

Wednesday, February 25, 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 Voting Meeting
in the CAO Board Room.**

- All Board members were in attendance. In addition, Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Patricia Green; the District Solicitor, Mr. Maiello, the Superintendent's Executive Council; and Ms. Peng and Mr. Hamm, student representatives; were present. Also in attendance were Mrs. Katherine Jenkins, principal of Carson Middle School; and Dr. Steve Duchi, acting assistant principal of Carson Middle School.



AGENDA

7:30 REGULAR MEETING

- Strategic Plan Update
- Speakers (Agenda Items)
- Voting Items
- Speakers (Non-agenda Items)

9:00 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Prior to the Board meeting, the Directors met in Executive Session for the purpose of interviewing an administrative candidate.

Mrs. Grosheider made an announcement on behalf of Mr. Pagone regarding the seventh annual McKnight Madness Fundraiser that will be held on Friday, March 27 at NAI. Activities will include a Transportation/Purchasing/Facilities Parent/Child Basketball game at 6 PM in the main gym, a McKnight faculty vs. McKnight parents Basketball game at 7 PM in the main gym, and a wrap-up concert by In Transit in the auditorium (www.intransitband.com). Tickets are \$10 for a family of four. The goal of this charity event is to fund three Make-A-Wish 'wishes.' Raffle tickets for additional prizes such as Steelers items will also be available.

Mrs. Grosheider then took a few minutes to make note of the fact that this is the last Board meeting that **Mr. Bob Devlin** will attend. "For most of us," she said, "We cannot imagine North Allegheny School District without Bob Devlin. He is the first impression most of us got of the District and he has brilliantly negotiated all of the collective bargaining agreements that we currently have in place. He is the consummate professional."

She continued with a beautiful tribute to Bob's enduring and exceptional legacy here at North Allegheny, which was underscored by a standing ovation from all in attendance.

Dr. Green added her thanks and accolades to Mrs. Grosheider's remarks. She detailed the tremendous contributions Bob has made to her seven years here at the District and noted that she has always highly valued his advice. Dr. Green encouraged him to remain closely connected to the District, which he promised to do.

Mrs. Grosheider then segued to another matter of business by requesting that Dr. Green would present the addendum to her report at this time.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

ADDENDUM

I. ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – CARSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

The Board approved the appointment of **Michael L. Pasquinelli** to the position of Assistant Principal, Carson Middle School, at an annual salary of \$88,000, prorated due to date of hire. The salary will be adjusted annually in accordance with the Administrative Compensation and Performance Plan. The effective date of the hiring shall be determined upon the release by Mr. Pasquinelli's current district.

Mr. Pasquinelli most recently was employed by the Gateway School District as Principal of Moss Side Elementary School and previously as Assistant Principal of Gateway High School. For three and a half years, he served as an Assistant Middle School Principal in Coconut Creek and Pompano Beach, Florida. Prior to becoming an administrator, he taught mathematics for 10

years in Maryland and Florida. Mr. Pasquinelli has his B.S. in Mathematics Education from the University of Pittsburgh and his M.S. in Educational Leadership from the Fort Lauderdale Campus of Nova Southeastern University. He is currently enrolled in the doctoral program in School Leadership at the University of Pittsburgh. He is certified in Mathematics and as a K-12 Principal.

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE REPORT

In the introduction to this report, Dr. Green emphasized how proud she is of the richness of the information it contains. The report was presented by Dr. Miller, Dr. Steinhauer, and Dr. Stropkaj.

This report summarizes the work accomplished across the District in response to the six Strategies established by our current Strategic Plan and the twenty-four related End Results identified. In addition to the work on the identified End Results, the report also includes descriptions of Value-Added Initiatives relative to each Strategy that were completed or are in process.

The Board presented questions about the various projects that were detailed in the report. Members also thanked the presenters and those who contributed to the report.

SPEAKERS

There were no residents who came forward to speak on voting items.

The Board took action on the following items as noted:

FINANCIAL REPORT

I. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE APPROVAL LISTS

The Board approved a number of Accounts Payable lists.

II. COLLATERAL SECURITY REPORTS - DEPOSITORIES

The Board approved acceptance of the collateral securities reports submitted by PNC Bank and Citizens Bank for the quarter ended December 31, 2008.

III. STUDENT ACTIVITIES ACCOUNTS EXPENDITURES

The Board acknowledged the Student Activities expenditure listings for the months of October through December 2008.

IV. AUDIT SETTLEMENT AND RELEASE AGREEMENT

The Board approved the Settlement Agreement resolution with the Pennsylvania Department of Education, as negotiated by the Solicitor, in regards to the District’s Certification Audit Appeal.

V. THE INFORMATION EXCHANGE PROGRAM (PERSONAL INCOME TAX)

The Board authorized the filing of an application to secure the Pennsylvania Personal Income Tax Data for the year 2007, and further authorized duly elected officers and administrators to execute the following required forms: (1) Information Request Authorization; (2) Section 356 Agreement and (3) Memorandum of Understanding.

For Information: Use of this data is restricted to earned income tax collectors and the school official directly involved in earned income tax collection.

VI. BUDGETARY TRANSFERS

The Board approved the following budgetary transfers within the framework of the 2008-2009 budget, in accordance with the provision of Section 687 of the School Laws of Pennsylvania:

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
2300-100 Salaries Support Svcs - Administrative	2800-800 Other Objects Support Services - Central	\$ 449
2300-100 Salaries Support Svcs - Administrative	2800-500 Other Purchased Svcs Support Services - Central	\$ 1,027
1100-600 Supplies Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	2200-500 Other Purchased Svcs Support Svcs – Instructional Staff	\$ 650
1100-600 Supplies Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	2200-800 Other Objects Support Svcs – Instructional Staff	\$ 200

TOTAL TRANSFERS FOR THE MONTH	2,326	PERCENT OF TOTAL BUDGET	0.00%
TOTAL TRANSFERS YEAR TO DATE	32,528	PERCENT OF TOTAL BUDGET	0.03%

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

I. STUDENT ACTIVITIES ACCOUNTS PAYABLE APPROVAL LISTS

The Administration reported the following Student Activities expenditures for December 2008:

A.	Carson Middle	\$ 25,795.20
B.	Ingomar Middle	14,390.19
C.	Marshall Middle	11,386.53
D.	NA Intermediate	22,455.86
E.	NA Senior High	31,544.74
F.	NA Athletic	24,776.63

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

I. RESIGNATIONS

The Board approved the following Resignations:

George Balkovitz	Utility Custodian, IMS Effective 01/23/09	Accepted Another Position
Nancy Douglas	Extra Board Driver, Transportation Effective 01/23/09	Personal Reasons
Barb Hutchinson	Social Studies, MMS Effective 06/12/09 23 yrs. @ NA	Retirement
Darlane Mannka	Elementary Principal Secretary, MES Effective 06/26/09 22 yrs. @ NA	Retirement
Virginia Musher	Facilities Secretary, Facilities Effective 06/30/09 21 yrs. @ NA	Retirement

II. APPOINTMENTS

The Board approved the following Appointments:

Professional

Jacqueline Casey	Temporary Transfer from Nurse Assistant, MES to School Nurse, MES Effective 01/26/09	Per Diem Sub \$148.33/day
Judith Catanzaro	Temporary Transfer from Computer Instruction Asst., NASH to Social Studies Teacher, MMS Effective 01/26/09 for remainder of 2008/2009 School Year Only	Sub Form Step 1 Col. A Sub Rate \$28,924 (Prorated)

The Board approved the following adjustment to previously approved Appointment:

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Shannon Connor	Effective 01/26/09	Effective 02/16/09

Paraprofessional

Marjorie Divosevic	Special Education Assistant, PES Effective 02/17/09	\$11.58/hr. Class II-C 7 Hours/Day 187 Days/Yr.
Lisa Fuhrman	Special Education Assistant, PES Effective 02/17/09	\$11.58/hr. Class II-C 7 Hours/Day 187 Days/Yr.
Cathy Heintz	Temporary Transfer from Supervisory Assistant, FES to Instructional Assistant, FES Effective 02/02/09	\$13.04/hr. Class III 6 Hours/Day 187 Days/Yr.
Leigh Jurecko	Special Education Assistant, MCK Effective 02/17/09 (Through end of 2008-2009 School Year only)	\$11.58/hr. Class II-C 7 Hours/Day 187 Days/Yr.

Neetu Narain	Supervisory Assistant, FES Effective 02/02/09 (Temporary Position)	\$11.51/hr. Class III 4 Hours/Day 187 Days/Yr.
Stefanie Woods	Special Education Assistant, MCK Effective 02/17/09	\$11.58/hr. Class II-C 7 Hours/Day 187 Days/Yr.

The Board approved the following adjustment to previously approved Appointment:

Karen Tobias	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
	Computer Instruction Assistant, BWE Effective 01/26/09	Computer Instruction Assistant, NASH Effective 1/27/09

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

Grace A. Engel
Karen Savitz
Colleen Woods

Classified

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TYPE OF WORK</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>START DATE</u>
Kimberli Hay	From Extra Board Driver to Substitute Bus Driver	No Change	01/26/09
Robert Wolfe	PM Employee (4 Hours Per Day)	\$19.62/hr.	02/09/09
	Body Shop Employee (4 Hours Per Day)	\$15.73/hr.	02/09/09

III. WAGE STATUS CHANGE

The Board approved a wage increase for the following Paraprofessional Employee (this increase is based on anniversary date of hire):

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Angela Thieret	\$13.12/hr.	\$15.44/hr.	03/01/09

IV. PROFESSIONAL CONTRACTS

The following temporary professional employees have taught and/or served as an Administrator in the North Allegheny School District for a period of three years and have received a final rating of SATISFACTORY and meeting all requirements as set forth in Article XI, section 108 of the PA Public School Code, are entitled to tenured contract as provided for professional employees:

Jennifer Channel
Kristen Silbaugh

V. CHILD REARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE – DEBRA WYGANT

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

Debra Wygant	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
	Last Day of Work:	Last Day of Work:
	01/29/09	01/26/09
	Unpaid Leave:	Unpaid Leave:
	02/06/09-06/12/09	02/04/09(P.M.)-06/12/09

VI. LEAVES OF ABSENCE – CAROLYN BURWINKEL, MARY ANN DUNKIN, SUSAN ECKERT, POLLY FERRINGER, RICHARD FRANKENSTEIN, KAYLA HANNAN, MARY WALTER

The Board approved an unpaid Leave of Absence for Carolyn Burwinkel, Special Education Assistant, Marshall Middle School, effective April 15, 2009 through April 17, 2009.

The Board approved an unpaid Leave of Absence for Mary Ann Dunkin, Supervisory Assistant, Marshall Elementary School, effective May 27, 2009 through June 02, 2009.

The Board approved an unpaid Leave of Absence for Susan Eckert, Bus Driver, Transportation Department, effective February 12, 2009 through February 18, 2009.

The Board approved an unpaid Leave of Absence for Polly Ferring, Teacher, Carson Middle School, effective March 02, 2009 through March 06, 2009.

The Board approved an unpaid Medical Leave of Absence for Richard Frankenstein, Regular Lead Custodian, Marshall Elementary School, effective February 18, 2009 through March 31, 2009.

The Board approved an unpaid Leave of Absence for Kayla Hannan, Special Education Assistant, Marshall Elementary School, effective February 02, 2009 through February 04, 2009.

The Board approved an unpaid Leave of Absence for Mary Walter, Instructional Assistant, Peebles Elementary School, effective March 13, 2009 through March 17, 2009.

VII. SABBATICAL/TRAVEL LEAVES OF ABSENCE – TAMMY ANDREYKO, ERIKA JANI, PATTI WRIGHT

The Board approved a Sabbatical Leave of Absence for Tammy Andreyko, Principal, Ingomar Middle School, effective for the First Semester of the 2009/2010 School Year for the purpose of education.

The Board approved a Sabbatical Leave of Absence for Erika Jani, Teacher, Marshall Middle School, effective for the 2009/2010 School Year for the purpose of education.

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

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Patti Wright	2008/2009 School Year	1 st Semester 2008/2009 School Year

VIII. RECOGNITION FOR ADDITIONAL EDUCATION

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

John DeMann

Note: This Educational Incentive Award is a one-time payment and is not added to base salary.

IX. HONORARIA

The Board approved the following Honoraria Application:

		<u>Submitted</u>	
*Jeffrey Kiser	National Academic League	02/06/09	\$ 600.00

TOTAL HONORARIA 2008/2009 EXPENDITURES THRU 02/25/09 \$62,150.00

X. SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

The Board approved the following Supplemental Contracts:

¹ Ryan Gabos	Spring Intramurals-IMS Wiffle Ball	\$ 776.00
¹ David Winkworth	Spring Intramurals-IMS Street Hockey	\$ 776.00
¹ Shannon Connor	Middle School Girls' Lacrosse	\$2,000.00
Bryan Kiggins(s)	Spring Play Director/Technical, NAI	\$2,838.00
Diane Feliciani(s)	Spring Play Director, NAI	\$2,546.00
Dana Nagle	Assistant Student Council, NASH	\$ 965.00
*Dave Patterson(s)	Spring Musical Technical Director/ Lighting	\$1,000.00
¹ *Charles Caldwell	Basketball-CMS 7 th Grade Head Coach(M)	\$1,950.00
*Heidi Miller(s)	NA Black Volleyball Head Coach	\$1,600.00
¹ Kristi Butterini(s)	NA Black Volleyball Head Coach	\$1,600.00
*Michael Bergen	Crew – Boys Head Coach	\$2,560.00
*Michael Bergen	Crew – Girls Head Coach	\$2,560.00
Kelly Klinefelter	Special Area Facilitator – Reading	\$2,000.00

Pool Personnel

Kevin Cope	Life Guard	\$7.15/hr.
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The Board approved the following cancellations of Supplemental Contracts:

James Brunetti	Spring Intramurals-IMS Wiffle Ball
James Brunetti	Spring Intramurals-IMS Street Hockey

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

		<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
*Aaron Terracio	NASH-Assistant Forensics Coach	\$1,150.00	\$575.00

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

**HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT
ADDENDUM**

I. RESIGNATION

The Board approved the following Resignation:

John Titus	Extra Board Bus Driver, Transportation Effective 02/17/09	Personal Reasons
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II. WAGE STATUS CHANGE

The Board approved a change from the day-to-day substitute rate to \$152.39 for Meghan Coughlin, long-term sub for Ashley Miko, Teacher, Bradford Woods Elementary School. The effective date for this change is February 02, 2009.

III. LEAVES OF ABSENCE – RICHARD CERCONE, JAMIE HEINTZ, LINDA LEDONNE, RICHARD FRANKENSTEIN

The Board approved an unpaid Medical Leave of Absence for Richard Cercone, Bus Driver, Transportation Department, effective February 19, 2009 through February 28, 2009.

The Board approved an unpaid Leave of Absence for Jamie Heintz, Special Education Assistant, Franklin and Ingomar Elementary Schools, effective April 03, 2009 through April 08, 2009.

The Board approved an unpaid Leave of Absence for Linda LeDonne, Teacher, Carson Middle School, effective March 30, 2009 through April 03, 2009.

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

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Richard Frankenstein	Unpaid Leave: 02/18/09-03/31/09	Unpaid Leave: 02/18/09-02/28/09

IV. SABBATICAL LEAVES OF ABSENCE – BARBARA KLAUS, LISA WEET

The Board approved a Sabbatical Leave of Absence for Barbara Klaus, School Psychologist, Central Office Administration, effective for the 2009/2010 School Year for the purpose of health restoration.

The Board approved a Sabbatical Leave of Absence for Lisa Weet, Teacher, North Allegheny Senior High School, effective for the 2009/2010 School Year for the purpose of professional development.

V. HONORARIA

The Board approved the following Honoraria Application:

L. Michelle Backauskas	NAL Team – IMS	<u>Submitted</u> 02/18/09	\$ 500.00
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TOTAL HONORARIA 2008/2009 EXPENDITURES THRU 02/25/09 \$62,650.00

VI. SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

The Board approved the following Supplemental Contracts:

^{1*} Adam Philipp	Junior Varsity Baseball Assistant Coach	Volunteer
^{1*} Jeff Sansonetti	Freshman Baseball Assistant Coach	Volunteer
^{1*} John Vesci	IMS Baseball Assistant Coach	Volunteer
¹ Steven Zurbach	IMS Baseball Assistant Coach	Volunteer

* Not a District Employee

¹ First Time Supplemental Contract Holder in this position

^(s) One contract shared by more than one person

PROPERTY AND SUPPLIES REPORT

I. DONATION - COMPUTER EQUIPMENT

The Board approved acceptance of a donation for two projectors and two promethean boards, including cables and installation, for Ingomar Elementary School from the Ingomar PTO. The value of this donation is \$5,569.30.

The disclaimer release for this equipment will be attached to the Official Minutes.

II. INGOMAR AND MARSHALL MIDDLE SCHOOLS EXTERIOR SECURITY CAMERA INSTALLATION AND NAI REPLACEMENT OF THE EMERGENCY GENERATOR AND TRANSFER SWITCH CONSULTANT

The Board approved acceptance of the proposal from Tower Engineering for a cost of \$18,200 to prepare the necessary plans and specifications and provide the necessary construction oversight services for the installation of exterior security cameras at this IMS and MMS and to replace the emergency generator and transfer switch at NAI.

For Information

These projects were included in the 2009/10 Capital Funding Plan. The installation of the exterior security cameras was budgeted at \$25,000 for each school and the replacement of the emergency generator and transfer switch at NAI was budgeted at \$75,000. Any additional services required shall be done in accordance with the hourly rates provided with their proposal.

III. INGOMAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ROOF REPLACEMENT CONSULTANT

The Board approved acceptance of the proposal from Edward Meinert Architect for a cost of \$26,691 to prepare the necessary plans and specifications and provide the necessary construction oversight services for the replacement of the rubber roof at Ingomar Elementary School that was installed in 1990. Asbestos testing and asbestos monitoring services during construction and any additional asbestos testing shall be in accordance with the unit prices submitted with the proposal.

For Information

The 2009/10 Capital Funding Plan included \$800,000 for the replacement of the roof at this school.

IV. BRADFORD WOODS ELEMENTARY, MARSHALL MIDDLE AND NORTH ALLEGHENY INTERMEDIATE HIGH SCHOOLS PAVING REPLACEMENT CONSULTANT

The Board approved acceptance of the proposal from Chamber Design Associates for a cost of \$29,000 to prepare the necessary plans and specifications and provide the necessary construction oversight services for the replacement of the driveway and/or parking lot paving at these sites.

For Information

These projects were included in the 2009/10 Capital Funding Plan with the following estimated costs; BWE for \$225,000, MMS Auditorium Parking Lot for \$200,000 and NAI for \$325,000 Any additional services required shall be done in accordance with the hourly rates provided with their proposal.

ADDENDUM

I. FOURTH AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT BETWEEN NORTH ALLEGHENY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND ADVENTURE DEVELOPMENT LLC

The Board approved the Fourth Amendment to Agreement of Sale and Purchase between North Allegheny School District and AdVenture Development LLC. This agreement extends the closing date for the Transportation District property by ninety (90) days to April 8, 2009.

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

SPECIAL EDUCATION AND PUPIL SERVICES REPORT

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

I. STUDENT TEACHING REQUESTS – SPECIAL EDUCATION

The following students have requested placement in the North Allegheny School District Special Education classrooms during the second semester of the 2008-2009 school year.

<u>STUDENT TEACHER</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>SUPERVISING TEACHER</u>
Darlene Morgan LaRoche College	4/06/09 – 5/22/09	Sandra Stein/Doug Brinkley NAI
Adalie Ecker LaRoche College	4/06/09 – 5/22/09	Scott Oldham Marshall Elementary School
Kelly Fernandez LaRoche College	4/06/09 – 5/22/09	Beth Ann Hefner Ingomar Middle School
Brittany Bisceglia LaRoche College	4/06/09 – 5/22/09	Karen Jones Ingomar Middle School
Amanda Krepp LaRoche College	4/06/09 – 5/22/09	Angela Ewing Carson Middle School

ADDENDUM

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 02/17/2009 through the remainder of the 2008/2009 school year. Wesley Spectrum Academy will bill North Allegheny School District a rate of \$11,358.00.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES REPORT

I. WAIVER OF BOARD POLICY #3330 – STUDENT FIELD TRIPS

The Board approved a waiver of Board Policy #3330 and approved students attending the State FBLA Leadership Conference in Hershey, PA, (listed below) during the period of March 30, March 31, and April 1, 2009. The students will be missing three (3) consecutive days of school.

II. NORTH ALLEGHENY FBLA STUDENTS - STATE FBLA LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE – HERSHEY, PENNSYLVANIA

The Board granted permission for the North Allegheny FBLA students to travel to Hershey, Pennsylvania from **Monday, March 30, 2009 through Wednesday, April 1, 2009**, to participate in the State FBLA Leadership Conference. Approximately **28 students** will be participating in this trip.

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

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

The Debate Team had a very successful tournament at Mercer High School last month. They received first place in their competition! Congratulations! In February, members of the team will be traveling to Bethel Park while others will be competing in a Harvard Tournament. Throughout the next month, there will also be many District competitions where the debaters will have the opportunity to qualify for the state and national conferences. Good luck to all NA Debaters!

DECA will be participating in the 2009 DECA State Career Development Conference in Hershey, PA from February 18-20. After qualifying at the regional level, 40 DECA members will be attending this state conference, competing in various marketing events. The top winners in each event will go on to the International Competition in Anaheim, CA in April. Good luck DECA!

NATV had a very successful trip to New York City. The group visited the Paley Center for Media, saw several shows and enjoyed some wonderful weather as they filmed several pieces throughout the city. NATV is hosting several Cub Scout troops in February and March to assist them in earning their Communication Badges. The TV II and Advanced TV students are putting together their entries for TTV, SciTech and other regional video competitions. In addition, congratulations to Kurt Reasner. Kurt was added to NATV's Leadership Team in January in the News Division, focusing on special projects. Congratulations and good luck!

North Allegheny Student Council Organization (NASCO) is having its annual service project on March 7 from 9:00 am -1:00 pm in the NASH Cafeteria. We are participating in Harm's Way 4 Kids, an organization dedicated to making bracelets for soldiers serving our country overseas. We would love community support! All members of the community are welcome to come to join us for the morning!

ROTC will be participating in a volleyball tournament at NAI on February 21 and two drill tournaments; one will take place on March 7 at NAI and the other will be on March 14 at West Mifflin. Bowling will begin on March 2. They are looking forward to their Military Ball and Banquet, which is fast approaching on March 21 at the high school.

Student Council has some exciting upcoming events. The Staff Appreciation Committee is planning a Valentine's Day treat for all staff members at NASH. They will be putting candy in each mailbox. The Dance and Publicity Committees are working hard to make this year's MORP Dance a success. The theme is "A Night on the High Seas!" The dance will be on February 21 from 8:00 pm - 11:00 pm. The Service Committee and Interact worked on Valentine's for Veterans with State Senator Jane Clare Orié's Office at the beginning of the month.

Z-Club is keeping extremely busy in February! In addition to their monthly volunteer work at World Vision, the members of the organization will be donating their time to Zonta's 7th Annual Glass Slipper Ball as well as the Red Door Shelter. The ball is a black tie event held at the Four Point Sheraton in Cranberry on February 24. It includes food tasting from 30 of the areas top chefs, dancing, and a huge silent auction. The Ball raises money to fund scholarships through the North Hills Community Outreach, Crisis Center North, Hearth, Girl's Hope, and Power. On February 21, the members will be making over 200 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for the Red Door Shelter. Good luck Z-Club!

2009 PASC District #3 Conference was hosted by NASH Student Council on February 16. We hosted over 600 of the most talented student leaders and advisors from 32 schools in and around Allegheny County. Our theme was “Join the Crew! Set Sail for a High Seas Adventure on Leadership!” Hosting this conference was unlike any other experience for the members of our student council. The Conference Chairs would like to thank all of the 43 dedicated students and advisors that made up our Steering Committee and the 35 students on the conference committees. We all learned so much through this conference on many aspects of leadership! Also, thank you to the School Board and Administration for your support! Planning this conference was an amazing experience, and Student Council hopes to be able to plan other student leadership events again in the future with Board and Administrative support. Thanks to everyone for a job well done!

II. NAI NEWS – as reported by Lili Peng

The NAI Student Council Spirit Committee is participating in the “Spread Love--Wear Red” campaign on February 13. The NAI students will wear red and there will be a raffle of \$3.00 a ticket to benefit the Red Campaign. Also, February 22-28 is International Friendship Week.

The National Junior Honor Society will start with Hearth babysitting. Lunch Bunch is meeting all lunch periods on Wednesday, and after school tutoring will continue until the end of May. Preparation for the new membership induction has also started.

The Spring Play is *Arsenic and Old Lace*. Performances begin on February 18 with the Senior Citizen/GOLD card performance and end on February 21 at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$6.00 at the door.

Key Club is busy at work with elections for new 9th grade officers that will take place in March. Members are tutoring at the McKnight Homework Club on Tuesday and Thursday, and they will be cheering for the NAI Boy's 9th Grade Basketball Team vs. Seneca Valley on February 10.

JCL is planning for their PAJCL Convention, and members are starting on their individual projects for the convention.

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>
Frances Hawbaker	Curriculum Site Visit to Naperville 203 North High School Host: Naperville School District Naperville, IL	2/26- 2/27/2009	\$ 105.20
Katherine Jenkins Tawnia St. Amant	Pennsylvania Middle School Association Professional Development Institute Sponsor: PMSA Harrisburg, PA	3/1/-3/3/2009	\$ 409.00 \$ 300.00
Len Fritsch Paul Pokorny	One Day Conference Sponsor: PA Turfgrass Council Pittsburgh, PA	3/4/2009	\$ 85.00 \$ 75.00
Matt McCusker Ed Roman Lynn Roman Dave Schmidt	Curriculum Site Visit Host: Neshaminy School District and West Babylon School District Langhorne, PA and West Babylon, NY	3/8-3/10/2009	\$ 70.00 \$ 70.00 \$ 1,080.30* \$ 70.00
Dana Deily	Supercharge Your Guided Reading Instruction Sponsor: AIU3 Pittsburgh, PA	3/10/2009	\$ 199.00
Rob Hetzel	1 Day Contractor/Supervisor Refresher Course Sponsor: Center for Environmental and Occupational Training, Inc. Pittsburgh, PA	3/11/2009	\$ 110.00
Sherri Ludwig	Attendance/Child Accounting Professional Association – Spring Conference Sponsor: Attendance/Child Accounting Professional Association Hershey, PA	3/18- 3/20/2009	\$ 920.30

Pattie Karki Darlene Krey	Pennsylvania Association of School Nurses and Practitioners Annual Education Conference Sponsor: PASNAP State College, PA	3/20- 3/22/2009	\$ 448.00 \$ 533.23
Lindsey Battaglia Pete Martorelli Chris Sestili	Pennsylvania Future Business Leaders of America – States Sponsor: PA – FBLA Hershey, PA	3/30-4/1/2009	\$ 502.00 \$ 354.00 \$ 354.00
Dave DeGregorio Christopher Jackson Brenda Laughrey David Schmidt Linda Similo Eric Wanner	2009 American Alliance for Health and Physical Education Convention Sponsor: American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance Tampa, FL	4/1-4/4/2009	\$ 459.20* \$ 1,239.20* \$ 459.20* \$ 1,239.20* \$ 1,239.20* \$ 459.20*
Barbara Hoffman Jane Young	Pennsylvania Association of Family and Consumer Sciences 86 th Annual Conference Sponsor: Pennsylvania Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Malvern, PA	4/16- 4/18/2009	\$ 395.00 \$ 1,049.00

*PEP Grant

II. SECOND READING AND REQUEST FOR ADOPTION OF REVISED BOARD POLICY #4000 – CHILD ABUSE AND/OR NEGLECT

In accordance with Board Policy #1710, the Board adopted the attached revised Board Policy #4000, Child Abuse and/or Neglect.

III. FIRST READING OF REVISED BOARD POLICY #3890 – POSITIVE BEHAVIORAL SUPPORT TECHNIQUES

In accordance with Board Policy #1710, adoption of the attached revised Board Policy #3890, Positive Behavioral Support Techniques, will be requested at the Regular Meeting of the Board of School Directors on March 25, 2009.

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

I. PROFESSIONAL SEMINAR REQUESTS – SUBSTITUTION

At the January 28, 2009 School Board Meeting, the DECA State Career Development Conference was approved. Lori McNeely was one of the teachers approved, but she is unable to attend and Leah Uhernick will be taking her place.

II. GOOD STAFF NEWS AROUND NA

- ★ **Ms. Anne Funk, a music teacher at Carson Middle School and Hosack Elementary School,** will be honored with a Citation of Excellence in Teaching Award at the PMEA Annual State Conference in April. This award recognizes middle school music teachers whose programs are an excellent example of music education in action and that effectively reach students through an outstanding approach that can serve as an inspiration to other teachers of music. Ms. Funk was nominated by her colleague in the Music Department, Ms. Sarah Lavelle.

- ★ **Ms. Faye Junker, Ms. Tracey Cima, and Mr. Matt Hreha, teachers at Ingomar Middle School,** have been invited to present at the Pennsylvania Middle School Association's State Conference in March. Their session will be titled "Remediation Pie." They plan to share ideas that will help teachers assist low-achieving students improve their skills in English, social studies, and special education classes.

- ★ **Ms. Tammy Andreyko, Principal at Ingomar Middle School, and Ms. Katherine Jenkins, Principal at Carson Middle School,** have been invited to present at the Pennsylvania Middle School Association's State Conference in March. Their session will be titled "Running the Race: A Great Start and a Strong Finish." They plan to share ideas that will help Administrators plan creative and effective special activities to motivate students throughout the school year.

- ★ **Ms. Joy Ed, Director of Communications and Public Relations,** has been invited to present at the annual conference of the National School Public Relations Association in June. Her session will be titled "Low Risk/High Yield Employee Communications Plans are a Win-Win Deal!" She will share ways in which a school district can build a focused internal communications plan and establish procedures that will have far-reaching benefits.

Dr. Green added to her Good News Report a word of congratulations to Dr. Miller, Dr. Steinhauer, and Mr. Dave Woten, who joined her to present at a national conference of superintendents this past week on the topic “Magic in the Middle School Model.” She indicated that they did a wonderful job and were much appreciated by the approximately 90 superintendents who were in attendance at their session.

ADDITIONAL BOARD REPORTS

A.W. Beattie

Mr. Schwartzmier reported on the planned construction project, noting that a tentative ground-breaking date is May 5. He hopes that all bids will be in around the first of April. He brought back information about a new WIFI system that is reputed to be much more efficient than what is currently in use in most buildings. He will share this with the NA IT Department.

Legislative Report

Mr. Shuckrow filed this report for the month:

1. **American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Stimulus Package).** President Obama signed the Stimulus Package into law. Of the \$787 billion in the law, \$115 billion goes to education. Directly, it is estimated that North Allegheny will receive \$1.6 million from the package which will be for IDEA-Part B and will be in addition to the amount that would be provided under a separate FY 2009 appropriations measure. The specific allocations for school infrastructure were not included in the final act but there is the ability for states to use “state stabilization funds” for school infrastructure needs. The state stabilization program is new. Pennsylvania is estimated to receive \$1.9 billion in “state stabilization funds,” a newly created program. The Act also contains funding for school districts that would reward teacher excellence and increase teacher professional development opportunities. Additionally, the maximum Pell Grant scholarship will increase by \$500 to \$5,350 for 2009-10 and to \$5,500 for 2010-11.
2. **PSERS Pension Issues.** The Board received in its take home materials an article about the loss in value to the PSERS investments as a result of the economic downturn. PSERS reported a 29.7% loss in the value of its investments by the end of 2008. PSERS currently estimates that there is a potential that the employer contribution rate could rise to 28% or more by 2012-13. The rate for 2009-10 is 4.78%.
3. **GCA’s.** Senator Orié recently issued a news release opposing GCA’s and the actions of the Department of Education to move forward on these tests while the one-year moratorium remains in effect. Meanwhile, the State Board of Education is continuing to conduct hearings on the GCA’s. The closest upcoming hearing is in Grove City on March 3, 2009 at 10:00 AM.

4. **Special Education Costing Out Study.** A study was released which had been commissioned by various special education advocates. The study is called “Costing Out the Resources for Special Education in Pennsylvania.” The same firm that authored the costing-out study commissioned by the General Assembly in 2007 authored this report. Based on my review of the results it appears that according to the analysis used in this study, North Allegheny is adequately funding special education.
5. The State Legislature is in recess until March 9.

PSBA Report

Mrs. Bishop added that there is a new initiative called FREE created to move some legislation forward on the topic of the GCA's. She commended Senator Orié's efforts to stave off the GCA's. They have also created a task force to study the improvement of communications. There will be a restructuring of the organization to address this issue.

NA Foundation Report

Mr. Shuckrow reported that a rubric is being developed for the evaluation of grants, which he feels will be helpful to both those who are developing grants and to the Trustees as they review them. He also reported that the Foundation has lost some investment dollars due to the economic situation. This makes the Golf Outing more important to them than ever this year. At Diamond Run, where the event is being held on June 15, they will be required to pay for a minimum number of golfers, whether that number of golfers play or not. He urged the Board to help the Foundation recruit participants.

Summer Recreation

At the February 12 meeting, it was decided that the program will be eliminating some locations. This information will be included in upcoming communications.

SPEAKERS

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

The Board met in Executive Session at the conclusion of the meeting to discuss a couple of litigation matters.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:29 PM.

**The next meeting of the NA Board of School Directors
is scheduled for March 18, 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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This update is provided by the Director of Communications and Public Relations immediately following the actual meeting.

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