

Wednesday, April 23, 2008

## NASD School Board News

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◆ ◆ ◆ an E-report for all NASD employees

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

- All Board members were in attendance, with the exception of Mr. Pagone. 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.



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| <b>7:30</b> | <b>REGULAR MEETING</b>               |
|             | <b>- Speakers (Agenda Items)</b>     |
|             | <b>- Voting Items</b>                |
|             | <b>- Speakers (Non-agenda Items)</b> |
| <b>9:00</b> | <b>EXECUTIVE SESSION</b>             |

**Prior to the meeting, the Board met in Executive Session to interview an administrative candidate.**

**After she called the meeting to order,** Mrs. Bishop took a moment to recognize **Mrs. Rose Mary Ryan**, the School Board Secretary, on Administrative Assistant's Day, for the excellent work that she does on behalf of the Board on every day. Mrs. Bishop also acknowledged that April 25 will be Staff Appreciation Day across the District and extended her thanks to all the staff on behalf of the entire Board for the work done by all employees.

### **SPEAKERS**

There were no residents who came forward at this time to address the Board on voting items.

Mrs. Bishop asked the Board's indulgence in taking the following item out of order tonight:

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

### **ADDENDUM**

#### **I. PRINCIPAL – FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

The Board appointed Mr. Jeffrey Anderchak to the position of Principal, Franklin Elementary, at an annual salary of \$91,500, prorated due to date of appointment. The salary shall be adjusted annually as directed by the Administrative Compensation and Performance Plan. The effective date of his appointment will be determined upon release by present employer.

Mr. Anderchak had been employed by North Allegheny for almost three years as the Assistant Principal of McKnight Elementary, until late February of this year when he left to assume the position of Principal of Ross Elementary in the North Hills School District. Prior to his North Allegheny employment, Mr. Anderchak was a third grade and Head Teacher in the Quaker Valley School District for seven years. He holds his BS degree in Elementary Education from Penn State University and his MS in Administrative and Policy Studies from the University of Pittsburgh. He is certified in Elementary Education and as a K-12 Principal.

**The Board then took action on the following items in the monthly Board folder:**

## **CURRICULUM REPORT**

### ***FOR INFORMATION ONLY***

#### **I. PROPOSED ADOPTION OF TEXTBOOK – SECONDARY**

The following textbooks will be on display in the Board Secretary's Office from April 23, until May 28, 2008. Board action will be requested at the May 28, 2008 Board Meeting.

## SCIENCE

*Earth Science – Geology, the Environment, and the Universe*, Glencoe –McGraw-Hill. Proposed for Grade 8, Earth/Space Science. Total of 675 books @ \$69.48 per book.

**For Information:**

The total cost of this purchase will be \$49,243.95 including shipping.

## **BUSINESS, COMPUTER AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

*Global Business*, South-Western Cengage Learning. Proposed for Grades 11 and 12, Honors International Business. Total of 90 books @ \$113.75 per book.

**For Information:**

The total cost of this purchase will be \$11,056.50 including shipping.

## **MATHEMATICS**

*High School Math – Algebra 2*, McDougal Littell (Houghton Mifflin.) Proposed for Grades 9 and 10, Algebra 2. Total of 500 books @ \$70.41 per book.

*Concepts and Skills Geometry*, McDougal Littell (Houghton Mifflin.) Proposed for Grades 9 and 10, Geometry. Total of 65 books @ \$68.25 per book.

*Trigonometry*, Pearson (Addison Wesley.) Proposed for Grades 11 and 12, Trigonometry. Total of 100 books @ \$91.97 per book.

*Advanced Mathematical Concepts*, Glencoe/McGraw-Hill. Proposed for Grades 11 and 12, Advanced Mathematical Concepts 3 and 4. Total of 580 books @ \$75.99 per book.

**For Information:**

The total cost of the Mathematics purchase will be \$99,405.136 including shipping.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

### **BOARD ACTION REQUESTED**

#### **I. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE APPROVAL LISTS**

The Board approved numerous Accounts Payable lists.

#### **I. BUDGETARY TRANSFERS**

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

| <u>FROM</u>   | <u>TO</u>   | <u>AMOUNT</u> |
|---|---|---------------|
| 2200-100 Salaries<br>Support Svcs – Instructional Staff | 3200-800 Other Objects<br>Operation of Non-Instructional Svcs | \$ 4,125      |

|                               |         |                         |        |
|-------------------------------|---------|-------------------------|--------|
| TOTAL TRANSFERS FOR THE MONTH | 4,125   | PERCENT OF TOTAL BUDGET | 0.004% |
| TOTAL TRANSFERS YEAR TO DATE  | 193,176 | PERCENT OF TOTAL BUDGET | 0.175% |

## **FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

### **I. STUDENT ACTIVITIES ACCOUNTS PAYABLE APPROVAL LISTS**

The Administration reports the following Student Activities expenditures for February 2008:

|    |                 |             |
|----|-----------------|-------------|
| A. | Carson Middle   | \$ 5,900.16 |
| B. | Ingomar Middle  | 12,322.70   |
| C. | Marshall Middle | 3,577.54    |
| D. | NA Intermediate | 19,009.59   |
| E. | NA Senior High  | 37,719.71   |
| F. | NA Athletic     | 27,820.66   |

## **TRANSPORTATION REPORT**

### **FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

#### **I. LOSS CLAIM INCIDENT**

The following accident has been reported:

On Monday March 10, 2008, Bus #12 was making a left turn onto Fairmont Church Road and misjudged the turn and scraped the hillside. There was one Ingomar Middle School student on board who was not injured. The bus had damage to the right front bumper and body corner. Repairs have been estimated at \$1,519.00.

## **HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT**

#### **I. RESIGNATIONS**

The Board approved the following Resignations:

|            |  |            |
|------------|--|------------|
| Kathy Coll | English Teacher, NAI<br>Effective 6/9/08<br>34 yrs. @ NA | Retirement |
|------------|--|------------|

|                     |   |                                 |
|---------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| Sue Diehm           | Special Ed Assistant, NASH<br>Effective 5/16/08                                     | Personal<br>Reasons             |
| Alice Hirsch        | Assistant Superintendent<br>for Curriculum, CAO<br>Effective 6/27/08<br>5 yrs. @ NA | Retirement                      |
| William Lorenz      | Bus Driver, Transportation<br>Effective 6/6/08<br>5 yrs. @ NA                       | Retirement                      |
| Eugene Modic        | Biology Teacher, NAI<br>Effective 6/9/08<br>38 yrs. @ NA                            | Retirement                      |
| Ruth Morris         | Math Teacher, IMS<br>Effective 6/9/08<br>15 yrs. @ NA                               | Retirement                      |
| Judy Pritchard      | Business Teacher, NAI<br>Effective 6/9/08<br>29-1/2 yrs. @ NA                       | Retirement                      |
| Karen Shultz        | Bus Driver, Transportation<br>Effective 8/15/08<br>22 yrs. @ NA                     | Retirement                      |
| Victoria Weismantle | Probationary Driver, Transportation<br>Effective 3/31/08                            | Accepted<br>Another<br>Position |

## I. APPOINTMENTS

The Board approved the following Appointments:

### **Classified**

| <b><u>NAME</u></b> | <b><u>TYPE OF WORK</u></b>                        | <b><u>SALARY</u></b> | <b><u>START DATE</u></b> |
|--------------------|---|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Earl Fugh          | From Full Time Driver<br>To Substitute Driver     | No Change            | 3/27/08                  |
| Edward O'Neill     | From Probationary Driver<br>To Extra Board Driver | No Change            | 4/01/08                  |
| Raymond Melnyk     | From Probationary Driver<br>To Extra Board Driver | No Change            | 4/02/08                  |

**I. WAGE STATUS CHANGE**

The Board approved a wage increase for the following Custodial Employee:

|                  |                  | <u>From</u> | <u>To</u>   | <u>Effective Date</u> |
|------------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| Ronald Carlisle* | Regular Lead/MMS | \$17.84/hr. | \$19.82/hr. | 5/14/08               |

\*Anniversary Increase

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE STIPENDS**

The Board approved stipends of \$500/month to the following Administrators for additional duties and responsibilities performed in the absence of their associate administrators:

|               | <u>Effective Dates</u>                  |
|---------------|---|
| Steve Parks   | February 17, 2008 through June 20, 2008 |
| James Bradley | March 10, 2008 through April 30, 2008   |

**I. LEAVES OF ABSENCE – KIM DOBSON, SHARON STAMPER**

The Board approved an unpaid Leave of Absence for Kim Dobson, Special Education Assistant, Hosack Elementary, effective March 25 through April 4, 2008.

The Board approved an unpaid Leave of Absence for Sharon Stamper, Special Ed Assistant, Marshall Middle School, effective May 5 through May 9, 2008.

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

|              | <u>From</u>    | <u>To</u>      |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| Karen Conway | 3/20/08-4/2/08 | 3/20/08-4/1/08 |

**I. CHILD REARING LEAVES OF ABSENCE ADJUSTMENTS**

The Board approved the following adjustments to previously approved Child Rearing Leaves of Absence:

|            | <u>From</u>                    | <u>To</u>                       |
|------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Erika Jani | Last Day of Work:<br>3/28/08   | Last Day of Work:<br>3/18/08    |
|            | Unpaid Leave:<br>5/6/08-6/9/08 | Unpaid Leave:<br>4/25/08-6/9/08 |

|                 |                   |                   |
|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Mary Beth Rieck | <u>From</u>       | <u>To</u>         |
|                 | Last Day of Work: | Last Day of Work: |
|                 | 2/18/08           | 2/18/08           |
|                 | Unpaid Leave:     | Unpaid Leave:     |
|                 | 2/25/08-5/30/08   | 2/25/08-3/14/08   |

**I. HONORARIA**

The Board approved the following Honoraria Applications:

|                             |                                       | <u>Submitted</u> |    |        |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|----|--------|
| *Jeffrey Kiser              | National Academic League Commissioner | 3/27/08          | \$ | 600.00 |
| <sup>1</sup> Patrick Niven  | Pittsburgh Regional Science Fair      | 4/01/08          | \$ | 250.00 |
| <sup>1</sup> Bernie Fontana | “ “                                   | 4/01/08          | \$ | 250.00 |
| <sup>1</sup> Joe Harvey     | “ “                                   | 4/01/08          | \$ | 250.00 |

**TOTAL HONORARIA 2007/2008 EXPENDITURES THRU 4/23/08 \$55,740.00**

<sup>1</sup> Work completed 4/4/08.

**I. SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS**

The Board approved the following Supplemental Contracts:

Pool Personnel

|                       |           |  |            |
|-----------------------|-----------|--|------------|
| *Ryan Allen           | Lifeguard |  | \$7.15/hr. |
| *Austen Ashworth      | “ “       |  | \$7.15/hr. |
| *Alysee Berry         | “ “       |  | \$7.15/hr. |
| *Kostya Borisor       | “ “       |  | \$7.15/hr. |
| *Jonathan Buerger     | “ “       |  | \$7.15/hr. |
| *Cameron Flayer       | “ “       |  | \$7.15/hr. |
| *Jen Graham           | “ “       |  | \$7.15/hr. |
| *Mary Krepp           | “ “       |  | \$7.15/hr. |
| *Lauren Maceikis      | “ “       |  | \$7.15/hr. |
| *Carl Makkar          | “ “       |  | \$7.15/hr. |
| *Christopher Scioscia | “ “       |  | \$7.15/hr. |
| *Elyse Stepnick       | “ “       |  | \$7.15/hr. |

The Board approved the following cancellations of previously approved Supplemental Contracts:

|                              |                           |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <sup>1</sup> *Omar Ayyash(s) | Assistant Forensics Coach |
| <sup>1</sup> *Brian Draa(s)  | Assistant Forensics Coach |

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

At the conclusion of the review and action related to the Human Resources Report, the Board again recognized those who are retiring this year with a round of applause, especially Dr. Alice Hirsch, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, who was present at the meeting. Dr. Hirsch was thanked for her fine work and dedication.

### **PROPERTY AND SUPPLIES REPORT**

**Prior to taking action on the items in the Report, the Board heard a presentation by Mr. Gaertner on the Franklin and Peebles Roof Replacement Project.**

Mr. Gaertner also informed the Board that the turf project for the Newman Stadium is currently on hold due to the fact that the bids that were received were not as anticipated. The RFP will be re-issued and the administration hopes to bring this back to the Board soon so that the work can be done this summer.

#### **I. REPLACE TURF AND REPAIR THE TRACK AT NEWMAN STADIUM**

The Board rejected the bids for the replacement of the turf and repairs to the track.

#### **II. FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY ROOF REPLACEMENT**

The Board accepted the bids from the following bidders as the lowest responsible bidders for the Replacement of the Roof at Franklin Elementary School.

|                              |   |               |
|------------------------------|---|---------------|
| Roofing Contractor           |   |               |
| Miller-Thomas-Gyekis, Inc    | - | \$ 374,515.00 |
|                              |   |               |
| Plumbing Contractor          |   |               |
| M&M Mechanical Systems, Inc. | - | \$ 29,415.00  |

#### **For Information**

This project was included in the 2008/09 Capital Funding Plan.

#### **I. PEEBLES ELEMENTARY ROOF REPLACEMENT**

The Board accepted the bids from the following bidders as the lowest responsible bidders for the Replacement of the Roof at Peebles Elementary School.

|   |   |               |
|---|---|---------------|
| Roofing Contractor:                     |   |               |
| Alex Roofing Construction Company, Inc. | - | \$ 538,000.00 |
| Plumbing Contractor:                    |   |               |
| Mongiovi & Son Plumbing L.P.            | - | \$ 21,800.00  |

**For Information**

This project was included in the 2008/09 Capital Funding Plan.

**I. SUBMISSION OF PDE FORM 3074(a) FOR REPLACEMENT OF THE ENERGY MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL SYSTEMS AT BRADFORD WOODS, MARSHALL ELEMENTARY AND MARSHALL MIDDLES SCHOOLS**

The Board approved submission of form PDE-3074(a), SELF CERTIFICATION APPLICATION FOR NON-REIMBURSABLE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT, SUBJECT TO ADVERTISING OR BIDDING REQUIREMENTS, to the Pennsylvania Department of Educations for the Replacement of the Energy Management and Control Systems at Bradford Woods, Marshall Elementary and Marshall Middle Schools.

**For Information**

This form must be completed by the District and submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Education by the District for its review and approval as a non-reimbursable project that is being done by the District.

The completed form will be attached to the Official Minutes.

**I. ALLEGHENY INTERMEDIATE UNIT DART PROGRAM LEASE AGREEMENT**

The Board accepted the Lease Agreements from the Allegheny Intermediate Unit (A.I.U.) to provide a classroom space at Bradford Woods and Peebles Elementary Schools for the DART Program from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. The A.I.U. agrees to compensate the District as indicated below for the use of this space.

| <b><u>School</u></b> | <b><u>Monthly Payment</u></b> |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Bradford Woods       | \$ 985.86                     |
| Peebles              | \$ 874.52                     |

**For Information**

The Allegheny Intermediate Unit has utilized Bradford Woods and Peebles Elementary Schools for this program for several years.

The complete agreements will be attached to the Official Minutes.

**I. NAI LOCKER REPLACEMENT CONSULTANT**

The Board accepted the proposal from Edward Meinert Architect with a cost of \$2,000 to prepare the necessary plans and specifications and provide the necessary construction

oversight services for the first phase of the replacement of the lockers at NAI. Any additional services shall be in accordance with the hourly rates that were submitted with the proposal.

**For Information**

The 2008/09 Capital Funding Plan included \$35,000 for the first phase of the replacement of the lockers at NAI.

**PROPERTY AND SUPPLIES REPORT  
ADDENDUM I**

**I. COMPUTER LEASE**

The Board approved a new lease-to-own agreement for computers. The new lease will be four (4) years in length and will contain 475 HP computers with 17” monitors, 138 HP laptop computers, and 12 MacBooks at a cost of \$138,785 per year. The computers will be financed through Laurel Capital Corporation. The new agreement will commence on July 1, 2008. There will be a \$1.00 buyout at the end of the four year agreement at which time the District will own said equipment.

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

**PROPERTY AND SUPPLIES REPORT  
ADDENDUM II**

**I. TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT PROPERTY**

The Board accepted the Third Amendment to Agreement of Sale for the Transportation District Property.

The agreement will be attached to the Official Minutes.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION AND PUPIL SERVICES REPORT**

**FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

**I. SCHOOL COUNSELING INTERN REQUEST**

The following student has requested a School Counseling Internship in the North Allegheny School District within the School Counseling Department from May 12, 2008 through June 9, 2008 and again from August 25, 2008 through December 23, 2008. Ms. Stokes will also work with Ms. Biro during the ten allotted summer guidance days with those dates to be determined.

| <u>INTERN</u>                       | <u>DATES</u>                               | <u>SUPERVISING COUNSELOR</u>                                       |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| Darla Stokes<br>Duquesne University | 05/12/08 – 06/09/08<br>08/25/08 – 12/23/08 | Christie Biro<br>McKnight Elementary School<br>Guidance Department |

**SPECIAL EDUCATION AND PUPIL SERVICES REPORT**  
**ADDENDUM**

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

The Board approved the Educational Services Agreement between the North Allegheny School District and the Allegheny Intermediate Unit for the provision of education services for the entire 2008/2009 school year. The Allegheny Intermediate Unit shall provide and operate for the benefit of students assigned by the District special education service and programs delineated in the Allegheny Intermediate Unit Special Education Plan submitted to and approved by the Department of Education.

**STUDENT ACTIVITIES REPORT**

**I. MARSHALL MIDDLE SCHOOL – GOAL STUDENTS – WASHINGTON, D.C. AND WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA**

The Board granted permission for the GOAL students of Marshall Middle School to travel to Washington D.C. and Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia from **Friday, May 2 through Monday, May 5, 2008** to tour museums, visit monuments and experience colonial history in a colonial era town. Approximately **75-80 students** will be participating in this trip.

**II. NAI HISTORY STUDENTS – AMERICAN HISTORY EXPERIENCE - WASHINGTON, D.C.**

The Board granted permission for the History students from NAI to travel to Washington, D.C. on **Friday, May 16, 2008** to participate in a tour of Washington, D.C. and have an American History Experience. Approximately **100 students** will be participating in this trip.

**III. MARSHALL MIDDLE SCHOOL GOAL STUDENTS – CHALLENGER SPACE CENTER – WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA**

The Board granted permission for the GOAL students at Marshall Middle School to travel to Wheeling, West Virginia on **Wednesday, May 21, 2008** to participate in a

“Rendezvous with a Comet” at the Challenger Space Center. A total of **35 students** will be participating in this trip.

#### **IV. FIFTH GRADE STUDENTS – MCKNIGHT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - CLEVELAND ZOO – CLEVELAND, OHIO**

The Board granted permission for the Fifth Grade students at McKnight Elementary School to travel to Cleveland, Ohio to visit and experience the Cleveland Zoo and Rainforest Center, on **Tuesday, June 3, 2008**. There will be **131 students** participating in this trip.

### **FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

#### **I. NASH NEWS – *as reported by Lisa Czerniewski***

##### Student Council

- Harms Way 4 Kids was a huge success. Approximately 200 students and parents were in attendance. 2034 bracelets and countless heart beads were made.
- April is Act of Kindness Month-Teachers keep track of names of students who do an act of kindness. During May, those nominated will be rewarded.
- Elections April 25th for next year's officers
- Dodgeball tournament May 27<sup>th</sup>

##### Junior Class Council

- Continuation of junior prom planning, decoration construction, and event organization.
- Junior Prom: Saturday, May 3rd from 7:30 p.m.-11 p.m.. The theme is “Eastern Elegance.”
- Parent volunteers are greatly needed the day before the junior prom - Friday, May 2nd. They will meet in the cafeteria and work on decorations from 2:20 p.m.- 10 p.m. They could really use the help! Email [lweet@northallegheny.org](mailto:lweet@northallegheny.org) or [fhawbaker@northallegheny.org](mailto:fhawbaker@northallegheny.org) for more details.

##### Forensics

- NA came in 2nd place in the state in speech and debate (losing to Holy Ghost Prep by only 20 points. The smallest difference anyone has reached in about ten years).
  - North Allegheny has only had 8 students reach “State Champion” status since the 1950s. Six of these have been in the past five years. Four were from this year!
  - In public forum debate - The team of Vicky Lopez and Greg Vose (seniors) were state champions.
  - In extemporaneous speaking – Junior Stacey Chen was state champion.
  - In radio announcing - Yilu Zhang (senior) was state champion.
- Also doing well:  
Doug Kulchar (junior) second in Commentary

Jack Grennan (senior) fifth in extemporaneous speaking.  
Gwyn Agnew (senior) third in humorous acting.  
Naz El-Khatib and Claire Kairys (seniors) - fifth in Public Forum.  
Hadley Guiler (senior) - fifth in Lincoln Douglas debate.  
Annie Yan and Bonnie Yan (sophomores) - semi-finalists in duo dramatic performance.

#### ROTC

-Model Rocketry on Mondays  
-Rock Climbing on Tuesdays  
-Aero club on Wednesdays  
-Trip to Norfolk Naval Base April 20 – 22  
-Spring Picnic May 17 at North Park

#### FBLA

-51 students traveled to Hershey for the State Competition. There were several top 10 finishers and all students performed very well and had a great experience. Junior Lauryn LePere placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the state in Accounting and will be competing at NATIONALS in June.

#### French

-The following NASH French students have placed in the top 10 on the National French Exam taken in March and have an opportunity to qualify for the Alliance Française Award:  
Level 3 of the exam: Konstantin Borisov, Kelly Gilmour, Emily Li, Kerri Woodward, and Jianxin Zeng  
Level 4: Jenna Klaum, Katherine Muskal, Jamie Novak, Hillary Richard, Rebecca Scheuer, Lilly Xu, Wen Xu, and Xiao Zhu

#### Senior Class Council

-Senior Banquet was held on Friday, April 4, 2008 with 477 seniors in attendance.  
-Senior Citizen's Prom Friday, May 9th  
-Senior Prom Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup>

## II. NAI NEWS – *as reported by Ross Hackett*

#### Italian Club

- The club's members will be going on a field trip to Bloomfield on April 25<sup>th</sup>

#### JCL

- The club will be celebrating Rome's birthday at their general meeting on April 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Members will be ordering T-shirts, practicing cheers, and preparing decorations for convention in May

### Key Club

- Members are donating used cell phones to be donated to North Hills Community Outreach the entire month of April
- Many members will volunteer at the Peebles Elementary International Festival on April 18<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. They will work with children at different activity stations
- Members will be volunteering at the Pump House Run on April 19<sup>th</sup> at the NAI track from 7:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
- Members will raise money for the March of Dimes charity
- On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, members will be distributing Race for the Cure T-Shirts at Dick's Sporting Goods from 9:45 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
- Members will be volunteering at the NAI Nature Trail Spring Work Day at the trail behind McKnight Elementary School from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- Certain members will walk the March of Dimes Walk on May 4<sup>th</sup> at the Riverfront Park near Heinz Field and also work the water station

### Dance Committee

- The committee is planning this year's Semi Formal
  - Semi will be held on May 10<sup>th</sup> from 8 p.m.-11 p.m.
  - The theme is Sweet Escape based on Willy Wonka
  - Set-up will take place the day before the dance and the morning of the dance
  - Clean up will occur the day after the dance from 8 a.m.-10:30 a.m.
  - The upper gyms will be decorated and the lower gym will be used to check-in coats and shoes

### Service Committee

- The committee is planning the 2008 Battle of the Band on April 18<sup>th</sup>
  - The event will take place from 6 p.m.-9:30p.m. in the NAI gym
  - 12 bands will be competing
  - Proceeds will benefit Oaxaca, Mexico

### Finance, School Spirit, and Staff Appreciation Committee

- The committees are working together to plan this year's Dodge Ball Tournament
  - Each team will consist of 5 students and 1 teacher
  - The event will be held May 1<sup>st</sup> after school
  - Proceeds will benefit the African country of Darfur

## **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 Music Educators Association State Conference<br>Sponsor: PMEA<br>Hershey, PA  | 4/17/2008      | \$ 437.83                                    |
| David Hawbaker<br>Marjorie Jester<br>Jim Reinhard<br>Kathleen Slowik | Regional Arts Education Day<br>Sponsor: Arts Education Collaborative<br>Pittsburgh, PA   | 4/28/2008      | \$ 55.00<br>\$ 73.18<br>\$ 65.00<br>\$ 65.00 |
| David Woten  | National Teacher of the Year Program<br>Sponsor: National Teacher of the Year & Council of Chief State School Officers<br>Washington, DC                   | 4/28-5/2/2008  | \$ 1,448.14                                  |
| Ryan Lundy   | Connecting Boys to Books Practical Activities & Strategies That Engage Boys in Literacy<br>Sponsor: Bureau of Education & Research<br>Coraopolis, PA       | 5/2/2008       | \$ 195.00                                    |
| Joy Ed   | Safe Schools Conference<br>Sponsor: PDE & PA State Police<br>Harrisburg, PA  | 5/5-5/7/2008   | \$ 834.62                                    |
| Bill Jorden  | 2008 Pennsylvania Council of Teachers of Mathematics Invitational Mathematics Contest<br>Sponsor: Pennsylvania Teachers of Mathematics<br>Shippensburg, PA | 5/18-5/19/2008 | \$ 554.00                                    |
| Diana Berendowski<br>Linda Ferguson                                  | Schoolground Habitat Enhancement; Restoration Symposium 6<br>Sponsor: Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania<br>Pittsburgh, PA                            | 5/22/2008      | \$ 50.00<br>\$ 50.00                         |

|              |  |                |             |
|--------------|--|----------------|-------------|
| David Morris | Advanced Placement Summer Institutes 2008<br>Sponsor: Allegheny College<br>Meadville, PA | 7/14-7/18/2008 | \$ 1,132.13 |
|--------------|--|----------------|-------------|

## II. SMALL GAMES OF CHANCE – NORTH ALLEGHENY FOUNDATION

The Board approved recognition of the North Allegheny Foundation as a non-profit civic and/or service association under the Local Options Small Games of Chance Act and in compliance with Board Policy #8360.

### For Information

Information required by Board Policy #8360 has been filed with the School Board Office.

## FOR INFORMATION ONLY

### I. GOOD STAFF NEWS AROUND NA

★ **Ms. Barbara Schmid**, Librarian at NAI, has been named Pennsylvania Key Club Advisor of the Year. Key Club is a service organization for high school students sponsored by a local Kiwanis Club. The objective of Key Club is to develop initiative, leadership ability and good citizenship practices in its members. Ms. Schmid has been the advisor of the NAI Key Club for seven years. The NAI Club has 175 members and has performed 51 club projects equaling 2,042 service hours and resulting in \$7,154.50 being raised for Key Club charities. In addition, each member must complete at least 50 individual service hours, which will bring the Club's service hour total to over 10,000 by the end of this school year.

★ **Mr. John Schaefer**s, a teacher at IMS, has been selected to participate in the STORM Project's "Studies in Air Quality for Science Educators" this July. The Science Center for Teaching, Outreach, and Research on Meteorology (the STORM Project) at the University of Northern Iowa is sponsoring this course entitled Studies in Air Quality for Science Education. It will be an intensive, one-week course designed specifically for middle school and high school science teachers. Only 24 teachers from around the country have been selected to participate.

Mr. Schaefer has also been selected this year to participate in the Space Foundation's Teacher Liaison Program. This is the fourth year of this prestigious program, which provides an honored few teachers with numerous benefits and privileges that help them grow their teaching skills, strengthen their résumés, and influence space and science education at a national level.

Space Foundation Teacher Liaisons serve as an active link between the Space Foundation, NASA, and their school and school district. This influential role includes numerous benefits, privileges, and activities such as special recognition during the upcoming 24th National Space Symposium being held in Colorado Springs, CO this April.

## **II. FIRST READING OF BOARD POLICY #2520 – NORTH ALLEGHENY SCHOOL DISTRICT GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE FOR PROCESSING SECTION 504 AND ADA COMPLAINTS**

In accordance with Board Policy #1710, adoption of the attached revised Board Policy #2520, *North Allegheny School District Grievance Procedure for Processing Section 504 and ADA Complaints*, will be requested at the Regular Meeting of the Board of School Directors on May 28, 2008.

Dr. Green added her comments at this time in regard to **Staff Appreciation Day**. She announced that she will deliver personal comments electronically to all staff tomorrow to thank them for their caring and dedication. She noted that in so many ways every day our staff members create wonderful opportunities for children that are life-changing in big and small ways. She emphasized that the District is very fortunate to have the staff we have and that she is enormously proud of them all.

### **Miscellaneous Reports:**

**A.W. Beattie:** Mr. Schwartzmier

The construction/renovation project is gearing up. In addition, it is budget time at Beattie and those figures will be coming to NASD soon. This is scheduled to be voted on in May.

**NA Foundation:** Mr. Cunningham

The 2008 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Classic will be held June 16 at Shannopin Country Club. All funds raised benefit programs at the North Allegheny School District. For information, please contact Mrs. Ryan at 412-369-5437.

He also emphasized the opportunity to be involved in the Raffle of the Evgeni Malkin Penguins jersey. Tickets are \$10 or 3 for \$20 and can be purchased by contacting Anna Marie Breaux at (724) 935-9401.

**Summer Recreation:** Mr. Shuckrow and Mrs. Bishop (Reporting for Mr. Pagone)

The program is ready to go. Residents should get their registrations in as soon as possible. This is known to be a great summer activity for children at a real bargain price!

**Hall of Fame:** Mr. Schwartzmier

Ballots for this year's Hall of Fame roster will be mailed on Thursday, April 25, and will be due back to the Athletic Department on Friday, May 2.

**Legislative Report:** Mr. Shuckrow submitted the following items for consideration.

1. **Earned Income Tax (SB 1063).** The Senate Appropriations Committee approved the bill which would amend the Local Tax Enabling Act to require the consolidated collection of earned income tax on a county-wide basis except Philadelphia. Each countywide tax collection district would be governed by a tax collection committee that oversees the tax collection. Each political subdivision within a particular taxing district is entitled to appoint one voting delegate and one or more alternatives. The voting rights would be weighted 50% by proportional population and 50% by tax revenues collected. The Bill is next expected to go to the Senate for a full vote.
2. **Act 1 "Tax Relief".** The State announced that there will be \$800 million available this year under the provisions of Act 1 of 2006. According to the State the relief will reduce annual statewide property taxes by an average of \$169 per household across the state. The reduction for particular taxpayers will be shown on the tax bill that school districts issue this summer. The amount of "relief" will vary for each district and the Department of Education will notify each district of the specific level of tax relief in early May.
3. **Graduation Competency Assessments (GCA's).** House Bill 2452 would prevent the State Board of Education from adopting any regulation dealing with graduation requirements unless given express authority to do so by the General Assembly. The Bill would also prevent any state funds from being expended toward the GCA's unless express authority is granted by the General Assembly. The key is that the bill would apply retroactively to January 1, 2008. The action of the State Board relating to GCA's was on January 17, 2008.
4. **Charter Renewals.** HB 1833, a bill that would have provided for additional causes for nonrenewal or termination of charter schools relating to student achievement results was not approved by the House Education Committee.
5. **State Board of Education.** The Senate confirmed 12 new members of the State Board of Education. I note that of the twelve members of the Board, none are from Allegheny County and only one is from a Pittsburgh MSA County and that individual is from Slippery Rock in northern Butler County.
6. **FERPA Student Privacy Rules.** The U.S. Department of Education has proposed changes to FERPA regulations. These may bear some input from our Administration as to whether any advocacy on our part is warranted.

7. **Other Issues to Discuss for Possible Advocacy.** Senate Bill 446 (Cyber Charter Tuition Cost) and Proposed Amendments to Chapter 16 (Gifted) caseload requirements.

The Board had some discussion regarding possible advocacy on some of this pending legislation, especially the Cyber Charter Tuition Cost Bill.

Dr. Green also provided an update on legislation she had been advocating against earlier in the year because it would directly impact Access Funds. The NASD had provided input to Congressman Altmire's office, explaining how and why this would be detrimental to the District. That legislation did pass. However, the Congressman's office notified Dr. Green very recently that the Congressman is now sponsoring legislation to limit the implementation of this new law. She appreciated being informed of this development and is hopeful that this action will be effective in making these funds available to the District for at least a while longer.

Mrs. Grosheider also noted that today the media reported that Secretary Spellings has taken action to implement some Executive Orders in regard to the No Child Left Behind Legislation, to be effective in November 2008. She recommended that the District watch these developments carefully.

Mrs. Bishop congratulated all those teachers who have been honored in the Teacher Excellence Program and noted that several Board members will be attending the Celebration of Excellence at the Carnegie Music Hall tomorrow evening that will announce the winners in the program.

### **SPEAKERS**

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

**The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.**

Following this meeting, the Board met in Executive Session to discuss a contract matter and a litigation matter.

**The next meeting of the NA Board of School Directors  
is scheduled for May 21, 2008,  
and will be held in the Board Room at CAO.**

**A Distinguished Achievement Award (DAA) Ceremony  
will be held prior to this meeting.  
Due to the large number of awards that will be given that night  
the DAA ceremony only will be held in the  
Carson Middle School Auditorium  
beginning at 7 pm.**

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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,  
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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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at 412/369-5437 or [rryan@northallegheny.org](mailto:rryan@northallegheny.org) .