School Assistant Principal in Seneca Valley and she taught sixth grade Language Arts in Hudson, Ohio. Ms. Jenkins has her B.A. and M.Ed. from the University of Akron and is currently completing her Superintendent Letter of Eligibility in the Educational Leadership Program at Gannon University. She is certified in English and as a Principal.

Following this action, the Board and the administration and those in the audience congratulated Mrs. Jenkins. Mrs. Bishop indicated her confidence that she will hear great things coming out of Carson under Mrs. Jenkins' leadership.

The Board then took the following actions on the remaining voting items:

CURRICULUM REPORT

I. NAI FALL PLAY – ANNE OF GREENE GABLES

The Board approved the NAI Fall Play, *Anne of Greene Gables*, to be presented in the NAI Auditorium on Wednesday, October 22, Thursday, October 23, and Saturday, October 25, 2008.

For Information

This play was reviewed by the NAI Play Selection Committee that is made up of staff, parents, and Board Members and was unanimously approved. The play will provide 35 students the opportunity to be cast members and another 15 students to serve as crew members.

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

I. STUDENT TEACHING REQUEST – SECONDARY EDUCATION

The following students have requested a student teaching assignment in the North Allegheny School District with Secondary Education during the 2008/2009 school year.

<u>STUDENT TEACHER</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>SUPERVISING TEACHER</u>
Andrew Guckert California University of PA	8/25 – 10/10/08	John Clark – MMS Technology Education
Gregory Slack California University of PA	10/13 – 12/5/08	John Clark – MMS Technology Education

FINANCIAL REPORT

I. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE APPROVAL LISTS

The Board approved various payable lists.

II. BUDGETARY TRANSFERS

The Board approved the following budgetary transfers within the framework of the 2007-08 General Fund Budget in accordance with the provision of Section 687 of the School Laws of Pennsylvania:

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
2800-500 Other Purchased Services Support Services-Central	2200-100 Salaries Support Svcs-Instructional Staff	\$ 160
1200-300 Purchased Prof & Tech Svcs Special Programs-Elem/Sec	1200-100 Salaries Special Programs-Elem/Sec	\$ 360

TOTAL TRANSFERS FOR THE MONTH: 520 PERCENT OF TOTAL BUDGET: 0.000%
TOTAL TRANSFERS YEAR TO DATE: 1,063,217 PERCENT OF TOTAL BUDGET: 0.965%

At the close of his report, Mr. Hopkins was asked to comment on the current status of the State budget. There was some discussion regarding the anticipated lack of action on the part of the Legislature to smooth out the anticipated 13% -14% spike in pension contributions that is predicted to be looming in the 2012-13 timeframe. The Board and Mr. Hopkins discussed the possibility of putting money aside in an attempt to prepare for this difficult challenge. This will be revisited in the fall.

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

I. RESIGNATIONS

The Board approved the following Resignations:

Marie Fechik	German, CMS/MMS Effective 6/25/08	Accepted Another Position
Judith Hoffman	Grade 6, MMS Effective 1/19/09 29 yrs. @ NA	Retirement

II. APPOINTMENTS

The Board approved the following Appointments:

Professional

Lindsey Battaglia	Business, NAI Effective 8/25/08 (replaces J. Pritchard)	Temp Prof Step 2 Col. E \$43,296
Dean Boronyak	Physical Education, IES Effective 8/25/08 (replaces C. Hickly)	Prof Contract Step 7 Col. E \$51,551
Nicole Cerqua	Spanish, CMS, IMS Effective 8/25/08 (replaces D. Johnson)	Temp Prof Step 8 Col. D \$51,679
Kendra Codol	Guidance, FES/IES Effective 8/25/08 for the 2008/2009 School Year Only (for J. Ross)	Sub Form Step 1 Col.E Sub-Rate \$29,717
Josh Krawchyk	Technology Education, CMS/MMS Effective 8/25/08 (replaces B. Wells)	Prof Contract Step 4 Col. E \$49,149
Jamie Matthews	Art, NASH Effective 8/25/08 (replaces R. Tenace)	Temp Prof Step 1 Col. E \$42,453
Dustin Mounts	Grade 5, IES Effective 8/25/08 (replaces S. Wize)	Temp Prof Step 4 Col. B \$47,953
Katherine Straka	Kindergarten, McKnight Effective 8/25/08 for the 2008/2009 School Year Only (for C. Gabriel)	Sub Form Step 2 Col.E Sub-Rate \$30,307

The Board approved the following as Elementary MAT Intern at a \$5,000 stipend/year for the 2008/2009 school year. The Board further approved the following as Substitute Teacher at \$75.00/day as needed:

Rose Friend

The Board approved the following as Secondary MAT Intern at a \$5,000 stipend/year for the 2008/2009 school year. The Board further approved the following as Substitute Teacher at \$75.00/day as needed:

JoAnn Yovetich

Confidential

Terry Craig	Human Resources/CAO Clerk(s) Effective 7/21/08	\$16,750 Prorated
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Betsy Howe	Human Resources/CAO Clerk(s) Effective 7/21/08	\$16,750 Prorated
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Paraprofessional

Barbara Gaertner	Transfer from Special Ed Asst., IMS To Computer Instruction Asst., CMS Effective 8/25/08	\$12.79/hr. Class II-B 7 Hours/Day 187 Days/Yr.
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Susan Laurent	From PT to FT Special Ed Asst., HES Effective 8/25/08	\$11.58/hr. Class II-C 7 Hours/Day 187 Days/Yr.
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Christine McDonald	Guidance Secretary, MMS Effective 8/11/08	\$12.85/hr. Class I-B 8 Hours/Day 216 Days/Yr.
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Catherine Scalamogna	From PT to FT Special Ed Asst., HES Effective 8/25/08	\$11.58/hr. Class II-C 7 Hours/Day 187 Days/Yr.
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The Board approved the following as substitute/clerical aide at \$7.50/hr. as needed, effective July 1, 2008:

Debra Hulett

III. WAGE STATUS CHANGE

The Board approved the following adjustment to previously approved 2008/2009 Confidential Salary:

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Colleen Casey	\$77,500	\$77,940

The Board approved a change from the day-to-day substitute rate to \$149.47 for Pam Ross, long term sub for Doug Johnson, Teacher, CMS/IMS. The effective date for this change is May 28, 2008.

IV. CHILD REARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The Board approved the following adjustment to previously approved Child Rearing Leave of Absence:

		<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Debra Goehring	Last Day of Work:	6/9/08	6/9/08
	Unpaid Leave:	8/25/08-11/14/08	10/14/08-10/24/08

V. HONORARIA

The Board approved the following Honoraria Applications:

		<u>Submitted</u>	
George DeAugustino	Impact Parent Orientation	6/24/08	\$ 200.00
Louis Meyer	“ “	6/24/08	\$ 200.00
Christopher Omasits	“ “	6/24/08	\$ 200.00
Anita Ritenour	“ “	6/24/08	\$ 200.00
Diana Rittman	“ “	6/24/08	\$ 200.00
Deborah Sagan	“ “	6/24/08	\$ 200.00
Renee Trice	“ “	6/24/08	\$ 200.00
Louise Baker	Library Summer Work	7/08/08	\$ 850.00
James Bernardo	“ “	7/08/08	\$ 850.00
Mary Bethune	“ “	7/08/08	\$ 850.00
Lynne Burk	“ “	7/08/08	\$ 850.00
Kristin Falkner	“ “	7/08/08	\$ 850.00
Mimi Flaherty	“ “	7/08/08	\$ 850.00
Margaret Foster	“ “	7/08/08	\$ 850.00
Mary McMahan	“ “	7/08/08	\$ 850.00

Rita Martin	“	“	7/08/08	\$ 850.00
Joanne Muchoney	“	“	7/08/08	\$ 850.00
James Joseph Prince	“	“	7/08/08	\$ 400.00
Linda Rosenbaum	“	“	7/08/08	\$ 850.00
Barbara Schmid	“	“	7/08/08	\$ 850.00
Tina Tomczak	“	“	7/08/08	\$ 850.00
Jody Williams	“	“	7/08/08	\$ 850.00

TOTAL HONORARIA 2008/2009 EXPENDITURES THRU 07/16/08 \$13,700.00

VI. SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

The Board approved the attached Supplemental Contracts:

- * Not a District Employee.
- ¹ First Time Supplemental Contract Holder in this position.
- (s) One contract shared by more than one person.

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT ADDENDUM

I. APPOINTMENTS

The Board approved the following Appointments:

Professional

Bruce Allen III	PT Biology, NASH Effective 8/25/08	Temp Prof Step 1 Col. A \$33,522
Zachary Hull	Transfer from PT to FT English, CMS (replaces L. Modic)	Temp Prof Step 2 Col. A \$42,140
Diane Kriznik	Family & Consumer Science, IMS Effective 8/25/08	Temp Prof Step 2 Col. A \$42,140

Christine Walters

English, NASH
Effective 8/25/08

Temp Prof
Step 3
Col. E
\$48,370

II. CHILD REARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE – KAREN URSCHLER

The Board approved an unpaid Child Rearing Leave of Absence for Karen Urschler, Teacher, NASH, effective for the 2008/2009 school year.

PROPERTY AND SUPPLIES REPORT

I. MSA SPORTS NETWORK AGREEMENT

The Board approved the MSA Sports Network Agreement to provide Internet broadcasting services of selected District athletic events for the 2008-2009 school year.

This agreement commences on August 31, 2008 and terminates on June 30, 2009. The cost to the District is \$3,000.00 per year.

The contract has been reviewed and approved by the Solicitor. The contract will be attached to the Official Minutes.

II. UPMC TRAINERS CONTRACT

The Board approved a three year contract with UPMC to provide certified athletic training services to the North Allegheny School District for the 2008-09, 2009-10, and 2010-11 school years. The contract will provide four full-time certified athletic trainers to provide coverage for students at CMS, IMS, MMS, NAI, and NASH. The contract is effective August 1, 2008. The cost of the service is as follows:

2008-09	\$30,000
2009-10	\$35,000
2010-11	\$36,000

The contract has been reviewed and approved by the Solicitor. The contract will be attached to the Official Minutes.

III. COMMUNICATIONS CONSULTING INCORPORATED CONTRACT

The Board approved the Communications Consulting Incorporated (CCI) contract to provide network and telephone system services for the North Allegheny School District. This agreement commences on July 16, 2008 and terminates on June 30, 2009. The cost to the District is \$18,500.

This agreement is contingent upon execution of a contract acceptable to the Solicitor.

IV. VICTORY SECURITY SERVICE AGREEMENT

The Board approved the Service Agreement between Victory Security Agency and the North Allegheny School District for bomb search dogs. The cost is \$4,000.00 for the yearly retainer.

For Information

The yearly retainer includes two searches per year. Subsequent searches will cost \$1,000.00 per occurrence.

V. DONATION OF SCOREBOARD - NAI

The Board approved the donation and the installation of a new LED 6' x 8' scoreboard for the gym by the North Allegheny Basketball Association at NAI. The value of this donation is \$6,500.

For Information

The costs for the purchase and the installation of the power for the auxiliary scoreboard will be funded by the District. The completed Disclaimer Release for this donation will be attached to the Official Minutes.

VI. CHANGE ORDERS

The Board approved the following change orders to the construction contracts for the following school projects.

The complete change order document is attached to the Official Minutes.

Peebles Elementary Roof Replacement

Number	Description	Contract	Amount
RC-01	Increase soffit metal thickness from .019" to .032" to match existing soffit.	Alex Roofing	\$4,303.55

NAI – Locker Replacement – Phase I

Number	Description	Contract	Amount
LC-01	Replace an additional 50 lockers.	Delany & Associates	\$8,882.50
LC-02	Provide built in locks for all new lockers.	Delany & Associates	\$2,661.15

**PROPERTY AND SUPPLIES REPORT
ADDENDUM**

I. SUBMISSION OF PDE FORM 3074(b) FOR EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO THE WATER DAMAGE AT FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The Board approved submission of form PDE-3074(b), SELF CERTIFICATION APPLICATION FOR NON-REIMBURSABLE WORK NOT SUBJECT TO ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS, to the Pennsylvania Department of Education for the emergency repairs to the water damage at Franklin Elementary School, if the insurance companies do not proceed with authorizing this work by July 23, 2008.

For Information

This form must be completed by the District and submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Education by the District for their review and approval as an emergency non-reimbursable project that may be done by the District. If the District is required to undertake this work, we submit all costs to the appropriate insurance company for reimbursement. The completed form will be attached to the Official Minutes.

SPECIAL EDUCATION AND PUPIL SERVICES REPORT

I. AGREEMENT BETWEEN NORTH ALLEGHENY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE ALLEGHENY INTERMEDIATE UNIT

The Board approved the agreement between the North Allegheny School District and the Allegheny Intermediate Unit to provide travel instruction services at the rate of \$80.00 per hour for the first 25 hours, and at the rate of \$60.00 per hour for all additional hours. This agreement is in effect for the period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

II. AGREEMENT BETWEEN NORTH ALLEGHENY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND MARS HOME FOR YOUTH

The Board approved the educational services agreement for the continuation of services provided by the Mars Home for Youth/Longmore Academy for the school year 2008/2009. The price per desk for the year is \$11,700.00 and we are requesting the purchase of three (3) desks.

III. VOCATIONAL TRAINING SERVICES – WESTERN PSYCHIATRIC INSTITUTE AND CLINIC OF UPMC PRESBYTERIAN SHADYSIDE

The Board approved vocational training services provided by the Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic of UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside (WPIC). This service will provide vocational training through students' IEPs under IDEA and Chapter 14 of the Department of Education Regulations. The rate for this service is not to exceed \$20.00/hour.

IV. SCHOOL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ASSOCIATED OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS, INC.

The Board approved the Agreement between Associated Occupational Therapists, Inc. and the North Allegheny School District for the 2008/2009 school year.

V. EARLY ENTRANCE TO KINDERGARTEN

The Board approved the following students who have been tested and met the North Allegheny School District criteria for early entrance to kindergarten for the 2008-2009 school year.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthdate</u>	<u>Home School</u>
Michael Delucia	09/10/03	McKnight Elementary
Nina Georgieva	09/04/03	McKnight Elementary
Colin Jimerson	09/02/03	Ingomar Elementary
Rafel Yurkovetsky	09/20/03	Bradford Woods

VI. EARLY ENTRANCE TO FIRST GRADE

The Board approved the following student who has been tested and met the North Allegheny School District criteria for early entrance to first grade for the 2008-2009 school year.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthdate</u>	<u>Home School</u>
Elianna Seaman	09/18/02	Franklin Elementary

**SPECIAL EDUCATION AND PUPIL SERVICES REPORT
ADDENDUM**

I. RESOLUTION OF DUE PROCESS HEARING DECISION

The Board approved the Agreement and Release implementing the decision of the Special Education Hearing Officer with regard to Student #210857, and authorization for Administration to take all steps in accordance therewith.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

I. PSBA VOTING DELEGATES – 2008 LEGISLATIVE POLICY COUNCIL MEETING

The Board approved that the following Board Members be appointed as North Allegheny's Voting Delegates to the PSBA Legislative Policy Council Meeting in Hershey, PA on Thursday, October 16, 2008. Names must be submitted by July 30, 2008 to PSBA. All delegates will debate and vote on items to be included in the Association's 2009 Legislative Platform.

The voting delegates from North Allegheny are:

- Linda Bishop
- Maureen Grosheider
- Beth Ludwig

All of the remaining Board members were elected as alternates.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

I. PROFESSIONAL SEMINAR REQUESTS

The Board approved the following professional seminar requests:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Conference</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
David Woten	Pennsylvania Governor's School For Teaching Sponsor: Millersville University Millersville, PA	7/11 – 7/12/2008	\$ 444.77

Rebecca LaManna Karen Sanguigni	K-3 Reading Apprenticeship Model Sponsor: AIU Homestead, PA	8/4-11/08, 8/11-15/08, 9/22-26/08, 10/23/08, 11/7/08, 3/6/09, 4/6/09, 5/6-8/09	\$ 6,670.00* \$ 6,670.00*
Sandra Stein	Language! 3E Days 1-3 Initial Training Sponsor: Sopris West Publishing Company Cuyahoga Falls, OH	8/11 – 8/13/2008	\$ 793.61**

* Accountability Block Grant

** Access Funds

A.W. BEATTIE CAREER CENTER BOARD

Mr. Schwartzmier reported. There will be a meeting next Thursday to select the Construction Manager and determine some other contract issues.

NA FOUNDATION

Dr. Green reported that this group will not meet again until September. There is some work being done relative to the Foundation website.

NA HALL OF FAME

Mr. Schwartzmier reported. There was a meeting on July 2. The banquet is on Thursday, October 2 at the Chadwick. One of the awardees will be surprised on the evening of the event because he is not aware that he is being honored.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Mr. Shuckrow offered the following legislative update:

I. The General Assembly passed House Bill 1067, now Act 61 of 2008 which is an omnibus revision to the School Code. This is an extensive Act and the following are some of the highlights:

- A. Anti-Bullying Policies. Each district must enact or amend its anti-bullying policy and incorporate it into its student code of conduct on or before January 1, 2009. The act contains specific details that are required of the policy. The definition of bullying includes electronic communications. Districts are not prohibited from defining bullying in a way as to encompass acts that occur outside the school setting if it is: directed at another student or students, severe, persistent or pervasive, and substantially interferes with a student's education, creates a

threatening environment or substantially disrupts the orderly operation of the school.

- B. GCA's. No regulation to implement the GCA's will be able to be "further promulgated, approved or proposed" in the 2008-2009 fiscal year. This is clearly a compromise by the legislators because the prohibition during 2008-2009 will not stop the GCA's from happening. Moreover, the regulatory review process has not been halted. It is clear though that the advocacy of school districts has gained the attention of the General Assembly.
- C. Twins. Parents will have greater discretion to require districts to place twin (or other multiples such as triplets) siblings together in the same or separate classrooms. The parents' wishes will control unless the Principal, after discussing it with the administration, determine that an alternate placement (other than what the parents would like) is necessary.
- D. Virtual High School Study Commission. The Legislature has created a "Virtual High School Study Commission" that will "examine the feasibility and costs associated with creating a state-operated, internet-based high school, which would provide secondary students throughout this Commonwealth with access to a wide range of learning services . . ." The Commission will consist of 31 specifically designated members from varying constituencies. Their report is due to the Governor and General Assembly by December 31, 2009.
- E. Mandate Waiver Program. The Department of Education is to establish a task force to investigate the impact on taxpayers of mandate waivers granted for school construction projects. This task force must present their report to the Governor and the General Assembly within 6 months.
- F. Criminal Background Checks for Employees of Contractors. Districts are now required to collect criminal history of employees of a contractor prior to employment with the District.
- G. Funding—Adequacy. The Act contains provisions for implementation of the funding formula used for the "costing out study" wherein school districts that have not been (according to the costing out study) adequately funding their schools will receive a subsidy. The Act states that "it is the goal of this Commonwealth to review and meet state funding targets by fiscal year 2013-1014."

II. Earned Income Tax Collection. In SB 1063 (now Act 32 of 2008), Allegheny County will have four sub-districts, each of which will have its own structure to collect earned income taxes and to remit the funds to the various districts and municipalities. This will replace the current system whereby each municipality has its own collector. This system must go into

effect by 2012. The subdistricts will be announced in January 2009. This legislation is lengthy and complex and will be difficult to implement.

III. SB 1247 has been approved by the House and Senate. This bill would amend the Fourth-to Eighth-Class County Assessment Law to restrict the authority of municipalities and school districts to seek assessment appeals. Local taxing authorities may appeal only when there is a countywide reassessment, when a property is subdivided and sold and when improvements are made or removed from real property. This would not apply in Allegheny County, which is a Second Class County.

There were no speakers who came forward to address the Board at the close of the meeting.

The Board met in Executive Session following this meeting to discuss property-related issues and contract negotiations.

The next meeting of the NA Board of School Directors is scheduled for August 20, 2008, and will be held in the Board Room at CAO.

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Display copies of Board Books are available at each building and department office. Copies of the complete Board Report folder are available through the Board secretary's office, as well as copies of the various reports presented.

For information about the Board meeting schedule, please refer to the NA website www.northallegheny.org.

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This update is provided by the Director of Communications and Public Relations immediately following the actual meeting.

For a copy of the Official Minutes of the meeting, please contact the North Allegheny School Board Secretary, Rose Mary Ryan, at 412/369-5437 or rryan@northallegheny.org.