

NORTH ALLEGHENY SCHOOL DISTRICT

SUMMER E-REPORT

Special Meeting/Work Session

June 18, 2008

Board in Attendance: Mrs. Bishop, Mr. Hubert, Mrs. Boujoukos,
Mr. Cunningham, Mrs. Grosheider, Mrs. Ludwig,
Mr. Pagone, Mr. Schwartzmier, Mr. Shuckrow

Board Absent: None.

Student in Attendance: Mr. Hamm

Also in Attendance: Dr. Green, Mr. Brungo (Solicitor), Mr. Botti, Mr. Devlin,
Mrs. Ed, Mr. Gaertner, Dr. Hirsch, Mr. Hopkins, Dr. Steinhauer,
Dr. Stropkaj, Dr. Wheat; Mrs. Ryan (Secretary)

Other Administrators: None.

The Board of School Directors of the North Allegheny School District convened for a **Special Meeting/Work Session** on **Wednesday, June 18, 2008** in the **Board Room** of the **Central Administrative Offices**.

NORTH ALLEGHENY BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

BOARD MEETING

June 18, 2008

AGENDA

7:30 SPECIAL MEETING/WORK SESSION

- **Community Relations**
- **Speakers (Voting Items)**
- **Special Meeting Voting Items**
- **Short Presentation on Food Service**
- **Review of Board Folder**
- **Speakers (Non-agenda Items)**

9:00 EXECUTIVE SESSION

The following is a summary of the meeting of June 18, 2008:

SPECIAL MEETING/WORK SESSION

Mrs. Bishop called the meeting to order at 7: 32 *p.m.* and all stood and recited *The Pledge of Allegiance*.

Mrs. Bishop welcomed our Student Representative from NASH, Andy Hamm. Andy was our Student Representative in his sophomore year, and Mrs. Bishop said it was good to see him return. The new NAI Student Representative is Lili Peng, who will be in attendance next week, and we are all looking forward to meeting her. The Board and community welcomed Andy and wished him well in his duties for the upcoming school year.

Mrs. Bishop announced that the Board met in Executive Session at the conclusion of the last meeting on May 28, 2008 to discuss a personnel matter with respect to employee compensation and a professional services contract. The Board will be meeting in Executive Session at the conclusion of this meeting to discuss a litigation matter and a personnel matter with respect to an Administrative employee.

CALENDAR AND AGENDA

Mrs. Bishop reviewed the Agenda for this meeting and the Calendar for June, July and August 2008. This meeting is a Special Meeting/Work Session and the Board has a couple of items to approve. At next week's meeting the Board will be approving the 2008-09 General Fund Budget, among other items. In July, there will only be one meeting, which will be a combined Work Session and Regular Meeting on July 16, 2008. In August, there will be two meetings. The Work Session on August 20, 2008 will also be a Special Meeting/Work Session and the Regular Meeting will be on August 27, 2008, right before the start of school on August 28th.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

No Speakers.

SPEAKERS ON VOTING ITEMS

No Speakers

VOTING ITEMS

The following two items were approved:

FINANCIAL REPORT

I. A.W. BEATTIE CAREER CENTER DEBT RESOLUTION

Before voting, Mr. Hopkins explained that tonight's resolution is a standard "not to exceed" resolution. Basically, this allows an institution to have a debt issue, approved, and be able to move forward and go to market without coming back to the institution for further approval. The variable that allows this is the bond interest rate. Current market rates, blended, are 4.3-4.5%. The not to exceed rate uses 5.25%. The NASD has used the not to exceed resolution in past debt issues.

The Board approved adoption of the Debt Resolution as contained in the Official Minutes of this meeting.

Background Information

The "not to exceed" resolution authorizes indebtedness and a general obligation note in support of the A.W. Beattie Career Center bond issue. The bonds are to be issued July 15, 2008.

PROPERTY AND SUPPLIES REPORT

I. BID REJECTION – STAGE EXTENSION

The Board approved rejection of the bid for a stage extension at NASH.

For Information

The District will be soliciting bids for this project in early June 2008.

PRESENTATION ON FOOD SERVICE CONTRACT

Mr. Botti gave a brief presentation of the food service contract which is requested for approval on June 25, 2008. He introduced **Mrs. Jaimie Nichols**, who assisted in the preparation of the presentation and who was available to answer any questions.

Mr. Botti gave a timeline for the RFPs. Proposals were due by April 1, 2008 and after presentations by some of the vendors, the RFPs were evaluated and the field was narrowed to eight vendors. A site visitation was made by the District and three food service management companies were invited to conduct presentations. The presentations were evaluated by a committee and were valued on a variety of criteria as outlined in the RFP. Metz included a guaranteed return of \$40,000, and an upgrade to the NASH servery of \$150,000. Because the contract is for one year, with four possible one year renewals, the School District cannot accept funding guarantees of greater than one year. The recommendation is to enter a new contract with Metz and Associates.

Lunch prices will increase by 15 cents at the elementary level, as well as at NASH and NAI; at the middle school level, prices will increase by 25 cents.

The Board thanked everyone who was involved. Mrs. Bishop said it was a very competitive process for the vendors as well as our staff members and much time was spent by all who participated.

REVIEW OF BOARD FOLDER

The Board reviewed all items as contained in the Board Folder of June 25, 2008. There was some discussion and clarification on items that were included.

During review of the **Curriculum Report**, Mrs. Bishop introduced **Mr. Matt Roberts**, Curriculum Coordinator at Beattie, who was on hand to answer any questions about a voting item next week on the Distance Learning Chinese Course which will be offered to our students in grades 9-12 for the fall of 2008. It will be a pilot program and could possibly become part of our Program of Studies. The course curriculum will follow the model used by the Confucius Institutes across North America.

The Board was very enthusiastic of this proposal and excited that we will be using our technological skills to bring this program to our students. They thanked Dr. Green and the Administration for their forward, innovative-thinking and said they were proud to support this. There are still certain aspects to be determined and resolved over the summer, but it is a great opportunity.

Although there was no **Legislative Report** at this meeting, there was important legislative news that Mr. Shuckrow shared.

This week, the Pennsylvania Senate approved legislation, by a vote of 48-2, that would prevent the State Board of Education from adopting its proposal to establish 10 high school exit exams, **the GCAs**, by requiring that any changes to the statewide requirements for high school graduation be established by an act of the General Assembly. The bill is currently in the House and it is unsure of whether it will pass. Mr. Shuckrow suggested, and the Board agreed, that we once again contact our state legislators to oppose the GCAs and a letter will be drafted this week to show the unity and solidarity of our Board on the importance of opposing the GCAs.

SPEAKERS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No Speakers.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Bishop adjourned the meeting at **8:54 p.m.** The Board met in Executive Session to discuss a litigation matter and a personnel matter with respect to an Administrative employee.

The next meeting of the NA Board of School Directors is scheduled for Wednesday, June 25, 2008 in the Board Room of the Central Administrative Offices.

Submitted by:
Rose Mary Ryan, Secretary
North Allegheny School Board

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For information about the Board meeting schedule, please refer to the NA website www.northallegheny.org.

For a copy of the Official Minutes of the meeting, please contact the North Allegheny School Board Secretary, Rose Mary Ryan, at 412/369-5437 or rryan@northallegheny.org.