

Wednesday, June 17, 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 Special Meeting/Work Session
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; the District Solicitor, Mr. Lucas; and the Superintendent's Executive Council were present.



AGENDA

7:30 SPECIAL MEETING/WORK SESSION

- Community Relations
- Speakers (Voting Items)
- Special Meeting Voting Items
- Review of Board Folder
- Speakers (Non-agenda Items)

9:00 EXECUTIVE SESSION

SPEAKERS

There were no community members who came forward to address the Board during the Community Relations segment of the meeting. Likewise, no one came forward to speak on the voting item to be addressed in the Special Meeting.

Prior to addressing the Special Voting Item, the Board heard a brief overview of this item from Ms. Joy Gaetano, Director of Human Resources. Dr. Green offered an introduction. Ms. Gaetano explained that this extension represents the true spirit of partnership that exists between the District and the Federation.

SPECIAL VOTING ITEM

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

I. RATIFICATION OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

The Board accepted and approved the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the North Allegheny School District and the North Allegheny Federation of Teachers Local 2097, American Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO, pursuant to the amendments to the contract and the terms and conditions as presented. The effective dates of the agreement are July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2013.

Following the vote, Mrs. Grosheider took a moment to single out Mr. Robert Devlin, the recently retired NASD Director of Human Resources, and Ms. Barbara Hutchinson, the recently retired President of the Federation, who acted as Chief Negotiators of this extension to the Collective Bargaining Agreement. She recognized them both for their tireless contributions to the District over the years and their admirable records of service.

“The District owes you both a huge debt of gratitude for enabling an on-going atmosphere of labor stability to continue through the realization of this Agreement. This Agreement allows our focus to remain on serving our students, which is what we are all about at North Allegheny.”

After those comments, Ms. Hutchinson introduced the members of the Executive Council of the Federation who were in attendance and also participated in the negotiation process. She also recognized that Mr. David McDonald, a former teacher and member of Federation leadership, was also in attendance. The Board took a short recess to sign the contract and greet the representatives of Federation in attendance.

Mr. Devlin closed this session with a few words of recognition for Ms. Hutchinson. He thanked her sincerely for the problem-solving and support that she and her Executive Council provided to him over the years. He also thanked Dr. Green for her belief in him and the opportunity to work on this important project. He thanked the Board for their flexibility, professionalism and realistic

perspective as they approach these matters. He especially thanked Mrs. Grosheider for her leadership through these negotiations and past negotiation sessions.

“I hope that Ms. Hutchinson and I have been able to leave the District with a legacy of profound cooperation in working through problems together,” he said. “We have been able to accomplish many things because of the high level of regard and respect that everyone in this organization has for one another. This is an exceptional environment that has enabled us all to work together to get the job done.”

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The Board then proceeded to review the items in the Board folder upon which they will take action next week. They had some discussion on various items to clarify their questions.

The Board had a positive reaction to the reduction in the number of the general bid awards for school supplies.

There was some discussion regarding the possibility of changing the time of Board meetings for next year. This will be considered prior to next week’s meeting, when Board meeting dates and times for next year will be in the Board folder for approval.

Dr. Green reviewed her Good News Report, which will be included in its entirety in next week’s E-Report.

In addition to Dr. Green’s good news, Mrs. Bishop congratulated our Band for their participation in the Penguin’s Celebration Parade on Monday and thanked all those who worked together to make it possible for them to be a part of that significant event.

Mr. Shuckrow asked if there has been some consideration of student participation in activities for the **G-20 Summit** this fall in Pittsburgh. Dr. Green assured the Board that she has been thinking along those lines, as well as keeping security issues in mind.

SPEAKERS:

There were no speakers who came forward.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

The Board met in Executive Session following this meeting to discuss matters with respect to two administrative employees.

The next meeting of the NA Board of School Directors

**is scheduled for June 24, 2009
and will be held in the Board Room at CAO.**

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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
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For a copy of the Official Minutes of the meeting,
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