

Wednesday, August 19, 2009

NASD School Board News

◆ ◆ ◆ an E-report for all NASD employees

**The North Allegheny School District
Board of School Directors
met tonight at 7:00 PM for a Special Meeting/Work Session
in the CAO Board Room.**

- **All Board members were in attendance, with the exception of Mr. Cunningham. In addition, Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Patricia Green; District Solicitor, Mr. Maiello; the Superintendent's Executive Council; and Mrs. Ryan were in attendance.**



AGENDA

- 7:00 SPECIAL MEETING/WORK SESSION**
- **Community Relations**
 - **Update on Summer Construction Projects**
 - **Speakers (Agenda Items)**
 - **Voting Items**
 - **Review of Board Folder**
 - **Speakers (Non-agenda Items)**

After reviewing the Board calendar and asking if there were any speakers who wished to address the Board, Mrs. Grosheider introduced the first report of the 2009-2010 year.

SPEAKERS- Community Relations

There were no residents who came forward to address the Board.

Construction Update

As an introduction, Mr. Rob Gaertner, Director of Facilities, thanked the Board for approving the significant number of projects from the Capital Funding Plan that were addressed this summer. The total value of construction contracts that were awarded toward the ongoing maintenance of District facilities was \$1,735,897.

These projects were included:

- Roof Replacement at IES
- Replacement of the Freezer and Reconfiguration of the Loading Dock at NAI
- Installation of Lights for the Baseball and Softball Fields at NASH
- Paving and Sidewalk Replacement at NAI
- Paving Replacement at MMS
- Replacement of the Carpeting at NASH
- Installation of Exterior Cameras at MMS and IMS
- Installation of Exterior Door Numbers at CMS/CAO, IMS, FES, HES, IES, MES, McK, and PES
- Concrete Sidewalk and Curb Repairs at FES, HES, IES, McK, CMS, and Newman Stadium
- Driveway and Parking Lot Repairs at FES, HES, IES, McK and Transportation

Mrs. Grosheider noted on behalf of the Board that the Facilities Department has been working very diligently over the summer and thanked Mr. Gaertner and his staff for their fine work. She and Mr. Schwartzmier toured some of the sites recently and were pleased with the progress they saw.

Dr. Green shared comments she received from neighbors of BWE who were pleased and appreciative of the way in which the paving project was handled there this summer. Dr. Green commended Mr. Gaertner and Mr. Botti for ensuring that the District was considerate of the neighbors throughout that project.

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SPEAKERS – Voting Items

There were no residents who came forward to address the Board.

The Board took the following action on these items in the monthly Board folder.

CURRICULUM REPORT

I. TITLE I THIRD PARTY CONTRACTED SERVICES – NORTH ALLEGHENY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE ALLEGHENY INTERMEDIATE UNIT

The Board approved the Letter of Agreement between North Allegheny School District and the Allegheny Intermediate Unit to provide remedial reading services to students who are residents of North Allegheny School District and attend non-public schools in the Diocese of Pittsburgh. This contract will fulfill the District’s responsibility for non-public participation in Title I for the 2009-2010 school year.

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

I. STUDENT TEACHING REQUEST – ELEMENTARY - RESCINDED

The following student teacher who was assigned in the District at the June 24, 2009 School Board meeting has rescinded her placement due to a change of plans.

<u>STUDENT TEACHER</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>SUPERVISING TEACHER</u>
Lory Zegarelli Indiana University	8/31/09 – 10/23/09	Deborah Devine – MCK Art

FINANCIAL REPORT

I. TUITION RATES – 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR

The tuition rates for the 2009-2010 school year are listed below.

Kindergarten	\$ 5,031
Elementary	\$10,061
Secondary	\$10,523

TRANSPORTATION REPORT

I. TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT – MAYEMBE

The Board approved the agreement between Mr. and Mrs. Mayembe and the North Allegheny School District for transportation of their child to Wesley Spectrum Services located in Gibsonia. The agreement provides a reimbursement to Mr. and Mrs. Mayembe for a daily mileage allowance based on the current IRS mileage reimbursement rate.

This agreement commences on August 27, 2009 and expires on June 30, 2010. The agreement has been reviewed and approved by the Solicitor.

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

I. RESIGNATIONS

The Board approved the following Resignations:

Elizabeth Braman	Spanish, NAI Effective 8/1/09	Accepted Another Position
Katherine Gladish	Bus Driver, Transportation Effective 5/18/09 21 yrs. @ NA	Retirement
Amy Palaski	Chemistry, NASH Long-Term Substitute 8/24/09	Accepted Another Position

II. APPOINTMENTS

The Board approved the following Appointments:

Professional

Lisa Allen	School Nurse, IES/MES Effective 8/24/09 (Replaces C. Nelson)	Temp Prof Step 9 Col. B \$52,454
Matthew Babusci	Grade 3, MES Effective 8/24/09 (Replaces J. Logsdon)	Temp Prof Step 2 Col. A \$42,446
Lauren Battaglia	PT Math, NAI Effective 8/24/09 for the 2009/2010 School Year Only (For J. Dulemba)	Substitute Step 1 Col. A \$18,197
Rachel Belz	Grade 1, MCK Effective 8/24/09 for the 2009/2010 School Year Only (For K. Wagner)	Substitute Step 3 Col. A \$33,174
Michelle Buettner	School Counselor, NASH Effective 8/24/09 through the	Substitute Step 1

	1 st Semester of the 2009/2010 School Year Only (For M. Floro)	Col. E \$29,927
Matthew Butler	Special Education, NAI Effective 8/24/09 (Replaces D. Brinkley)	Temp Prof Step 3 Col. A \$47,392
Meghan Cantella	From PT Kindergarten to PT Goal, BWE Effective 8/24/09 (Replaces M. Begley)	Professional Step 10 Col. E \$44,320
Nicole Carter	Math, NASH Effective 8/24/09 for the 2009/2010 School Year Only (For L. Weet)	Substitute Step 1 Col. A \$29,134
Judith Catanzaro	Reading and Social Studies, MMS Effective 8/24/09 (Replaces B. Hutchinson)	Temp Prof Step 2 Col. A \$42,446
Amy Caloiero	Speech Pathologist, CMS/MMS Effective 8/24/09 (Replaces S. Panza)	Professional Step 6 Col. E \$51,238
Stephanie Conrad	Grade 3, HES Effective 8/24/09 for the 2009/2010 School Year Only	Substitute Step 1 Col. E \$29,927
Meghan Coughlin	PT Kindergarten, BWE Effective 8/24/09	Temp Prof Step 3 Col. E \$25,930
Dorothy Dodd	Grade 5, IES Effective 8/24/09 for the 2009/2010 School Year Only	Substitute Step 1 Col. A \$29,134
Mary Mickelsen	Spanish, NAI Effective 8/24/09	Temp Prof Step 1

	(Replaces E. Braman)	Col. A \$41,620
Tami Dixon	Grade 6, MMS Effective 8/24/09 (For E. Jani)	Substitute Step 2 Col. A \$29,712
Melissa Gallo, Ph.D.	Biology, NAI Effective 8/24/09 through the 1 st Semester of the 2009/2010 School Year Only (For T. Scholtz)	Substitute Step 1 Col. I \$30,648 Prorated
Janet Gilson	Chemistry, NASH Effective 8/24/09 through the 1 st Semester of the 2009/2010 School Year Only (For K. Rosenwasser)	Substitute Step 1 Col. E \$29,927
Dean Kraniou	Grade 4, BWE Effective 8/24/09 for the 2009/2010 School Year Only	Substitute Step 1 Col. E \$29,927
Heath Lauster	Tech Ed, NAI Effective 8/24/09	Professional Step 5 Col. C \$49,483
James Prosenjak	Speech Pathologist, MES Effective 8/24/09 (Replaces D. Wygant)	Temp Prof Step 3 Col. E \$48,854
Debra Rusek	Learning Support, MCK Effective 8/24/09	Temp Prof Step 1 Col. A \$41,620
Allison Salvia	Reading/English/Science, CMS Effective 8/24/09 (Replaces B. Fontana)	Temp Prof Step 6 Col. E \$51,238
Kristin Snodgrass	Reading/English, CMS	Substitute

	Effective 8/24/09 through the 1 st Semester of the 2009/2010 School Year Only (For K. Oates)	Step 1 Col. A \$29,134 Prorated
Lindsay Thorwart	Grade 1, MCK Effective 8/24/09 (Replaces D. Stokes)	Temp Prof Step 3 Col. A \$47,392
James Volland	Learning Support, MES Effective 8/24/09	Temp Prof Step 1 Col. A \$41,620
Kevin Zebley	From PT to FT Tech Ed, NASH Effective 8/24/09 (Replaces A. Smith)	Temp Prof Step 2 Col. A \$43,077
Erica Zinsser	School Counselor, FES/IES Effective 8/24/09 for the 2009/2010 School Year Only (For K. Codol)	Substitute Step 1 Col. E \$29,927

Paraprofessional

Mary Lou Craig	Transfer from Special Education Assistant, NAI to Computer Instruction Assistant, NASH Effective 8/24/09 (Replaces J. Catanzaro)	\$17.55/hr. Class II-B 7 Hours/Day 187 Days/Yr.
Karen Figan	Transfer from Supervisory Assistant, IES to Special Education Assistant, HES/IES Effective 8/24/09	\$11.96/hr. Class II-C 7 Hours/Day 187 Days/Yr.
Mary Anne Foglio	Transfer from Special Education Assistant, MCK to Attendance Secretary, NASH Effective 8/24/09	\$16.03/hr. Class I-C 8 Hours/Day 190 Days/Yr.
Lisa Garr	Special Education Assistant, MES Effective 8/24/09	\$11.96/hr. Class II-C

	(Replaces R. Bradley)	7 Hours/Day 187 Days/Yr.
Mariah Slavin	Special Education Assistant, MCK Effective 8/24/09	\$11.96/hr. Class II-C 4 Hours/Day 187 Days/Yr.
Amy Steigerwald	Special Education Assistant, IES Effective 8/24/09	\$11.96/hr. Class II-C 7 Hours/Day 187 Days/Yr.
Susan Testa	Transfer from Attendance Secretary to Business Secretary, NASH Effective 8/17/09 (Replaces B. Woods)	\$17.63/hr. Class I-B 8 Hours/Day 260 Days/Yr.

The Board approved the following as substitute/clerical aides at \$7.50/hr. as needed, effective August 1, 2009:

Susan Brozick
Lauren Casey
Valerie Clinger
Sarah Ditka
Susan McElhinny
Lynn Pusateri
Shelly Sisk
Annette Udanis

Classified

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TYPE OF WORK</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>START DATE</u>
Andrew Koval	From PT Custodian to Utility Custodian, CMS	\$11.76/hr.	8/10/09

III. WAGE STATUS CHANGE

The Board approved the following adjustments to previously approved Professional Appointments:

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Brandy Hugus	\$47,923 (3C)	\$48,190 (3D)	8/24/09

Tricia Siliano	\$55,435 (11E)	\$56,334 (12E)	8/24/09
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The Board approved wage increases for the following Paraprofessional Employees (these increases are based on anniversary date of hire):

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Kathryn Marik	\$15.34/hr.	\$18.05/hr.	9/6/09
Mary Newham	\$13.54/hr.	\$15.34/hr.	9/10/09

The Board approved wage changes for the following Transportation Department Employees:

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Valerie Guiden*	\$17.18/hr.	\$18.70/hr.	7/1/09
Deborah Stelmach*	\$17.18/hr.	\$18.70/hr.	7/1/09
Kevin Yates	\$14.01/hr.	\$14.36/hr.	7/1/09

*Anniversary Date increase

IV. EXTENSION OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE – KENNETH KALB

The Board approved an extension of an unpaid Leave of Absence for Kenneth Kalb, Garage Mechanic, Transportation Department, effective from July 31, 2009 through August 14, 2009.

V. PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEE SALARIES

The Board approved the attached listing of salaries for professional employees in accordance with provisions of the contract and approved salary schedules.

SPECIAL EDUCATION AND PUPIL SERVICES REPORT

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

The Board approved the Letter of 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, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

II. AGREEMENT BETWEEN NORTH ALLEGHENY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND WESLEY SPECTRUM ACADEMY

The Board approved the Services Agreement between the North Allegheny School District and Wesley Spectrum Academy for three students to attend the private therapeutic academic program. This Agreement is for the 2009/2010 school year and the tuition is \$21,740 per student for a full academic year.

III. AGREEMENT BETWEEN NORTH ALLEGHENY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND WATSON INSTITUTE

The Board approved the Letter of Agreement between the North Allegheny School District and the Watson Institute for one student to attend the Watson Institute School-based Cyber Academy (WISCA) program for the 2009/2010 school year. Tuition for the program is \$35,000 per student for a full academic year.

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

I. SCHOOL COUNSELING DEPARTMENT PRACTICUM REQUEST

The following student has requested a School Counseling Practicum in the North Allegheny School District for the first semester of the 2009/2010 school year.

<u>Practicum Student</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Counseling Supervisor</u>
Cara Kelly Slippery Rock University	8/24/09 – 12/23/09	Gail Daniels Marshall Elementary School School Counseling Department

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

I. FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT

The following Foreign Exchange Student will be attending North Allegheny Senior High School for the 2009/2010 school year and residing with the host family listed below, who are residents of the North Allegheny School District.

Gudridur Johannsdottir, from Iceland, Grade 12, will be residing with Mr. and Mrs. Hal Davis of Wexford, PA.

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Upon the conclusion of the Special Meeting, the Board moved on to the review of the Board folder items that they will vote on next week. Since the folder is small, the discussion was brief.

Mrs. Grosheider asked if there were any additional issues the Board would like to discuss. These topics came up:

Keystone Exams – Mr. Shuckrow asked the group if they feel there is any additional action that the Board should take to demonstrate opposition to the Keystone Exams. Mrs. Grosheider indicated that she feels that there is still an opportunity to defeat this movement and the Board should move forward with some action. Others agreed. Various strategies were discussed, including ways to collaborate with local Districts in this effort. Mr. Shuckrow will coordinate this project.

Mrs. Ludwig mentioned that she saw the **mural painted in the gym at NAI** by Dave Hawbaker. Mr. Hawbaker is widely known for his skill in designing and painting murals and she encouraged the Board to stop by and see the beautiful results of his efforts in the gym at NAI.

SPEAKERS – non-agenda items

There were no residents who came forward to address the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 PM.

The Board did not meet in Executive Session tonight.

**The next meeting of the NA Board of School Directors
is scheduled for August 26, 2009,
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 and minutes 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 <http://www.northallegheny.org/>.*

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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.