

Wednesday, April 29, 2009

NASD School Board News

◆ ◆ ◆ an E-report for all NASD employees

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

- **All Board members were in attendance, with the exception of Mrs. Bishop. In addition, Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Patricia Green; the District Solicitor, Mr. Lucas; the Superintendent's Executive Council; and Mr. Hamm, student representative; were present.**



AGENDA

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| 7:30 | REGULAR MEETING <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Speakers (Agenda Items)- Voting Items- Speakers (Non-agenda Items) |
| 9:00 | EXECUTIVE SESSION |

SPEAKERS

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

The Board took the following actions on the items in the Board folder:

CURRICULUM REPORT

I. ADOPTION OF TEXTBOOKS – SECONDARY

The Board adopted the following secondary textbooks:

BUSINESS, COMPUTERS, and INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Applied Computer Keyboarding – Business, Computers, and Information Technology South-Western Cengage Learning. Proposed for Grade 6, Keyboarding. Total of 90 books @ \$49.50 per book.

Basic Finance – An Introduction to Financial Institution, Investments & Management – Business, Computers, and Information Technology South-Western Cengage Learning. Proposed for Grades 11-12, Honors Finance and Investments. Total of 90 books @ \$134.99 per book.

Century 21 Accounting 9E – Business, Computers, and Information Technology South-Western Cengage Learning. Proposed for Grades 10-12, Accounting 1 and 2. Total of 125 books @ \$72.50 per book.

For Information:

The total cost for the purchase of these books will be \$28,233.26 including shipping.

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 2009/2010 school year:

<u>STUDENT TEACHER</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>SUPERVISING TEACHER</u>
Catherine Brown	8/31/09 – 10/02/2009	Beth Anne Leckey – CMS
Slippery Rock University	10/5/09 – 11/13/2009	Ernest Pontiere – NASH
	11/16/09 – 12/17/2009	Nancy Conley – MES
		Music

Nicholas Daltorio Slippery Rock University	8/24/09 – 10/23/2009 10/26/09 – 12/18/2009	Dean Boronyak – IES David DeGregorio – CMS Health/Physical Education
Kristin Demsey Duquesne University	9/8/09 – 10/23/2009	Carrie Semanco – BWE/PES Music
William Herman Slippery Rock University	8/24/09 – 10/23/2009 10/26/09 – 12/18/2009	Paul Seneca – HES William Love – NAI – PE Todd Fuller – NAI - Health
Emily Kelly Slippery Rock University	8/24/09 – 10/23/2009 10/26/09 – 12/18/2009	David Schmidt – NAI - PE Linda Similo – NAI - Health Paul Seneca - HES Health/Physical Education
Lauren McCurdy Duquesne University	1/11/10 – 2/26/2010	David Woten – CMS Music
Michael, Motily Penn State University	8/24/09 – 12/4/2009	Michael Buchert – NASH Mathematics
Alexander Sackandy Duquesne University	1/11/10 – 2/26/2010	Sarah Lavelle - NASH Music
Michael Thompson Slippery Rock University	8/24/09 – 10/23/2009 10/16/09 – 12/18/2009	John McNavage – NAI - PE Brenda Laughrey – NAI - Health Christopher Jackson - PES Health/Physical Education
Bryan Wilson Penn State University	8/24/09 – 12/4/2009	Robert Bell – NASH Mathematics

FINANCIAL REPORT

I. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE APPROVAL LISTS

The Board approved numerous Accounts Payable lists.

II. BUDGETARY TRANSFERS

The Board approved a number of budgetary transfers within the framework of the 2008-09 budget, in accordance with the provision of Section 687 of the School Laws of Pennsylvania.

TOTAL TRANSFERS FOR THE MONTH	271,900	PERCENT OF TOTAL BUDGET	0.24%
TOTAL TRANSFERS YEAR TO DATE	424,599	PERCENT OF TOTAL BUDGET	0.37%

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

I. STUDENT ACTIVITIES ACCOUNTS PAYABLE APPROVAL LISTS

The Administration reported the following Student Activities expenditures for February 2009:

A.	Carson Middle	\$ 4,067.36
B.	Ingomar Middle	10,491.29
C.	Marshall Middle	13,237.95
D.	NA Intermediate	19,276.77
E.	NA Senior High	52,418.95
F.	NA Athletic	29,846.95

FINANCIAL REPORT ADDENDUM

I. MERCER GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD STATEMENT NO. 45 (GASB #45) SERVICES CONTRACT

The Board approved acceptance of the Mercer, Human Resource Consultants contract to provide valuation and reporting services to the North Allegheny School District in respect to the implementation of GASB #45. The cost to the District will be a one-time fee of \$10,000.

Background

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) released Statement No. 45 (GASB #45) for state and local government employers offering retiree health and other non-pension post-employment benefits (OPEB). GASB #45 generally requires government employers to account for and report the annual cost and outstanding obligations related to OPEB on an accrual, rather than pay-as-you-go, basis. This is the first time most public entities will be recording the expenses and funding information for their OPEB plans in public financial statements. This valuation will not affect the District's budgeting or General Fund's expenditures; it is a financial statement entry only.

TRANSPORTATION REPORT

I. LOSS CLAIM INCIDENT

The following accident has been reported:

On Friday, January 30, 2009 Bus #63 scraped a parked vehicle while exiting the Central Catholic High School parking lot. There was no damage to the bus and the vehicle had light damage to the right front corner. There is no estimate of damage to the vehicle at this time. The Pittsburgh Police investigated this accident.

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

I. RESIGNATIONS

The Board approved the following Resignations:

Margaret Begley	Goal Teacher, BWE Effective 6/12/09 17 yrs. @ NA	Retirement
Sandra Falkner	Secondary Assistant Principal's Secretary, MMS Effective 6/29/09 20 yrs. @ NA	Retirement
Kayla Hannan	Special Education Assistant, MES Effective 4/6/09	Personal Reasons
Matthew Vogel	Special Education Teacher, NASH Effective 6/12/09	Accepted Another Position

II. APPOINTMENTS

The Board approved the following Appointments:

Professional

Kathleen Egnaczyk ½ Time Learning Support, MCK Per Diem Sub
Effective 3/2/09 for remainder of \$76.19/day
2008/2009 School Year Only

Kelly Wickersty Temporary Transfer from Sub/Clerical Per Diem Sub
Aide to Per Diem Sub \$75/day
Effective 3/31/09 for remainder of
2008/2009 School Year Only

Paraprofessional

Janice Huwe Transfer from Supervisory Assistant \$11.58/hr.
to Special Education Assistant, MCK Class II-C
Effective 3/3/09 for the 2008/2009 7 Hours/Day
School Year Only 187 Days/Yr.

The Administration recommends approval of the following as substitute/clerical aides at \$7.50/hr. as needed, effective April 1, 2009:

Paulette Bundick
Janet Eichner
Claire Groll
Amy Hartman
Amy Schlieper
Priya Srinivas

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>TYPE OF WORK</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>START DATE</u>
Kellie Cope	IT Summer Help	\$7.50/hr.	5/18/09-8/21/09
David Duffett	IT Summer Help	\$7.75/hr.	5/18/09-8/21/09
Ian Levy	IT Summer Help	\$7.50/hr.	5/18/09-8/21/09
Rachael Napoli	IT Summer Help	\$7.50/hr.	5/18/09-8/21/09
Timothy O’Sullivan	IT Summer Help	\$7.50/hr.	5/18/09-8/21/09
Richard Gardner	From Probationary Bus Driver to Extra Board Driver	No Change	3/30/09

III. WAGE STATUS CHANGES

The Board approved a change from the day-to-day substitute rate to \$148.32 for Dorothy Evans, long-term sub for Joyce Hlawati, Teacher, Peebles Elementary School. The effective date for this change is March 30, 2009.

The Board approved a change from the day-to-day substitute rate to \$148.32 for Nicole Hunter, long-term sub for Leslie Garvin, Teacher, Carson Middle School. The effective date for this change is March 30, 2009.

The Board approved a change from the day-to-day substitute rate to \$148.32 for William Medwick, long-term sub for Melissa Ignatuk, Teacher, Carson Middle School/Marshall Middle School. The effective date for this change is March 30, 2009.

The Board approved a change from the day-to-day substitute rate to \$148.32 for Ann Montgomery, long-term sub for Dominic Gliozzi, Teacher, North Allegheny Senior High School. The effective date for this change is March 16, 2009.

The Board approved the following adjustment to previously approved wage for a Paraprofessional employee:

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Kathy Nicklas	1512 hrs./yr. \$25,900.56	1728 hrs./yr. \$29,600.64	7/1/08

The Board approved the following wage change for a Facility Department Employee:

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Edward Frobe	\$18.33/hr.	\$20.37/hr.	4/27/09

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

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Bernard MacDonagh	\$14.71/hr.	\$15.53/hr.	1/4/09*
Andrew Marrone	\$14.71/hr.	\$15.53/hr.	1/2/09*
Lawrence Wheeler	\$14.71/hr.	\$15.53/hr.	1/2/09*

*Anniversary Increase

IV. CHILD REARING LEAVES OF ABSENCE – KELLY OATES, MARY BETH RIECK

The Board approved an unpaid Child Rearing Leave of Absence for Kelly Oates, Teacher, Carson Middle School, effective for the First Semester of the 2009/2010 school year.

The Board approved an unpaid Child Rearing Leave of Absence for Mary Beth Rieck, Teacher, McKnight Elementary School, upon the exhaustion of her personal days. Her last day of work will be March 30, 2009, and her unpaid leave will be effective April 3, 2009 p.m. through June 11, 2009.

V. LEAVES OF ABSENCE – LINDSAY BATTAGLIA, JENNIFER GIZA, KAYLA HANNAN, LISA MORICONI, JOAN NEUBERGER, JANET SLANEY, DAVID TUBRIDY

The Board approved an unpaid Leave of Absence for Lindsay Battaglia, Teacher, North Allegheny Intermediate School, effective April 6, 2009 through April 9, 2009.

The Board approved an unpaid Leave of Absence for Jennifer Giza, Special Education Assistant, Ingomar Elementary School, effective May 11, 2009 through May 18, 2009.

The Board approved an unpaid Leave of Absence for Kayla Hannan, Special Education Assistant, Marshall Elementary School, effective March 27, 2009 through April 3, 2009.

The Board approved an unpaid Leave of Absence for Janet Slaney, Bus Driver, Transportation Department, effective March 24, 2009 through March 27, 2009.

The Board approved an unpaid Leave of Absence for David Tubridy, Bus Driver, Transportation Department, effective May 11, 2009 through May 15, 2009.

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

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Lisa Moriconi	Unpaid Leave: 4/20/09-5/29/09	Unpaid Leave: 4/17/09-5/29/09
Joan Neuberger	Unpaid Leave: 5/11/09-5/15/09	Unpaid Leave: 4/27/09-5/1/09

VI. HONORARIA

The Board approved the following Honoraria Applications:

		<u>Submitted</u>	
Arlene Barbus	Summer Mathematics Placement Exams	3/24/09	\$ 100.00
Robert Bell	“ “	3/24/09	\$ 750.00
Karyn Dobda	“ “	3/24/09	\$ 200.00
Kathleen Holland	“ “	3/24/09	\$ 200.00
Michael McConegly	“ “	3/24/09	\$ 200.00
Susan Bentz	National Academic League	3/31/09	\$ 500.00
Cris Ruffolo	“ “	3/31/09	\$ 500.00

TOTAL HONORARIA 2008/2009 EXPENDITURES THRU 04/29/09 \$71,250.00

VII. RECOGNITION FOR ADDITIONAL EDUCATION

The following Administrative employee has successfully completed Master’s Program or nine increments above the Master’s Degree since July 1, 1996. Therefore, the Board approved a \$2,000 Educational Incentive Award to be paid to:

Tammy Andreyko

Note: All Educational Incentive Awards are one-time payments and are not added to base salary.

VIII. SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

The Board approved the following Supplemental Contracts:

Pool Personnel

*Erin Bishop	Lifeguard	\$7.15/hr.
*Matt Buerger	“	\$7.15/hr.
*Veronica Cwalina	“	\$7.15/hr.
*Allie Pennetti	“	\$7.15/hr.
*Kelsey Smith	“	\$7.15/hr.
*David Songer	“	\$7.15/hr.

The Board approved the following adjustment to previously approved Supplemental Contract:

*Patrick Sullivan	Head Middle School Coach	<u>From</u> \$2,091.00	<u>To</u> \$1,062.10
	Softball White		

* 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**

Board Action Requested

I. RESIGNATION

The Administration recommends approval of the following Resignation:

Deborah Sagan	Secondary School Counselor, NAI Effective 6/12/09 19 yrs. @ NA	Retirement
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II. APPOINTMENTS

The Administration recommends approval of the following Appointments:

Confidential

Gretchen Cetti	Accounting & Budget Specialist, CAO Effective 5/18/09 (replaces K. Lewetag)	\$42,200/yr. Prorated
Keith Ruiz	Network/Systems Technician I, CAO Effective 05/18/09	\$45,200/yr. Prorated

Classified

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TYPE OF WORK</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>START DATE</u>
Benjamin Botti	Summer Help, IMS	\$8.50/hr.	5/4/09
Chris Boujoukos	Summer Help, MCK	\$8.50/hr.	5/4/09
Sean Clark	Summer Help, MMS	\$8.50/hr.	5/4/09
Shawn Davis	Summer Help, CMS	\$8.50/hr.	5/4/09
Matt Dunn	Summer Help, MAINT	\$8.50/hr.	5/4/09
Kevin Dyer	Summer Help, IMS	\$8.50/hr.	5/4/09
Spencer Faruquee	Summer Help, MCK	\$8.50/hr.	5/4/09
Marla Frey	Summer Help, MMS	\$8.50/hr.	5/4/09
Chris Hey	Summer Help, CMS	\$8.50/hr.	5/4/09
Tim Hubert	Summer Help, MES	\$8.50/hr.	5/4/09
Jake Johnson	Summer Help, MAINT	\$8.50/hr.	5/4/09
Chris Jestor	Summer Help, MAINT	\$8.50/hr.	5/4/09
Andrew Karki	Summer Help, BWE	\$8.50/hr.	5/4/09
Zach Liberto	Summer Help, NAI	\$8.50/hr.	5/4/09
Evan D. Malchano	Summer Help, NASH	\$8.50/hr.	5/4/09
Ian McFarlane	Summer Help, CMS	\$8.50/hr.	5/4/09
Greg Mell	Summer Help, MES	\$8.50/hr.	5/4/09
Jarret Moots	Summer Help, NASH	\$8.50/hr.	5/4/09
Sean Neely	Summer Help, MCK	\$8.50/hr.	5/4/09
Steve Nicklas	Summer Help, NASH	\$8.50/hr.	5/4/09
Ian Payling	Summer Help, NAI	\$8.50/hr.	5/4/09
Stephen Wize	Summer Help, MES	\$8.50/hr.	5/4/09
Gregory Zick	Summer Help, CMS	\$8.50/hr.	5/4/09
Nathan Zunic	Summer Help, NAI	\$8.50/hr.	5/4/09

III. WAGE STATUS CHANGE

The Administration recommends approval of the following wage change for a Facilities Department Employee:

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Edward Frobe* <small>*Anniversary Increase</small>	\$18.33	\$20.37/hr.	4/27/09

The Administration recommends approval of the following adjustment to previously submitted Transportation Employee:

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Bernard MacDonagh	Effective 1/4/09	Effective 1/2/09

IV. LEAVE OF ABSENCE – CAROLINE KOPAR

The Administration recommends approval of the following adjustment to previously approved Unpaid Leave of Absence:

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Caroline Kopar	Unpaid Leave: 05/14/09-05/22/09	Unpaid Leave: 05/19/09-05/22/09

PROPERTY AND SUPPLIES REPORT

I. ALLEGHENY INTERMEDIATE UNIT DART PROGRAM LEASE AGREEMENT

The Board approved acceptance of the Lease Agreement from the Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU) to provide a classroom space at Bradford Woods Elementary School for the DART Program from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. The existing lease for the DART program at Peebles Elementary School will be extended for two months until the end of August 2009. The AIU agrees to compensate the District as indicated below for the use of this space.

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

II. LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS AT THE CAFETERIA ENTRANCE AT NAI

The Board approved acceptance of a donation for the work that will be done as part of the Eagle Scout Project by Eric Gaertner, Troop 335, for the improvements to the area outside the Cafeteria Entrance at NAI.

For Information

This project will include the installation of shrubs, a gravel surface, four benches and two picnic tables in an area of 32' by 39' outside of the Cafeteria Entrance. The cost for this work will be approximately \$2,700.00. This project will be supported by the NAI Principal Advisory Committee and donations that Mr. Gaertner is soliciting for this project.

III. NAI FREEZER REPLACEMENT AND LOADING DOCK RECONFIGURATION

The Board approved that the base bid and alternate for the Replacement of the Freezer and Reconfiguration of the Loading Dock at NAI be awarded to R. A. Glancy & Sons for \$203,940.00 as the lowest responsible bidder meeting the specifications for this work.

For Information

This project involves the replacement of the Freezer that was installed in 1968 and reconfiguration of the Loading Dock area at NAI. This project was included in the 2009/10 Capital Funding Plan.

IV. INGOMAR ELEMENTARY ROOF REPLACEMENT

The Board approved acceptance of the base bid and associated unit price from Stringert, Inc. for \$399,607.00 as the lowest responsible bidder for the replacement of the roof at Ingomar Elementary School.

For Information

This project was included in the 2009/10 Capital Funding Plan.

V. PAVING REPLACEMENT AT BRADFORD WOODS ELEMENTARY AND MARSHALL MIDDLE SCHOOLS

The Board approved acceptance of the bid and alternates 1, 2, 3 & 4 and the unit prices for bituminous driveway and parking paving and concrete deep curb from East Coast Paving and Seal Coating, Inc. for \$437,041.16 as the lowest responsible bidder meeting the specifications for the paving replacement at Bradford Woods Elementary and the Auditorium Parking Lot at Marshall Middle Schools.

For Information

This project will include the removal and replacement of the driveway and parking lot areas at Bradford Wood Elementary School and the Auditorium parking lot at Marshall Middle School. This project was included in the 2009/10 Capital Funding Plan.

VI. PAVING AND SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT AT NAI

The Board approved acceptance of the base bid and alternates 2, 3 and 4 and the associated unit prices from Amity Asphalt Paving, Inc. for \$293,650.00 as the lowest responsible bidder meeting the specifications for the Paving and Sidewalk Replacement at NAI.

For Information

This project will include the removal and replacement of the driveway from Cumberland Road back to the Transportation Building. This project also includes the replacement of the sidewalks from the Auditorium entrance back to the rear of the building. This project was included in the 2009/10 Capital Funding Plan.

VII. 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 435 HP desktop computers, 320 HP laptop computers, 12 iMac computers, and 6 mobile lab carts at a cost of \$156,272.88 per year. The computers will be financed through Hewlett Packard Financial Services. The new agreement will commence on July 1, 2009. There will be a \$1.00 buyout at the end of the four-year agreement at which time the District will own said equipment.

VIII. DONATION - BOOKFLIX MEMBERSHIP

The Board approved acceptance of a donation of a 15-month membership to Bookflix for Marshall Elementary School from the Marshall Elementary School Parent Faculty Association. Bookflix is a web-based literacy resource for students in grades K-3. The value of this donation is \$1,049.00.

SPECIAL EDUCATION AND PUPIL SERVICES REPORT

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

The Board approved the Contractual Enrollment Agreement for services provided by Wesley Spectrum Academy for one student from the North Allegheny School District for the period beginning April 1, 2009 through the remainder of the 2008/2009 school year. Wesley Spectrum Academy will bill North Allegheny School District a rate of \$5,680.00 for full-time tuition and a \$200.00 Matriculation fee.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES REPORT

I. NAI HISTORY STUDENTS – WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Board granted permission for the North Allegheny Intermediate History students to travel to Washington, D.C. on **Friday, May 15, 2009** to participate in “The American History Experience.” A total of **43 students** will be participating in this trip.

II. **NAI STUDENT COUNCIL RETREAT – CLARION UNIVERSITY, CLARION, PENNSYLVANIA**

The Board granted permission for the NAI Student Council students to travel to Clarion University in Clarion, Pennsylvania from **Friday, June 5, 2009 (after school) through Sunday, June 7, 2009** to participate in a retreat. Approximately **30-40 students** will be participating in this trip.

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

I. **NASH NEWS – *as reported by Andy Hamm***

North Allegheny Forensics Team finished in the top eight schools in the 2009 National Foundation Policy debates. The National Public Policy Forum is unlike any other form of debate. While NPPF bases its topic on the current Policy/Team Debate topic for the 2008-2009 year, it welcomes debaters from around the world and across the spectrum of debate/forensic events. Thus, the competition is judged on factors including, but not limited to, well-founded arguments, effective communication and grammar. Arguments do not need to be based solely on topicality, solvency, harms, and significance. This year's topic was "Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase alternative energy incentives in the United States."

DECA students and advisors are getting ready for the 2009 International Convention in Anaheim, California. Nine North Allegheny students will be competing from April 28 through May 3. Good luck NA!

SADD will be participating in the 6th Annual Fatal Awareness Youth Conference at Robert Morris University on April 17, 2009. Twelve students will be attending. The conference is sponsored by the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas Pretrial Service Department, AAA East-Central, State Farm Insurance, and PA Team DUI. Students will attend workshops to learn about safe driving practices, positive decision-making, and the dangers & consequences of alcohol and illegal substance use. NASH and NAI students are preparing to visit each of the elementary schools in late April and early May. The purpose of the visits is to present tobacco education and prevention programs to second and fourth grade students. Plans are also underway for the annual "Grim Reaper" project. This year, the Grim Reaper will "visit" NASH on Friday, May 22nd to spread the word about the many dangers of underage drinking as well as driving under the influence.

The Senior Class Council is starting to get busy! Senior banquet is next Friday, April 24 on the Gateway Clipper. The senior citizens prom is on Friday, May 15, and the Council will be making corsages, getting a DJ, organizing refreshments, and dancing with those in attendance. Senior Prom will be on Saturday, May 23 at the William Penn Hotel in Pittsburgh. After prom will be at NASH from midnight to 5:00 am. This year's theme is "Through the Years at NASH!"

NATV won in five of eleven categories at the 16th Annual TVT Festival at Robert Morris University on April 15th. TVT is a regional organization serving the tri-state area. The competition included over 20 school districts. Awards were won in music video, magazine, sports highlights, live events, and documentary. Senior Videos will be on sale starting in late April. The DVDs cost \$20 each and

include coverage of Homecoming, Prom, Post Prom, the Senior Banquet and Graduation. All proceeds benefit NATV and the Class of 2009. The interview process has begun for the 2009-2010 NATV Leadership Team. Eighteen highly qualified applicants are vying for ten positions on the team. The NATV Leadership Team consists of the News, Sports and Entertainment Divisions and is responsible for producing programming for the District's cable channel. The new team will be announced in Mid-May.

National Honor Society inducted over 135 new members from the class of 2010 into the organization on Thursday, April 16. Elections for new officers will be held in late April. Current officers are busy planning the top scholars' banquet that will be on Thursday, May 21 at the Chadwick in Wexford.

Student Council's staff appreciation and service committees are organizing the dodge ball tournament. It will be taking place on April 30 from 3:00-5:00 pm in the NASH gymnasium. Community members are welcome to come and watch! Penny wars between the lunches will be going on from April 27 through May 1. Proceeds will go to this year's PASC State Charity, the Four Diamonds Fund. Remember: School Board dinner will be on Thursday, May 14 in the NASH Library and will begin at 6:00 pm. The Principal's Advisory Committee hopes to see you all there!

II. **NAI NEWS – as reported by Lili Peng**

SADD – The Students Against Destructive Decisions are practicing for their puppet show for the elementary buildings. They will be performing in May for the elementary students.

Key Club – They are continuing their tutoring at McKnight.

Student Council – The theme for the semi dance has been selected and the dance will take place in the NAI gym on May 16. The Battle of the Bands will take place on April 24. There are PASC summer workshops for interested students to attend. Student Recognition is currently planning for the Awards Night. NAIdol raised over \$1400 for a teacher's daughter's Make-a-Wish, with over 200 students attending. Student Council is also working on planning a Dodge ball Tournament and Powder Puff game for NAI.

JCL is celebrating Rome's birthday this month.

Class Council has had their election and new officers were appointed. They are in the process of planning Pirate Day and the prize list for next year's magazine sale.

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>
Maureen Grosheider	2009 Legislative Advocacy Conference Sponsor: PSBA Harrisburg, PA	4/26-4/27/2009	\$ 720.00
Joann Urbaniak	National Euro-Challenge Competition Sponsor: Moody's Foundation/New York Federal Reserve Bank New York, NY	4/28-4/30/2009	\$ 617.00
Joy Ed	Safe Schools Conference Sponsor: PDE & PA State Police Harrisburg, PA	5/4-5/6/2009	\$ 869.58
Colleen Casey Maureen Dominick Joy Ed Sean Flaherty Bob Tozier	Schoolwires Training Sponsor: Schoolwires, Inc. State College, PA	5/11-5/13/2009	\$ 311.96 \$ 511.96 \$ 311.96 \$ 511.96 \$ 311.96
Rob Hetzel	Certified Pool Operator/Pesticide Applicator License Sponsor: B&R Pools and Swim Shop Pittsburgh, PA	5/12-5/13/2009 5/18/2009	\$ 275.00

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

II. GOOD STAFF NEWS AROUND NA

- ★ **Mr. John Schaefer**, a teacher at **Ingomar Middle School**, was recently selected to participate in the 2009 National Physics Teachers Workshop titled "Nuclear Technology Addressing Worldwide Energy Demands." Only 30 teachers total, with a limit of one per state, have been selected to participate in this all-expense paid workshop sponsored by the

Idaho National Laboratory (INL). The workshop, which will be held in July 2009, is designed to provide teachers with the opportunity to increase their knowledge level on nuclear energy, meet and learn from the nuclear researchers, tour facilities, and interact with peers from across the country.

- ★ **Ms. Janice Spohn, a teacher at Peebles Elementary School**, has been appointed to serve as a judge in the Achievement Awards Program for the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE). The Achievement Awards Program is an NCTE sponsored competition designed to honor eleventh grade students in the United States, Canada, and American schools abroad for excellence in writing. Each judge evaluates papers submitted in their state.
- ★ **Mr. John Woffington, longtime NA Boys' Tennis Coach**, will be one of eight select honorees inducted into the Western Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame on May 2, 2009. In 38 seasons with NA, Coach Woffington, who is 599-131, has never coached a team with a losing record. His teams have won 21 section titles, three WPIAL championships, and a PIAA team title. His team has qualified for the WPIAL playoffs in 14 consecutive seasons and 27 of the past 28 years, missing the cut in 1995. Individually, 11 players under Coach Woffington's watch have claimed WPIAL championships and two went on to win PIAA titles. Mr. Woffington is also retired from his career as an English teacher at NA.
- ★ **The Office of Communications and Public Relations** has been honored with an Award of Excellence from the Pennsylvania School Public Relations Association (PenSPRA) for the *2008-2009 North Allegheny School District Activities Calendar*. Each year, PenSPRA sponsors an annual Excellence in Education Communications Contest in a number of different categories that reflects the scope of work often undertaken by communications professionals. The PenSPRA is an organization of school public relations professionals whose goal is to improve educational communication and support student achievement through systematic, proactive, and responsible public relations programs.

Dr. Green added to this report that **Ms. Tammy Andreyko**, Principal at Ingomar Middle School, has been selected as the recipient of the **2009 Pennsylvania Association of Elementary and Secondary School Principals (PAESSP) Middle Level Principal of the Year**. As a result, she will now represent the state of Pennsylvania in the 2009 National Middle Level Principal of the Year competition. This is the second year in a row the one of our Middle School Principals has held this honor. Last year, Dr. Brian Miller was Middle School Principal of the Year. The District wishes her all the best as she goes on to the national competition.

ADDITIONAL REPORTS:

Legal Reports: Mr. Lucas

- The Supreme Court today said that the Allegheny County system of property tax assessment is "broken" and is therefore illegal. It doesn't appear that there will be any rolling back of taxes, but it is expected that by about 2012, the results of a new assessment may be put into place. At this time, it

is not recommended that the District should do anything differently in respect to the appeals currently on record.

A.W. Beattie Career Center: Mr. Schwartzmier

- The groundbreaking for the new construction project will be held on May 7 at 3 PM. Those who may wish to attend should RSVP to Beattie, due to potential parking constraints. At the last meeting, the budget for the up-coming year was presented and costs remained static. There was also a robotics demonstration.

North Allegheny Foundation: Mr. Shuckrow

- There was one grant that was approved at the last meeting. A written report will be submitted. A reminder about the Golf Outing on Monday June 15 was again offered. More than 35 golfers are still needed for this event. Mr. Cunningham urged the Board and community to support this worthy cause. Tickets for the raffle of the Marc-Andre Fleury Hockey Stick are available from Trustees on the Foundation or at the Central Office.

NA Hall of Fame: Mr. Schwartzmier

- The meeting scheduled for last Monday was cancelled and will be rescheduled soon.

Summer Recreation Program: Mr. Pagone

- Registrations for the summer program are underway. Interested parties should check the website.

Legislative Report: Mr. Shuckrow

- The State has announced that about \$770M will be available for schools from gaming revenue, but there is no word as to how this will be allocated per district.
- A bill including food allergy reaction management practices is being considered.
- The Department of Education clarified the background checks that are required for contract employees that may have contact with students.
- A letter from this Board opposing the compromise struck between the Department of Education and the PSBA Executive Board on the topic of the Keystone Exams did go out to Senator Jane Orie and the Executive Board of the PSBA. Mrs. Grosheider received a call from the Executive Director of the PSBA in response, who tried to explain their rationale. Apparently it is the PSBA Board's understanding that the PA Department of Education has the ability at any time to mandate graduation competency assessments, without further legislative support. It was PSBA's hope that, in striking a compromise, they could somehow salvage some local control on this issue. She indicated to him that she does not have much confidence in the effectiveness of their action and that the NASD Board will continue to advocate strongly against GCA's.
- Mrs. Grosheider also attended a conference for legislative coordinators of PSBA over the weekend as a voting member. One objective of the meeting was to narrow down the 57 priorities identified by school districts across the state to the three top items in which PSBA will invest their lobbying efforts over the next year. The top three items identified are: pension legislation reform; work against the GCA's; and additional special education funding.
- Senator Jeffrey Piccola spoke at this conference in favor of GCA's and did not seem to fully understand what high performing districts are actively doing to identify students who are not succeeding and to help them improve. He did not seem to understand the impact in terms of loss of instructional time of the 12 days of testing in the month of April 2010 that will be required to

administer the PSSA exams. Mrs. Grosheider suggested that the District may continue to look for ways to better inform Senator Piccola on these issues. She also encouraged the District to put continued effort behind the Ori/Saylor bill on GCA's.

- Dr. Green announced that the May SPLC meeting will be dedicated to legislative issues and that the SPLC representatives have in the past been very effective in joining with the District as advocates on educational issues of importance by writing to various state representatives. She will share updates with them in May.
- Mrs. Grosheider also heard updates at this legislative conference on the status of the distribution of the federal stimulus monies. Although the federal government has said that this money is to be distributed on top of what the state promised to provide to school districts from their own budgets, they are aware that there is some movement afoot to replace state funds that would have been allocated to districts with federal monies. It was also indicated that the state budget will probably not be passed by June 30.
- Dr. Green mentioned that she and Barb Hutchinson were in Washington, DC recently where they met with senior education department officials. There they also heard that states cannot legally do what they are attempting to do in the pass-through of the federal stimulus funds. The federal government is attempting to put some regulations in place to prevent these efforts at the state level.

SPEAKERS

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 PM.

**Following this meeting, the Board met in Executive Session
to discuss two employee matters.**

**The next meeting of the NA Board of School Directors
is scheduled for May 20, 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,
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