

Wednesday, March 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 Meeting
in the CAO Board Room.**

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



**NORTH ALLEGHENY BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
BOARD MEETING
MARCH 25, 2009**

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 |

Prior to the meeting, Mrs. Grosheider mentioned two upcoming events in the District:

- A Family ESL Night at Carson Middle School on Thursday, March 26, 2009, in the foyer from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. Interested persons may contact the Office of Special Education and Pupil Services for more information.
- The annual McKnight March Madness Fundraiser on Friday, March 27, 2009, at NAI, beginning at 6 PM, to benefit Make-A-Wish. The goal is to fund three wishes this year. The event will include two basketball games, a concert, a silent auction and a raffle. Tickets are available at the door.

SPEAKERS

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

The Board proceeded to take action on the items in the Board folder:

CURRICULUM REPORT

I. NASH FALL PLAY – *RABBIT HOLE*

The Board approved the NASH fall play, *Rabbit Hole*, to be presented in the NASH Auditorium.

For Information

This play was reviewed by the NASH Play Selection Committee that is made up of staff, parents, and Board Members and was unanimously approved. This play will provide over 10 students an opportunity to participate as cast members and a stage crew of over 10 students.

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

I. PROPOSED ADOPTION OF TEXTBOOKS – SECONDARY

The following textbooks will be on display in the Board Secretary's Office from March 25 – April 29, 2009. Board action will be requested at the April 29, 2009 Board Meeting.

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.

FINANCIAL REPORT

I. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE APPROVAL LISTS

The Board approved several Accounts Payable lists.

II. AIU PROGRAM OF SERVICES BUDGET

The Board approved the proposed 2009/2010 Allegheny Intermediate Unit Program of Services Budget as presented. The Budget totals \$3,807,900 and reflects a 0% increase in the total district allocation.

III. BUDGETARY TRANSFERS

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

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

I. STUDENT ACTIVITIES ACCOUNTS PAYABLE APPROVAL LISTS

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

A.	Carson Middle	\$ 21,009.52
B.	Ingomar Middle	1,506.07
C.	Marshall Middle	4,871.80
D.	NA Intermediate	17,634.72
E.	NA Senior High	90,926.82
F.	NA Athletic	15,756.16

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

I. RESIGNATIONS

The Board approved the following Resignations:

Jerome Beamon	Extra Board Bus Driver, Transportation Effective 03/06/09	Personal Reasons
Jason LeClaire	Utility Custodian, Facilities Effective 03/27/09	Personal Reasons
Marian Metro	Special Education Assistant, MCK Effective 02/25/09	Personal Reasons
Harry Price	Substitute Bus Driver, Transportation Effective 02/27/09	Personal Reasons
Robert Ralcewicz	PM Mechanic, Transportation Effective 04/17/09	Personal Reasons
Jennifer Ross	Elementary School Counselor, FES/IES Effective 06/12/09	Personal Reasons
Richard Shannon	Custodian, Facilities Effective 06/29/09 16 yrs. @ NA	Retirement

Susan Sweeney	Secretary, Athletic Department Effective 08/14/09 21 yrs. @ NA	Retirement
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The Board approved the following adjustment to previously approved Retirement:

Virginia Musher	<u>From</u> Effective 06/30/09	<u>To</u> Effective 06/29/09
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II. APPOINTMENTS

The Board approved the following Appointments:

Professional

Susan Rusnak	Physics, NASH Effective 03/09/09 for remainder of 2008/2009 School Year Only	Per Diem Sub \$152.39/day
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Sara Watkins	PT Learning Support, MMS Effective 10/06/08	Prof Contract Step 2 Col. A \$22,258
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Paraprofessional

Renee Troia	Facilities Secretary, Facilities Effective 03/26/09	\$12.85/hr. Class I-B 8 Hours/Day 260 Days/Yr.
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The Board approved the following as substitute/clerical aides at \$7.50/hr. as needed, effective March 01, 2009:

Annette Exley
Joan Huber
Nancy Nysewander

Classified

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TYPE OF WORK</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>START DATE</u>
Judy Callaghan	Probationary Bus Driver	\$13.86/hr.	03/11/09
Alex Felkar	Probationary Bus Driver	\$13.86/hr.	03/05/09

James Ross	From Probationary Bus Driver to Extra Board Driver	No Change	02/20/09
Richard Rostek	Probationary Bus Driver	\$13.86/hr.	02/23/09

III. WAGE STATUS CHANGES

The Board approved wage increases for the following Paraprofessional Employees (these increases are based on anniversary date of hire):

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Carol Davis	\$13.12/hr.	\$15.44/hr.	03/29/09
Mary Marous	\$16.46/hr.	\$19.37/hr.	04/05/09

IV. LEAVES OF ABSENCE – DONALD BEVAN, JENNIFER DIETZ, MARY HRITZ, SANDRA JAGUS, JOAN NEUBERGER, ROBERT RALCEWICZ, SUSAN SATERIALE, RICHARD FRANKENSTEIN

The Board approved an unpaid Leave of Absence for Donald Bevan, Bus Driver, Transportation Department, effective May 14, 2009 through May 18, 2009.

The Administration recommends approval of an unpaid Leave of Absence for Jennifer Dietz, Teacher, North Allegheny Senior High School, effective August 24, 2009 through December 18, 2009.

The Board approved an unpaid Leave of Absence for Mary Hritz, Teacher, Marshall Elementary School, effective March 30, 2009 through April 01, 2009.

The Board approved an unpaid Leave of Absence for Sandra Jagus, Special Education Assistant, Pebbles Elementary School, effective April 22, 2009 through April 29, 2009.

The Board approved an unpaid Leave of Absence for Joan Neuberger, Teacher, Franklin Elementary School, effective May 11, 2009 through May 15, 2009.

The Board approved of an unpaid Leave of Absence for Robert Ralcewicz, Mechanic, Transportation Department, effective March 16, 2009 through April 16, 2009.

The Board approved an unpaid Leave of Absence for Susan Sateriale, Special Education Assistant, McKnight Elementary School, effective February 24, 2009 through March 18, 2009.

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

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Richard Frankenstein	Unpaid Leave: 02/18/09-02/28/09	Unpaid Leave: 02/18/09-02/27/09

V. EXTENSION OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE – RICHARD CERCONE

The Board approved an Extension of an Unpaid Leave of Absence for Richard Cercone, Transportation, effective through June 11, 2009.

VI. EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL LEAVE OF ABSENCE – LINDA LEDONNE

The Board approved an Educational Travel Leave of Absence for Linda LeDonne, Teacher, Carson Middle School, effective for the 2009/2010 School Year.

VII. HONORARIA

The Board approved the following Honoraria Application:

Rich Gebrosky	NAL Team – IMS	<u>Submitted</u> 02/26/09	\$ 500.00
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TOTAL HONORARIA 2008/2009 EXPENDITURES THRU 03/25/09 \$63,150.00

VIII. SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

The Board approved the following Supplemental Contract:

¹ *Megan Fletcher(s)	Gymnastics Co-Varsity Head Coach	\$ 2,300.00
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The Board approved the following adjustment to previously approved Supplemental Contract:

Lisa Failla(s)	Gymnastics Co-Varsity Head Coach	<u>From</u> \$3,925.00	<u>To</u> \$1,625.00
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* 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. APPOINTMENTS

The Board approved the following Appointments:

Professional

The Board approved the following adjustment to the previously submitted Appointment:

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Sara Watkins	Prof Contract	Sub Form

Paraprofessional

The Board approved the following as substitute/clerical aides at \$7.50/hr. as needed, effective March 01, 2009:

Carol DiTullio
Linda Nardozzi

Classified

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TYPE OF WORK</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>START DATE</u>
Gary Banks	Probationary Bus Driver	\$13.86/hr.	03/25/09
Gary Jurksaitis	PT Custodian	\$ 8.50/hr.	03/29/09
Edward O'Neill	Probationary Bus Driver	No Change	03/23/09

II. WAGE STATUS CHANGES

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>
Leslie Spahr Waldfogle	\$13.12/hr.	\$15.44/hr.	10/04/08

The Board approved a change from the day-to-day substitute rate to \$148.32 for Maggie English, long-term sub for Jill Majors, Teacher, North Allegheny Intermediate School. The effective date for this change is February 25, 2009.

III. LEAVE OF ABSENCE – SARAH PARRISH

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

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Sarah Parrish	Unpaid Leave: 10/24/08-12/05/08	Unpaid Leave: 10/30/08-12/23/08

IV. HONORARIA

The Board approved the following Honoraria Applications:

		<u>Submitted</u>	
John Fellers	SAT Prep Course	03/20/09	\$ 1,150.00
Becky Hulme	“ “	03/20/09	\$ 900.00
Cathy Jones	“ “	03/20/09	\$ 450.00
Dave Morris	“ “	03/20/09	\$ 900.00
Carissa Schott	“ “	03/20/09	\$ 900.00
Christine Walters	“ “	03/20/09	\$ 450.00
Dennis Morton	N.A. Fiddlers	03/12/09	\$ 900.00

TOTAL HONORARIA 2008/2009 EXPENDITURES THRU 03/25/09 \$68,800.00

V. SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

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

		<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
¹ Jason Winschel	Head Coach Boys’ Middle School Track	\$3,105.00	\$3,500.00

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

		<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
* Joseph Beierle	Asst. Varsity Coach Track	\$2,324.00	\$ 602.56

* 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. SUBMISSION OF PDE FORM 3074(a) FOR REPLACEMENT OF THE FREEZER - NAI

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 Education for the Replacement of the Freezer at NAI.

II. SUBMISSION OF PDE FORM 3074(a) FOR REPLACEMENT OF THE ROOF - INGOMAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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 Education for the Replacement of the Roof at Ingomar Elementary School.

III. SUBMISSION OF PDE FORM 3074(a) FOR REPLACEMENT OF THE PAVING AT THE AUDITORIUM PARKING LOT - MARSHALL MIDDLE SCHOOL

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 Education for the Replacement of the Paving in the Auditorium Parking Lot at the Marshall Middle School.

IV. SUBMISSION OF PDE FORM 3074(a) FOR REPLACEMENT OF THE DRIVEWAY PAVING AND SIDEWALKS - NAI

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 Education for the Replacement of the Driveway Paving and Sidewalks at NAI.

V. SUBMISSION OF PDE FORM 3074(a) FOR REPLACEMENT OF THE DRIVEWAY AND PARKING LOT PAVING - BRADFORD WOODS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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 Education for the Replacement of the Driveway and Parking Lot Paving at Bradford Woods Elementary School.

VI. PARTIAL FEE WAIVER – PAKISTANI AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF GREATER PITTSBURGH

The Board approved a 50% waiver of rental fees for the following association, which has requested to utilize North Allegheny facilities pursuant to Administrative Procedures #7110 - General Provisions and Procedures for Use of School Facilities.

Pakistani American Association of Greater Pittsburgh

For Information

The above-named is a non-profit organization that is requesting use of our facilities for club activities. The organization is comprised of 34% North Allegheny residents. Based on this, they are eligible for a 50% fee waiver for use of North Allegheny School District facilities to conduct their program.

Information required by Administrative Procedures #7110 is on file in the Facilities Department offices.

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

I. DONATION – BOOKS

The Administration reported acceptance of a donation of 106 hardbound books for Hosack Elementary School from the Pearsick family. The value of this donation is \$692.18.

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

SPECIAL EDUCATION AND PUPIL SERVICES REPORT

I. AGREEMENT BETWEEN NORTH ALLEGHENY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND HOLY FAMILY ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION

The Board approved the Educational Services Agreement between Holy Family Alternative Education and the North Allegheny School District for one student on a pro-rata basis for the remainder of the 2008/2009 school year at an educational cost not to exceed \$17,753.40.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES REPORT

I. NORTH ALLEGHENY HONORS WIND ENSEMBLE – PMEA CONFERENCE – VALLEY FORGE, PENNSYLVANIA

The Board granted permission for the North Allegheny Senior High School Honors Wind Ensemble students to travel to Valley Forge, Pennsylvania from **Wednesday, April 22, 2009 (after school) through Thursday, April 23, 2009** to participate in the 76th Annual PMEA In-service Conference. Approximately **60 students** will be participating in this trip.

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

The Board granted permission for the Marshall Middle School GOAL students to travel to Wheeling Jesuit University in Wheeling, West Virginia on **Monday, April 27, 2009** to participate in the Challenger Space Center learning activity. Approximately **35 students** will be participating in this trip.

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

The Board approved a waiver of Board Policy #3330 and approved students attending the **Euro Challenge Competition, in New York City, New York** during the period of April 28 – 30, 2009. The students will be missing three days of school.

IV. INTERMEDIATE HIGH SCHOOL GOAL STUDENTS – EURO CHALLENGE COMPETITION – NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK

The Board granted permission for the Intermediate High School GOAL Students to travel to the Euro Challenge Competition, in New York City, New York from **Tuesday, April 28 through Thursday, April 30, 2009** to participate in the Euro Challenge Competition. There will be **5 students** participating in this trip.

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

The Board approved a waiver of Board Policy #3330 and approved students attending the **International DECA Career Development Conference and Competition, in Anaheim, California** during the period of April 28 – May 3, 2009. The students will be missing four days of school.

VI. NORTH ALLEGHENY HIGH SCHOOL DECA GROUP – INTERNATIONAL DECA CAREER DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE AND COMPETITION – ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA

The Board granted permission for the North Allegheny High School DECA Chapter to travel to the International DECA Career Development Conference and Competition in Anaheim, California from **Tuesday, April 28 through Sunday, May 3, 2009** to participate in the International DECA Career Development Conference and Competition. There will be **9 students** participating in this trip.

VII. MARSHALL MIDDLE SCHOOL – EIGHTH GRADE GOAL STUDENTS – WASHINGTON, D.C. AND WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA

The Board granted permission for the 8th Grade GOAL students at Marshall Middle School to travel to Washington, D.C. and Williamsburg, Virginia from **Friday, May 1, 2009 through Monday, May 4, 2009** to visit places that will enhance and enrich their social studies curriculum. Approximately **75-80 students** will be participating in this trip.

VIII. MCKNIGHT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – FIFTH GRADE STUDENTS – CLEVELAND ZOO – CLEVELAND, OHIO

The Board granted permission for the 5th Grade students at McKnight Elementary School to travel to the Cleveland Zoo in Cleveland, Ohio on **Tuesday, June 9, 2009** to visit and experience the Cleveland Zoo and Rainforest Center. There will be **141 students** participating in this trip.

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

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

DECA traveled to the 58th Annual State Career and Development Conference in Hershey, PA last month. North Allegheny was remarkably successful at this year's state conference, as seven members qualified to compete at the International Career and Development Conference in Anaheim, California. More than 12,000 students from around the globe will compete at the international competition. **A.J. Colisimo** placed 2nd in the Accounting competition, the team of **Margo Bentzel** and **Amanda Malkowski** received a 2nd place award in Retail Market Research, the team of **Erica Bernardi** and **Jane Miner** received a 3rd place award for their Public Relations Project, and the team of **Shelby Roehre** and **Piper Foight** placed 4th in the Hospitality Services event. **A.J.** also received medallions for his Accounting test and role play, and **Piper** and **Shelby** received a medallion for their role play. These members will be traveling to Anaheim, California to compete at the International DECA Conference to be held from April 29th through May 2nd. **Andrea Camut** and **Tim Zahren** were both finalists in their events. **Andrea** was a finalist in the event of Sports & Entertainment Marketing, and **Tim** was a finalist in the Transportation/Logistics Event. **Andrea** also received a medallion for a top score in

her role play. The team of **Tyler Jones** and **Griffin Sefcik** won a medallion for a top test score.

Future Business Leaders of America will be traveling to their State Convention on March 30th through April 1st. The competitions will be in Hershey, PA. Congratulations to the 33 students who qualified for State Convention and good luck to those who are going!

JROTC will have their annual Ball and Banquet at NASH on March 21st from 5-11 pm.

Junior Class is in the beginning stages for the Junior Prom. This dance will be on May 9th, and the theme will be "Garden of Eden." Class officers and representatives are now in the decorating planning process.

Multicultural Student Union participated in Black History month in February by their celebration of Black History on February 20th at the Blueberry Hill Activity Center. Fifty people had the opportunity to experience some African American culture through music, dancing, and food. In March, they are sponsoring a "Dance for Diversity" again at Blueberry Hill on March 20th. The members of the organization will be attending the International Connections Program for African American Students at the University of Pittsburgh on March 17th.

National Honor Society is winding down. Current members are working towards their last star or two before their deadline of April 15th. On April 16th, we will be inducting junior members into the organization. The induction ceremony will be at 7:00 pm on Thursday, April 16th. The Top-Scholars Banquet will be on Thursday, May 21st at the Chadwick.

Newspaper students have been recognized by the Pennsylvania Society of Newspaper Editors (PSNE) in the 2009 Scholastic Keystone Press Awards Contest. Congratulations to **Sarah Steimer** who received two second place awards for her articles titled "Facebook" and "Art the Salvation for Juliet Deeds." **Jon Stein** won second place for his article "Twilight: A Movie with Bite." **Randy Potter** received an honorable mention for his cartoon illustration entitled "The Auto Industry Crisis Hits the North Pole." Congratulations Sarah, Jon, and Randy. There will be two more editions of the *NorthStar* in this school year.

North Allegheny Student Council Organization successfully completed their Harms Way 4 Kids service project on Saturday, March 7th. Over 300 students, staff, and community members participated in making bracelets for US soldiers serving our Country overseas. North Allegheny met our goal of 2,000 bracelets made. In total, Harms Way 4 Kids has sent out over 324,000 bracelets to soldiers.

Senior Class is selling the Class of 2009 T-Shirts! They are very cool! The senior prom will be on May 23rd. Our theme is "Through the Decades!"

Student Against Destructive Decisions is busy planning several events for March. The NASH Women's MPowerment Campaign planned a day where students volunteer to wear armbands that represent the one-fourth of women in the United States who have/will experience domestic violence. Also, the Campaign scheduled a presentation with Pittsburgh Action Against Rape (PAAR) to come to NASH on March 12th and 13th to also help make students aware of the seriousness of violence against women. National "Kick Butts Day" will occur on March 25th. SADD will be lighting 1,200 luminaries to represent the 1,200 people who die every day in the United States from tobacco-related causes. This event will be occurring at the Waterfront and is sponsored by Tobacco Free Allegheny. Lastly, the organization successfully completed the Teens Against Tobacco Use (TATU) Training at the end of February.

Student Council members traveled to Harrisburg, PA for the 2009 LEAD Conference. Six NASH students presented their workshop. Staff Appreciation Committee and the Service Committee are planning the student-staff dodge ball tournament that will be taking place on April 30th. Principal's Advisory Committee is planning a spectacular School Board event that will be taking place on Thursday, May 14. We hope to see you there!

Good luck to all high school musicians performing in the Band or Orchestra trips.

*NA Marching Band: Chicago, Il for the "Windy City Classic"
Orchestra: Washington DC and Virginia Beach*

II. NAI NEWS – as reported by Lili Peng

SADD/Peer Mediation has completed puppet training for the elementary schools. They will have their Peer Advocate training on March 7th.

NJHS has been tutoring after school on Tuesday and Thursday. Lunch Bunches are every Wednesday during all lunch periods and Friend Connection is March 10th. March 16th is the induction for new NJHS members at 7 pm.

Student Council's different committees have been busy. The **Welcome Committee** is continuing the Birthday Board, and the **Service Committee** is planning for **Battle of the Bands** on March 20th. **Principal's Advisory** is continuing monthly meetings with the Administration, and the **Spirit Committee** has completed Friendship Week, which was a success. **Staff Appreciation** completed a Valentine's Day event for the staff and is planning an event for later this month. The **Finance Committee** has begun planning for NAI Idol Coffeehouse on March 20th. They also just completed planning and hosting Harm's Way for Kids to make bracelets for our troops overseas.

Class Council's Pirate Day is coming up. The election process is beginning and they will be holding elections at the end of the month.

The **Spring Play**, "Arsenic and Old Lace," was a huge success.

JROTC had their Drill Team Competition on March 7th and are preparing for their banquet at the end of March. They are continuing morning parking detail and from March 11th to 15th will be doing traffic detail for "Beauty and the Beast."

Table Tennis Club is continuing challenge and recreational days on Fridays at NAI with Mr. Sobek.

Chorus is busy at work preparing for their spring concert.

The **Marching Band** is getting ready for their trip and adjudication in Chicago in the next few weeks.

The **Yearbook** is 95% completed and they should be sending out a rough draft soon.

JCL is busy at work preparing for their PAJCL Convention.

Key Club is continuing McKnight Homework Club every Tuesday and Thursday. The YMCA After-School Program at McKnight Elementary meets every Monday and they are holding a cell phone drive from February 23rd through March 20th. Harms Way 4 Kids made bracelets for military troops at NASH on March 7th, and the North Hill Community Outreach Citrus Fruit Distribution was held at St. Paul's United Methodist Church on March 7th and 8th.

Mrs. Grosheider mentioned that Andy Hamm, our NASH Student Representative, has been invited to participate with the Pennsylvania Association of Student Councils on April 15, 2009, at the Governor's Mansion in Harrisburg. This event is sponsored by the Department of Education and the First Lady of Pennsylvania's Office. Mr. Hamm will have a session with Mrs. Rendell regarding Civics and other Standards in terms of involvement for students. The Board is very proud of this honor for Andy.

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>
Sarah Lavelle	Pennsylvania Music Educators Association Western Region Orchestra Festival Sponsor: North Allegheny Orchestra Parents Association Erie, PA	3/18-3/20/2009	\$ 509.58
Tony Funk Bill Graper Rob Hetzel Joe Schmitt	Landscape IPM Seminar Sponsor: Penn State Cooperative Extension Wexford, PA	3/26/2009	\$ 40.00 \$ 40.00 \$ 40.00 \$ 40.00
Sharon Volpe	Pennsylvania High School Speech League States Sponsor: PHSSL Selinsgrove, PA	3/26-3/28/2009	\$ 3,987.00
Dr. Patricia Green Maureen Grosheider Daniel Hubert Alan Shuckrow	121 st Annual School Directors' Convention Sponsor: AIU Pittsburgh, PA	3/30/2009	\$ 65.00 \$ 65.00 \$ 65.00 \$ 65.00
Susie Bjalobok Janet Neuner	Pennsylvania Association Federal Programs Coordinators Annual Conference Sponsor: PAFPC Champion, PA	4/6/2009	\$ 298.00* \$ 220.00*
Mindy Floro	Pennsylvania School Counselors' Association 53 rd Annual Conference Sponsor: Pennsylvania School Counselors' Association Hershey, PA	4/16-4/18/2009	\$ 230.00
Anne Funk	Pennsylvania Music Educators Association State Conference Sponsor: PMEA Valley Forge, PA	4/23-4/25/2009	\$ 808.80

Dean Bornyak Bill Love Phil Perrone Ed Roman Lynn Roman Dave Schmidt	PE4Life Institute at Naperville Sponsor: Health and Physical Education Curriculum Review Naperville, IL	4/26-4/28/2009	\$ 879.20** \$ 879.20** \$ 1,177.80** \$ 879.20** \$ 1,392.35** \$ 1,177.80**
Joseph Cole Len Fritsch Charles Neely	PA Aquatic Facility Technician Course Sponsor: American Swimming Pool and Spa Association Cranberry Township, PA	4/27/2009	\$ 150.00 \$ 180.00 \$ 150.00
Lindsey Battaglia Cindy Lang Chris Sestili	BCIT: The Full Spectrum 26 th Annual In-Service Seminar for Business Education Sponsor: Robert Morris University Moon Township, PA	4/28/2009	\$ 59.80 \$ 59.80 \$ 19.80
Nancy Boyle Joanne Sullivan	DECA International Career Development Conference Sponsor: DECA, Inc. Anaheim, CA	4/28-5/3/2009	\$ 9,600.30 \$ 1,229.93
Rita Martin Tina Tomczak	Pennsylvania School Librarians Association Annual Conference Sponsor: Pennsylvania School Library Association State College, PA	4/30-5/2/2009	\$ 335.00 \$ 335.00
Kelly Caldwell	Records Retention and Destruction Sponsor: Fred Pryor Seminars Pittsburgh, PA	5/6/2009	\$ 223.31
Aliceann Boyle Melissa Zarra	2009 ESL Conference – Multiple Cultures, Multiple Voices: Expanding and Strengthening Practice Harrisburg, PA	6/14-6/16/2009	\$ 105.00 \$ 640.06

* Federal Programs Grant

** PEP Grant

II. SECOND READING AND REQUEST FOR ADOPTION – REVISED BOARD POLICY #3890 – POSITIVE BEHAVIORAL SUPPORT TECHNIQUES

In accordance with Board Policy #1710, the Board adopted the attached revised Board Policy #3890, Positive Behavioral Support Techniques.

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

I. GOOD STAFF NEWS AROUND NA

★ **Ms. Colleen Byrnes, a seventh grade English and Reading teacher at Ingomar Middle School,** was recently recognized by the Pennsylvania Middle School Association (PMSA). Ms. Byrnes was one of seven teachers in the state who received a *Promising Practitioner Award* at the PMSA State Professional Development Institute in Harrisburg. The Promising Practitioner Award is presented to teachers who are just beginning their middle school careers. These beginning teachers have made a positive impact on both their school and community. They incorporate effective middle level practices in their everyday teaching.

★ **Ms. Sharon Volpe, Forensics coach at North Allegheny Senior High School,** will be honored in June by the National Forensics League (NFL) with her Third Diamond Key in recognition of her devotional dedication in training effective leadership skills. Diamond Keys are granted to coaches on a points-based system. Coaches receive one-tenth of their students' points. On attaining a total of 1,500 points, coaches are entitled to wear a diamond-set NFL key or pin; additional diamonds accrue at 3,000, 6,000, 10,000, and each 3,000 points thereafter. The minimum time for each diamond is five years as an NFL member coach. Under Ms. Volpe's instructions, her students earned over 88,850 credit points. Since the founding of the NFL in 1925, there have been only 504 coaches honored with a Third Diamond Key.

Dr. Green added to her Good News Report information that she received via email today that, Matt Vogel, an Emotional Support Teacher at NASH, successfully defended his dissertation today and as such completed his doctoral program. He will now be known as Dr. Matthew Vogel.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
ADDENDUM**

I. PROFESSIONAL SEMINAR REQUESTS

The Board approved the following professional seminar requests:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Conference</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Shannon Connor	Student Assistance Training for Middle and Secondary Personnel Sponsor: WPIC-UPMC Pittsburgh, PA	4/28-4/30/2009	\$ 350.00
Kendra Codol	Bringing the Birds and Bees Down to Earth: Sexuality Education for Persons with Autism Sponsor: PaTTan Pittsburgh, PA	4/29/2009	\$ 28.29

II. RENEWAL OF COMMISSION – ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR SECONDARY EDUCATION AND CURRICULUM

The Board approved renewal of the Commission of Dr. Timothy Steinhauer as Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education and Curriculum. The term of this renewal shall be from August 15, 2009 through August 14, 2013. Salary and benefits during this term shall be guided by the Administration Compensation and Performance Plan.

Following the approval of Dr. Steinhauer's renewal, Mrs. Grosheider extended the congratulations of the Board and expressed on behalf of the Board how delighted they are that he will be continuing in his service to the District. All those in attendance joined in a round of applause and appreciation.

ADDITIONAL REPORTS:

A. W. Beattie

Mrs. Ludwig reported that the next Beattie Board meeting will be held tomorrow. The Beattie Open House was held last night and she will have more information about that event to report on at the April meeting. However, she did have the opportunity to attend the Mandarin Chinese Class at NASH this past week, which is conducted via video-conferencing technology from Beattie. She thanked Mr. Botti and the NASD IT Department for their time in making this possible and reiterated how impressed she was with our students and the overall experience.

NA Foundation

Mr. Shuckrow urged the Board once again to do all they can to assist the Foundation in recruiting golfers for the up-coming annual Golf Outing, due to the minimum number of participants required by this year's host golf course.

At last evening's meeting, the Foundation Secretary regretfully submitted her resignation due to personal time constraints. Ms. Lee Ferron was elected the new Secretary. No new grants were approved this month.

Summer Recreation

Mr. Pagone informed the group that the summer programs are being publicized in a number of ways. Information is posted on NATV, a link to information is placed on the NASD website, information is available in all municipality offices, and two Thursday Envelop distributions are scheduled.

Legislative Report

Mr. Shuckrow explained that on March 4, the PSBA and the PDE came to a compromise on the issue of Graduation Competency Assessments (GCA's). The new concept upon which they have agreed is now known as Keystone Exams. There is concern among many that this new concept is simply a repackaging of GCA's.

Among those standing in opposition to this recent development is Senator Jane Orié, whose recent press release on the topic was cited by Mrs. Bishop. Senator Orié is continuing to work to advance a legislation that would forbid the State Board of Education from adopting any standard or regulation that requires school districts to adopt high school graduation requirements or implement a new series of statewide competency assessments and related support services unless the General Assembly enacts language giving the Board express authority to do so. The legislation also would forbid the Department of Education from either expending funds or providing staff resources for developing a new system of high school graduation requirements without legislative approval.

Mrs. Ludwig, Mrs. Grosheider and Dr. Green also expressed their concerns about the potential of having more time spent on testing and less time spent on the delivery of instruction in our classrooms. Dr. Green pointed out that the NCLB legislation was enacted without input from schools and school boards and has resulted in tremendous challenges and dissonance. She suggested that this proposal could have the same potential impact.

The Board expressed a unanimous opinion that a letter should be written to PSBA expressing disappointment over this 'compromise' with the PDE. In addition, a letter of support for her proposed legislation should be written to Senator Orié. Mrs. Bishop and Mr. Shuckrow will work on drafts of those letters.

Update on Stimulus Monies

Dr. Green reported that she has received correspondence cautioning Superintendents not to spend the promised stimulus dollars quickly. The rationale for this caution is based upon the fact that, although this is federal money, it must pass through the state for distribution. At this time, it is not known what percentage of the total dollars promised will actually be forwarded to us or what the distribution timeframe might be. This uncertainty is due to the serious budgetary issues the State is experiencing. In addition, the guidelines defining how these monies may be spent are not yet clearly defined.

SPEAKERS:

There was one speaker:

Mr. Bob Craig had two points:

- He wondered if the recent stock market decline had affected the pension plan the State maintains for the teachers and, if so, how any losses would be supplanted.
 - Mrs. Grosheider responded that reports indicate that indeed the PSERS program has been negatively affected by the stock market downturn. At this point in time, the District's required contribution percentage has not changed. However, it is anticipated that within the next several years, the required contribution for all school districts could increase so dramatically that many school districts will not be able to pay it. This crisis may force the State to make substantive changes to the system overall.
- He also complimented the District on the recent publication *Your Schools*, which is mailed to all residents. He feels it is well-done and very informative.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Following the meeting, the Board met in Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter and a student matter.

**The next meeting of the NA Board of School Directors
is scheduled for April 22, 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 Manager of Communications and Public Relations immediately following the actual meeting.

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