

Wednesday, April 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 their Work Session Meeting
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. Brungo; the Superintendent's Executive Council; Mr. Hopkins; Mr. Botti; Mr. Gaertner; Mrs. Ryan; and Ms. Czerniewski and Mr. Hackett were in attendance.



AGENDA

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| 7:00 | DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS |
| 7:30 | WORK SESSION |
| | - Community Relations |
| | - Review of Board Folder |
| | - Speakers |
| 9:00 | EXECUTIVE SESSION |

Prior to the Board meeting, the Board presented Distinguished Achievement Awards to students who recently won honors on a state or national level. A summary of this ceremony will be posted as a link on the School Board website.

After the ceremony, the Board took a short break to congratulate the award winners.

Mrs. Bishop convened the meeting, proceeded with the Pledge of Allegiance and conducted a moment of silence in honor of Mr. Doug Johnson, who passed away recently. Mr. Johnson was a faculty member for more than 23 years and was also the current NA Band Patrons President.

Mrs. Bishop also pointed out that prior to the May 21st Board Meeting, another DAA Ceremony will be held. Due to the large number of students and staff members who will be recognized that evening, the DAA Ceremony will be held in the Carson Middle School Auditorium.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

One resident came forward to speak to the Board and the community:

- Mr. George Muhlberg addressed the PSSA scores of 11th graders as reported in the recent *Your Schools* publication mailed to all residents. He felt the math scores were disappointing. He also wanted to know if the NA Board is considering the kind of tax credits for seniors who volunteer in the district that a local paper reported will be considered by the Pine-Richland School District.

Mrs. Bishop recognized Dr. Valerie McDonald, Superintendent of Avonworth School District and Superintendent of Record of A.W. Beattie Career and Technical School, who is also an NASD resident and was in attendance at this meeting.

She also welcomed Dr. Bill Stropkaj to his first Board meeting in an official district capacity.

REVIEW OF BOARD FOLDER

The Board reviewed the items on which they will vote next week. There was some discussion as they prepared themselves to make decisions on the important issues presented in the April Board folder.

Of note, the Board and Dr. Green paused over the announcement in the Human Resources Report of Dr. Alice Hirsch's retirement. Dr. Hirsch's tremendous contributions in the area of curriculum development were acknowledged and her vision and leadership lauded. Dr. Green reiterated on behalf of all that Dr. Hirsch will be significantly missed as a part of the Administrative team.

In a further review of the Human Resources Report, it was noted that there are also a number of faculty members retiring who have invested a large number of years in the North Allegheny School District. In particular, Mrs. Kathy Coll with 34 years and Mr. Eugene Modic with 38 years were mentioned by Board members who fondly remember being students in their classes.

Lisa Czerniewski announced that just yesterday the news was received at NASH that the NASH Student Council was awarded the National Student Council of Excellence Award. This is a tremendous honor and a rigorous qualification process was involved.

She also reported that the Band, Chorus and Orchestra groups that recently traveled to Disney World to perform and participate in adjudications had a very successful trip. Many superior ratings were received and the performances were very well received. Mrs. Bishop, who traveled with the group as a chaperone, reinforced Lisa's comments and shared that the students were extremely well-behaved.

Dr. Green reviewed her Good News Report, the details of which will be included in next week's E-report. Dr. Green also recognized the fact that four members of the Board presented at the National School Boards Association Conference in Orlando. She congratulated Mrs. Bishop, Mrs. Boujoukos, Mrs. Grosheider and Mrs. Ludwig for their participation in this national event. Each of the women shared a little about the conference and why they felt it was a valuable professional development experience. They thanked the District for the opportunity to attend and they brought back some resource materials to pass along to administrators.

There is also a first reading of the revision of Board Policy #2520 – NASD Grievance Procedure for Processing Section 504 and ADA Complaints in the Superintendent's Report. Action will be requested on this at the meeting on May 28.

SPEAKERS

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 PM.

Following this meeting the Board met in Executive Session on a matter of litigation.

**The next meeting of the NA Board of School Directors
is scheduled for April 23, 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 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/>.*

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

For a copy of the Official Minutes of the meeting,
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