

Wednesday, March 26, 2008

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. In addition, Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Patricia Green; District Solicitor, Mr. Maiello; the Superintendent's Executive Council; Mr. Hopkins; Mr. Botti; Mr. Gaertner; Mrs. Ryan; and Ms. Czerniewski and Mr. Hackett, student representatives, were in attendance.



AGENDA

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| 7:30 | REGULAR MEETING |
| | - Speakers (Agenda Items) |
| | - Voting Items |
| | - Speakers (Non-agenda Items) |
| 9:00 | EXECUTIVE SESSION |

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

Mrs. Bishop decided to take one voting item out of order tonight, that being the last addendum in the Superintendent's Report. Dr. Green introduced this voting item, indicating that the Board had the opportunity to interview this candidate prior to the Board meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT ADDENDUM II

I. SUPERVISOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION

The Board appointed Guinevere Maximo to the position of Supervisor of Special Education at an annual salary of \$93,000, prorated to the date of hire. The effective date of hire shall be determined upon release of her present employer.

Ms. Maximo holds a Bachelors of Science in Education from California University of Pennsylvania and a Supervision of Special Education Certificate and a Superintendent's Letter of Eligibility from the University of Pittsburgh. Ms. Maximo has been with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit as a Special Education Supervisor for seven years. Prior to that, she was the Director of Special Education for the Bethlehem-Center School District and for the Burgettstown Area School District. She also taught in the Brownsville Area School District.

Ms. Maximo was welcomed by all in attendance with a warm round of applause. Dr. Green reiterated how delighted the administration is to have her join the Central Office staff. Ms. Maximo thanked the Board and indicated that she is excited to begin her work here.

The Board continued with the meeting by taking the following actions, beginning at the front of the Board folder:

FINANCIAL REPORT

I. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE APPROVAL LISTS

The Board approved numerous Accounts Payable lists.

II. AIU PROGRAM OF SERVICES BUDGET

The Board approved the proposed 2008/2009 Allegheny Intermediate Unit Program of Services Budget as presented. The Budget totals \$3,790,300 and reflects a 4.4% increase in the total district allocation.

III. CONFIRMATION OF ASSESSMENT APPEAL PROCESS

The Board approved the following resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF NORTH ALLEGHENY SCHOOL DISTRICT CONFIRMING THE PROCESS TO BE FOLLOWED IN CONNECTION WITH THE HANDLING OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

WHEREAS, the Office of Property Assessments of Allegheny County ("OPA") is charged with the obligation to accurately assess real property throughout the County at the property's actual value; and

WHEREAS, in many cases throughout the taxing jurisdiction of the North Allegheny School District the assessment assigned to property by OPA does not accurately reflect the actual value or base year value of the property; and

WHEREAS, commencing in 2006 Allegheny County has adopted a base year system, the application of which has been challenged in multiple court actions; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania in the case of Daugherty v. County of Allegheny, et al., at Number 1777 CD 2006 rendered an opinion dated March 27, 2007 critical of the process followed by Allegheny County in the processing of tax assessment cases and directing Allegheny County to process the assessment appeals pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Second Class County Code; and

WHEREAS, the North Allegheny School District, due to the inaccuracy of the assessments assigned to properties located within the taxing jurisdiction of the North Allegheny School District has utilized data as the basis for filing tax appeals designed to have the tax assessments properly reflect the actual value of the properties as required by applicable law; and

WHEREAS, the appeal process adopted by the North Allegheny School District has resulted in the correction of inaccurate assessments and the capture and avoidance of lost revenue due to improper assessments; and

WHEREAS, the North Allegheny School District has directed its Solicitor to follow an established criteria in determining whether or not to file a tax appeal or attend a tax assessment appeal hearing and desires to confirm the criteria to be followed by its Solicitor in filing tax appeals;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of School Directors of the North Allegheny School District, and it is hereby resolved by the authority of the same:

1. The Board of School Directors of the North Allegheny School District hereby authorizes its Solicitor to file tax assessment appeals and attend assessment appeals pursuant to the following criteria:

a. The Solicitor is authorized to file an appeal on behalf of the North Allegheny School District where sales data indicates that the sale price exceeds the assessment on residential property by more than \$100,000.

b. The Solicitor is authorized to defend against an appeal filed by a taxpayer in cases where the assessed value of the property is \$250,000 or greater.

c. The Solicitor is authorized to use its discretion to determine if it is appropriate to defend against appeals filed by Allegheny County.

d. The Solicitor is authorized to use its discretion to determine the appropriateness of filing tax appeals or attending tax appeal hearings for commercial properties.

**IV. THE INFORMATION EXCHANGE PROGRAM
(PERSONAL INCOME TAX)**

The Board approved the filing of an application to secure the Pennsylvania Personal Income Tax Data for the year 2006, and further authorizes 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.

V. BUDGETARY TRANSFERS

The Board approved two budgetary transfers.

TOTAL TRANSFERS FOR THE MONTH	550	PERCENT OF TOTAL BUDGET	0.000%
TOTAL TRANSFERS YEAR TO DATE	189,051	PERCENT OF TOTAL BUDGET	0.172%

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

I. STUDENT ACTIVITIES ACCOUNTS PAYABLE APPROVAL LISTS

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

A.	Carson Middle	\$ 43,540.66
B.	Ingomar Middle	8,325.81
C.	Marshall Middle	10,591.15
D.	NA Intermediate	60,459.44
E.	NA Senior High	111,569.39
F.	NA Athletic	23,527.74

TRANSPORTATION REPORT

I. TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT - MAYEMBE

The Board approved the agreement between Mr. and Mrs. Mayembe and the North Allegheny School District for transportation of their child to the Wesley Spectrum Services School located in Gibsonia. This agreement provides a reimbursement to Mr. and Mrs. Mayembe for a daily mileage allowance based on the current IRS mileage reimbursement rate.

This agreement expires on June 30, 2008 and has been reviewed and approved by the Solicitor.

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

I. LOSS CLAIM INCIDENTS

The following accidents have been reported:

- On Friday, January 11, 2008, Bus #2 was stopped at a stop sign at the intersection of Cole Road and Fountain Hills Drive when the car behind failed to stop and rear-ended the bus. The 15 NASH students on the bus were not injured. There was no damage to the bus, but the car had heavy front end damage and had to be towed. The Franklin Park Police were called to investigate.

- On Thursday, January 31, 2008, Bus #96 moved too far to the right while another car was passing and struck a mailbox in the Willow Oak neighborhood. There were no injuries to the students on the bus. The bus broke the right front turn signal assembly. Repair estimates were \$97.48. The mailbox was knocked off the post, but there are no repair estimates at this time.
- On Tuesday, February 5, 2008, Bus #18 drifted into the bus behind him while exiting Ross Elementary School. There were no injuries to the one student that was on the bus. There was no damage to our bus and the other bus had a broken crossover mirror and cracked windshield. Estimated damage is \$250.00.

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

I. RESIGNATIONS

The Board approved the following Resignation:

Kathleen Kromer	Library Secretary, CMS Effective 6/20/08 29 yrs. @ NA	Retirement
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The Board approved the following adjustment to previously approved Retirement:

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Mary Kowal	6/29/08	6/27/08

II. APPOINTMENTS

The Board approved the following Appointments:

Professional

Brooke Dorsch	Speech/Language, McKnight/IMS/MMS Effective 3/31/08-end of 2007/2008	Per Diem Sub \$151.32/Day
Nancy Moryc	Temporary Transfer from Special Ed Assistant, MMS to Learning Support Teacher, Ingomar Middle School Effective 3/10/08-end of 2007/2008 (for B. Hefner)	Per Diem Sub \$151.32/Day

Paraprofessional

The Board approved the following as substitute/clerical aides at \$7.50/hr. as needed, effective March 1, 2008.

Barbara Draa
Jody Garber
Tricia Gasper
Mark Gray
Rebeca Notaro

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>TYPE OF WORK</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>START DATE</u>
Pamela Dugas	Probationary Driver	\$14.01/hr.	3/17/08
Thomas Hughes	From Probationary Driver To Extra Board Driver	No Change	3/03/08

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

		<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Edward O'Neill	Probationary Driver	8/16/07	8/24/07

III. WAGE STATUS CHANGES

The Board approved a change from the day-to-day substitute rate to \$147.25 for Dorothy Evans, long term sub for Carla Kuhn, Teacher, Peebles Elementary. The effective date for this change is February 21, 2008.

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>
Kristin Evans	\$11.21/hr.	\$12.70/hr.	4/03/08

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

		<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Scott Bichler	Full Time Driver	\$15.33/hr.	\$15.82/hr.	4/13/08*
Jack Herson	Full Time Driver	\$15.33/hr.	\$15.82/hr.	4/04/08*
Richard Werling	Full Time Driver	\$15.33/hr.	\$15.82/hr.	4/04/08*

*Anniversary Increase

IV. EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINARY ACTION

The Board approved a suspension without pay for an employee of the Special Education Department, effective March 18, 2008 for the duration of the 2007/2008 school year.

V. LEAVES OF ABSENCE – MARY ANN DUNKIN

The Board approved an unpaid Leave of Absence for Mary Ann Dunkin, Supervisory Assistant, Marshall Elementary, effective May 12 through May 15, 2008.

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

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Cynthia Sopher	Unpaid Leave 2/4/08-3/28/08	Unpaid Leave 2/4/08-2/29/08

VI. CHILD REARING LEAVES OF ABSENCE – SUSIE MODROVICH

The Board approved an unpaid Child Rearing Leave of Absence for Susie Modrovich, Teacher, McKnight Elementary, upon the exhaustion of her sick days. Her last day of work will be May 2, 2008 and her unpaid leave will be effective May 16, 2008 through the end of the 2007/2008 school year.

The Board approved the following adjustments to previously approved Child Rearing Leaves of Absence:

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Angela Ewing	Last Day of Work: 3/6/08 Unpaid Leave: 4/18/08-end of 07/08	Last Day of Work: 2/22/08 Unpaid Leave: 3/08/08-end of 07/08
Bethann Hefner	<u>From</u> Last Day of Work: 3/20/08 Unpaid Leave: 5/6/08 (p.m.)-end 07/08	<u>To</u> Last Day of Work: 3/6/08 (a.m.) Unpaid Leave: 4/22/08-end 07/08
Mary Beth Rieck	<u>From</u> Last Day of Work: 2/21/08 Unpaid Leave: 2/28/08-5/30/08	<u>To</u> Last Day of Work: 2/18/08 Unpaid Leave: 2/25/08-5/30/08

VII. EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL LEAVE OF ABSENCE – PATTI WRIGHT

The Board approved an Educational Travel Leave of Absence for Patti Wright, Teacher, Marshall Elementary, effective for the 2008/2009 School Year.

VIII. HONORARIA

The Board approved the following Honoraria Applications:

		<u>Submitted</u>	
Diane Hinds	Pittsburgh Regional Science & Engineering Fair	2/19/08	\$ 250.00
James Basilone	“ “	2/19/08	\$ 250.00

TOTAL HONORARIA 2007/2008 EXPENDITURES THRU 3/26/08 \$53,306.67

The Board approved the following adjustment to previously approved Honoraria Application:

		<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Deborah Adamczyk	Induction Program	\$ 250.00	\$ 166.67

IX. SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

The Board approved the following Supplemental Contracts:

¹ *Colin Sheehy(s)	Spring Musical–Technical Director–Lighting	\$ 1,000.00
¹ Nathan Tengowski	Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach	Volunteer
¹ *John Quimby	Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach	Volunteer
¹ *James Popinski(s)	Assistant JV Softball Coach	\$ 1,800.00
¹ *Leslie Mills(s)	Assistant JV Softball Coach	\$ 1,000.00
¹ *Kelly Baritot	Assistant Varsity/Head JV Tennis Coach	\$ 1,956.00
*Frank Baritot	Assistant Varsity Tennis Coach	\$ 500.00
*Carly Urban(s)	Assistant Middle School Track Coach	\$ 1,800.00
¹ Lynsi Renwick(s)	Assistant Middle School Track Coach	\$ 1,000.00
¹ *Catherine Sexton	Assistant Varsity Track Coach	Volunteer
¹ *E. J. Robertson	Assistant Varsity Track Coach	Volunteer
¹ *Kimberly Markel	Assistant Varsity Track Coach	Volunteer

The Board approved the following cancellation of previously approved Supplemental Contract:

*Kevin Hogan(s) Spring Musical – Technical Director – Lighting

- * 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:

Paraprofessional

Mary Pat Traversari	Transfer from Library Secretary, NAI To Secretary to Assistant Principal, NAI Effective 3/31/08 (replaces L. Eyerman)	\$16.63/hr. Class I-B 8 Hours/Day 260 Days/Year
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Classified

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TYPE OF WORK</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>START DATE</u>
Jon Hogue	PT Custodian—As Assigned	\$8.50/hr.	4/1/08

II. HONORARIA

The Board approved the following Honoraria Applications:

		<u>Submitted</u>	
Marleah Herman-Umpleby	Induction Program	3/13/08	\$ 83.33
¹ L. Michelle Backauskas	National Academic League	3/18/08	\$ 500.00
¹ Lisa Moriconi	“ “	3/18/08	\$ 500.00

TOTAL HONORARIA 2007/2008 EXPENDITURES THRU 3/26/08 \$54,390.00

¹ Work completed 3/13/08.

PROPERTY AND SUPPLIES REPORT

I. XEROX WC5665 COPIERS

The Board approved a contract for two Xerox WC5665 flat rate copiers at a total cost of \$849.66 per month. This agreement commences March 27, 2008 and expires on June 30, 2012.

For Information

These copiers will be placed in the Copy Center.

II. DONATION OF PROMETHEAN BOARDS – FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The Board acknowledged the donation of two Promethean Boards for Franklin Elementary School by the Franklin Elementary PFA. The value of this donation is \$7,500.00.

The completed Disclaimer Release for this donation will be attached to the Official Minutes.

III. SUBMISSION OF PDE FORM 3074(a) FOR REPLACEMENT OF THE ROOF AT PEEBLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The Board approved the 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 Peebles Elementary School.

For Information

This form must be completed by the District and submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Education by the District for their review and approval as a non-reimbursable project that is being done by the District.

The completed form will be attached to the Official Minutes.

IV. SUBMISSION OF PDE FORM 3074(a) FOR TURF REPLACEMENT AND TRACK REPAIRS AT NEWMAN STADIUM

The Board approved the 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 Educations for the Renovations at Newman Stadium.

For Information

This form must be completed by the District and submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Education by the District for their review and approval as a non-reimbursable project that is being done by the District.

The completed form will be attached to the Official Minutes.

V. SUBMISSION OF PDE FORM 3074(a) FOR REPLACEMENT OF THE ROOF AT FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The Board approved the 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 Educations for the Replacement of the Roof at Franklin Elementary School.

For Information

This form must be completed by the District and submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Education by the District for their review and approval as a non-reimbursable project that is being done by the District.

The completed form will be attached to the Official Minutes.

VI. CHANGE ORDERS

The Board approved the following change orders to the construction contracts for the following school project.

The complete change order document will be attached to the Official Minutes.

NAI Masonry and Glass Block Restoration

Number	Description	Contract	Amount
MR-01	Delete the installation of the stainless steel drip edge flashing.	Morow Masonry & Restoration, Inc	(\$3,500.00)
MR-02	Replace an additional 105 glass block found to be damaged during this project.	Morow Masonry & Restoration, Inc	\$ 2,100.00

VII. NASH ELEVATOR INSPECTION CONSULTANT

The Board approved acceptance of the proposal from Lurch Bates, Inc. for a not to exceed cost of \$1,400 to provide the necessary services for the inspection of the main and pool elevator systems at NASH. Any additional services shall be performed in accordance with the hourly rates provided as part of their proposal.

For Information

This consultant will work with the Facilities Department to ensure that these two elevators and the associated systems at NASH operate as designed.

VIII. BID AWARD – LAWN MAINTENANCE SERVICES

The Board approved acceptance of the Unit Prices submitted by Pittsburgh Lawn Care to provide Lawn Maintenance Services at all of the District’s facilities, for a term of July 1, 2008 to November 30, 2011, as the lowest responsible bidder, meeting all specifications.

The total yearly is cost based on 26 weeks for lawn maintenance service for 2008/09 & 2009/10. The cost for the 2010/11 years was calculated based on 42 weeks for lawn maintenance services.

<u>2008/09</u>	<u>2009/10</u>	<u>2010/11</u>
\$40,820.00	\$40,820.00	\$66,360.00

For Information

The yearly costs are calculated by using the unit prices submitted for weekly service. Any additional services required, such as tree and shrub trimming, weed control, detention pond maintenance, mulch application, and additional areas such as cross country trails, courtyards, hillsides, etc., shall be in accordance with the Unit Prices submitted.

IX. BID AWARD - REFUSE AND RECYCLING SERVICE

The Board approved acceptance of the Unit Prices submitted by Vogel Disposal Service, Inc. for Refuse and Recycling Service at all of the District's facilities, for a term of July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2011, as the lowest responsible bidder, meeting all specifications. The total yearly cost based on 52 weeks of service is:

<u>2008/09</u>	<u>2009/10</u>	<u>2010/11</u>
\$75,041.72	\$78,033.80	\$83,487.04

For Information

The yearly costs are calculated by using the unit prices submitted for weekly service. Any additional services required shall be in accordance with the Unit Prices submitted.

X. BRADFORD WOODS, MARSHALL ELEMENTARY AND MARSHALL MIDDLE SCHOOLS ENERGY MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL SYSTEM REPLACEMENT CONSULTANT

The Board approved acceptance of the proposal from BDA Engineering, Inc. for a cost of \$16,900 to prepare the necessary plans and specifications and provide the necessary construction oversight services for the replacement of the energy management and control systems at these schools that were installed in 1992 and 1993.

For Information

The 2008/09 Capital Funding Plan included \$150,000 for the replacement of the energy management systems at these three schools.

SPECIAL EDUCATION AND PUPIL SERVICES REPORT

I. AGREEMENT BETWEEN NORTH ALLEGHENY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE ST. MARGARET FOUNDATION

The Board approved the agreement between the North Allegheny School District and the St. Margaret Foundation for the St. Margaret Foundation Automated External Defibrillator Donation Agreement. The Foundation operates a program known as Pittsburgh United for Life-Saving Emergencies (PULSE), which donates automated external defibrillators (AEDs) and AED accessories and program support to qualifying and selected organizations located throughout Allegheny County and surrounding communities in western Pennsylvania. The St. Margaret Foundation will maintain 31 AEDs for the North Allegheny School District.

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

I. STUDENT TEACHING REQUESTS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION

The following students have requested a student teaching assignment in the North Allegheny School District in a special education classroom during the Spring Semester beginning April 7, 2008.

<u>STUDENT TEACHER</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>SUPERVISING TEACHER</u>
Jennifer Galambos LaRoche College	04/07/08 – 05/23/08	Amy Stinelli, McKnight Learning Support
Sara Geraci LaRoche College	04/07/08 – 05/23/08	Paula Shook, Marshall Elementary Learning Support
Jessica Markowski LaRoche College	04/07/08 – 05/23/08	Leslie Garvin, Carson Middle School Learning Support

STUDENT ACTIVITIES REPORT

I. NAI GOAL STUDENTS – EURO CHALLENGE COMPETITION – NEW YORK, NEW YORK

The Board granted permission for the GOAL students from NAI to travel to New York City, New York from **Monday, April 28 through Wednesday, April 30, 2008** to participate in the Euro Challenge. A total of **5 students** will be participating in this event.

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

The Board approved a waiver of Board Policy #3330 and approval of the students attending the International DECA Career Development Conference and competition in Atlanta, Georgia during the period of April 25-30, 2008. The students will be missing four days of school.

III. NORTH ALLEGHENY HIGH SCHOOL DECA GROUP – INTERNATIONAL DECA CAREER DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE AND COMPETITION – ATLANTA, GEORGIA

The Board granted permission for the North Allegheny High School DECA Chapter to travel to the International DECA Career Development Conference and Competition in Atlanta, Georgia from **Friday, April 25 through Wednesday, April 30, 2008**, to participate in the International DECA Career Development Conference and Competition.

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

I. NASH NEWS – *as reported by Lisa Czerniewski*

NATV

Several students from NATV will be entering the 14th Annual TVT Student Video Festival on April 15th. Competing with students from school districts in Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia, the students of NATV will have an opportunity to share their talents with almost 400 of their peers.

Josh Weis, NATV Program Director, has entered his short film, *Sum & Difference* in the annual Sci-Tech Film Festival, sponsored by the Bayer Corporation, the Carnegie Science Center & Pittsburgh Filmmakers. Josh's film deals with the subject of pollution and its effect on Pittsburgh and the world.

Steve Hood, NATV News Division Leader, created a 60-second video that has been chosen as a top ten finalist out of over 2000 entries in the *Disney Dream CMO Contest*.

Class Council (Seniors)

Senior T-Shirts are on sale now in the cafeteria at a cost of \$15.

Senior Banquet Tickets will go on sale Thursday, March 27 and Friday, March 28 at 7:00 a.m. in front of the auditorium. Cost to be determined.

Senior Banquet will be held Friday, April 4th on the Gateway Clipper Majestic from 4:00 – 11:00 p.m.

Student Council

Harm's Way 4 Kids – April 5th from 10AM-2PM

There will be a dodge ball tournament in May

Key Club

3 on 3 basketball tournament to benefit Greater Pittsburgh Women's Shelter

- NAI gymnasium
- Grades 6-12
- 6:00 – 7:00 pm (grades 6-8)
- 7:00 – 8:00 pm (grades 9-10)
- 8:00-9:00 pm (grades 11-12)
- \$30 / team OR \$15 / team + 15 donated items to women's shelter

Women's Shelter Collection

- old cell phones
- toiletries
- lotions & creams
- NEW towels, bed linens
- Gently used/new women's clothing

Making Bracelets for Troops in Iraq

- Saturday, April 5
- all organizations, grades 6-12
- Upcoming Events: working with Veteran's Hospital, March of Dimes, faculty vs. student basketball game

DECA

North Allegheny was very successful as this year's conference, qualifying three NASH seniors to compete at the International Career and Development Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. More than 12,000 students worldwide will compete to be international champions. Meredith Feingold won a 2nd place trophy for the Fashion Merchandising Promotion event, Maura Romano received a 4th place award for Hotel & Lodging Management, and Mary Kahle took 4th place in the Apparel & Accessories event. All three girls also received a medallion for their individual role-play performances. They are hoping to travel to Atlanta, Georgia to compete at the DECA International Conference.

Jeff Litz and Krissy Costello won 2nd place trophies for the modeling competition. Several students received 5th place awards and medallions for their role play performances: Margo Bentzel, Lisa Czerniewski, Amber Snyder, Melanie Versaw and Greg Londino. Caroline McCarthy, Nick Lang and Tim Zahren received medallions for their role plays.

II. NAI NEWS – as submitted by Ross Hackett

I. Band, Chorus, and Orchestra

- a. The groups will take their trip to Disney World on April 9-13

II. Junior Classical League

- a. There will be a general meeting on March 18th
- b. Members will be preparing for the upcoming convention in May, which they hope to attend.

III. Key Club

- a. Members will be volunteering at the Autism Center of Pittsburgh on March 15th
- b. Volunteers will work the Key Club sign up table at the 8th Grade Transition Fair
- c. Members will be helping to stuff bags for the Beginning with Books Biggest Bedtime Story Ever event at the Peterson Event Center on April 5th
- d. On April 5th, members will assist in the Harms Way 4 Kids bracelet making activity

IV. NASCO

- a. Members will be hosting the Harms Way 4 Kids bracelet making activity on April 5th from 10-2:30 PM
 - i. Bracelets will be assembled to be sent to the troops
 - ii. Refreshments, and music will entertain anyone who wants to help participate in the activity

V. Orchestra

- a. A strolling performance will be held on March 28th

VI. Student Council

- a. Members will be attending the District conference on April 11th at Thomas Jefferson High School
 - i. The students will have the opportunity to see a motivational speaker, attend two student-led workshops, and meet other student council members from other schools
- b. Members will all participate in the Harms Way 4 Kids event

VII. Student Council Dance

- a. The committee will be selecting a theme for this years Semi-Formal Dance

VIII. Student Council School Spirit

- a. The committee has planned a “Spring Break” spirit week that will be held the week prior to spring break
 - i. Music from a different artist will played between classes each of the days
- b. Members of the committee will be hanging paper shamrocks throughout all of main hall

- i. Each student will have their own designated shamrock with their name written on it
- ii. If the student finds their shamrock and is also wearing green, they will be eligible to win a prize

IX. Student Council Publicity

- a. The committee will be in charge of publicizing for the following events: Spirit Week, Harms Way 4 Kids, and Battle of the Bands
- b. Members of the committee will recruit bands for this year's Battle of the Bands

X. Student Council Service

- a. The committee will be assisting in registration for the Harms Way 4 Kids event
- b. The committee will also be in charge of planning the Battle of the Bands event on April 18th

**STUDENT ACTIVITIES REPORT
ADDENDUM**

II. AIR FORCE JROTC – NAVAL BASES – NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

The Board granted permission for the Air Force JROTC from NAI and NASH to visit and tour the Norfolk Naval Base, Oceana Naval Base and Little Creek Amphibious Base in Norfolk, Virginia from **Sunday, April 20 through Tuesday, April 22, 2008**. A total of **40 students** will be participating in this visit.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

I. 1997 SERIES D SWAPTION CALL

The Board approved the following resolution concerning the 1997 Series D Swaption Call:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors of the North Allegheny School District School District has requested the Authority to issue its Variable Rate Demand Revenue Bonds on its behalf with the following requirements:

WHEREAS, the State Public School Building Authority (the "Authority") is authorized by the State Public School Building Authority Act, as amended (being a part of the Public School Code of 1949, as amended, 24 P.S. §791.1 et seq. (the "Act"), to

lend funds to school districts for, among other purposes, refinancing outstanding bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Act further authorizes the Authority to issue variable rate revenue bonds for the purposes of paying the cost of any such projects and all incidental expenses incurred in issuing such bonds and to secure the payment of such bonds as provided by the Act; and

WHEREAS, the North Allegheny School District (the "School District") has previously issued \$18,100,000 aggregate principal amount, General Obligation Bonds, Series D of 1997 stated to mature on May 1, 2021 and outstanding as of March 1, 2008 (the "Series 1997 Bonds") the proceeds of which were used to finance capital improvements to school district facilities; and

WHEREAS, on December 23, 2004, the School District entered into an interest rate management agreement (the "2004 Swap Agreement") with PNC Bank, N.A., as Counterparty (the "Counterparty") consisting of an ISDA (International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc.) Master Agreement, a Schedule and a Confirmation dated December 23, 2004 (the "2004 Confirmation"); and

WHEREAS, the 2004 Swap Agreement relates to the 1997 Bonds and any such bonds as may be issued to refund the same and provides that the Counterparty will pay to, or on the order of, the School District periodic floating rate amounts equal to 68% of one-month LIBOR calculated against notional amounts related to the \$18,100,000 outstanding principal of the Series 1997 Bonds, and the School District will pay, or cause to be paid, to the Counterparty periodic fixed rate amounts based on a fixed percentage equal to 5.00% calculated against such notional amounts; and

WHEREAS, the School District has requested the Authority to issue its Variable Rate Demand Revenue Bonds (North Allegheny School District Project), Series 2008, or similar designation (the "Bonds") in the estimated principal amount of \$18,145,000 for the purpose of currently refunding all of the Series 1997 Bonds.

The complete resolution will be attached to the Official Minutes.

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>
Chuck Neely Paul Pokorny Jim Suhadolnik	Landscape Integrated Pest Management Seminar Sponsor: Penn State Extension – Allegheny County Wexford, PA	3/26/2008	\$ 40.00 \$ 40.00 \$ 40.00
Robert Gaertner	Construction Law from Contract to Closeout in Pennsylvania Sponsor: Lorman Education Services Pittsburgh, PA	3/26/2008	\$ 354.00
Sharon Volpe	Pennsylvania High School Speech League Tournament Sponsor: Pennsylvania High School Speech League Susquehanna, PA	3/27-3/29/2008	\$ 5,283.32
Suzanne Carson Debbie Kline	Art & Poetry for Our Watershed Sponsor: 3 Rivers Wet Weather/Riverquest/Arts Education Collaborative Pittsburgh, PA	4/2 & 4/9/2008	\$ 75.00 \$ 75.00
Christopher Jackson	Promoting Fitness – Practical Ideas, Activities and Games Sponsor: Bureau of Education & Research Pittsburgh, PA	4/7/2008	\$ 195.00
John Schaefer	24 th National Space Symposium Sponsor: Space Foundation Colorado Spring, CO	4/7 & 8/2008	\$ 462.00
Dr. Patricia Green Karen Boujoukos Maureen Grosheider Daniel Hubert Thomas Schwartzmier Alan Shuckrow	120 th Annual School Directors' Convention Sponsor: Allegheny Intermediate Unit Pittsburgh, PA	4/8/2008	\$ 60.00 \$ 60.00 \$ 60.00 \$ 60.00 \$ 60.00 \$ 60.00

Melissa Zarra	Collaborating to Meet the Academic and Linguistic Needs of English Language Learners Sponsor: PATTAN Harmarville, PA	4/15-4/16/2008	\$ 21.21
Patricia Barber Kristen Huskey	The Assessment and Treatment of Dyslexia and Other Reading/Language Disorders Sponsor: Health Education Network, LLC Monroeville, PA	4/18/2008	\$ 169.00 \$ 169.00*
Tammy Andreyko	PMSA Quarterly Meeting for the Board of Directors Sponsor: Pennsylvania Middle Schools Association State College, PA	4/24-4/26/2008	\$ 285.00
Nancy Boyle	International Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) Career Development Conference Sponsor: National DECA Atlanta, GA	4/25-4/30/2008	\$ 3,620.70
Mark Anticole	Chemistry Building Competition Sponsor: University of Maryland College Park, MD	4/26/2008	\$ 24.00
Joann Urbaniak	Euro Challenge Competition Sponsor: Wise, Moody Foundation New York, NY	4/28-4/29/2008	\$ 548.00
Cindy Lang Judy Pritchard Joanne Sullivan	Robert Morris University's 25 th Anniversary of the In-Service Seminar for Business Educators Sponsor: Robert Morris University Moon Township, PA	4/29/2008	\$ 58.18 \$ 58.18 \$ 58.18
Kristen Silbaugh	Technology: Changes & Innovations in Education Sponsor: Robert Morris University School of Education and Social Sciences Moon Township, PA	4/30/2008	\$ 45.00

Linda Rosenbaum Barbara Schmid	Pennsylvania School Librarians Association Annual Conference Sponsor: Pennsylvania School Librarian's Association Hershey, PA	5/1-5/3/2008	\$ 498.00 \$ 365.04
Mark Anticole Anne Marklewicz	State Conference of the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science Sponsor: Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science College Park, PA	5/18-5/20/2008	\$ 140.00 \$ 140.00
Joy Ed	2008 National Schools Public Relations Association Conference Sponsor: National Schools Public Relations Association Arlington, VA	7/5-7/9/2008	\$ 1,937.81
Janice Spohn	Pennsylvania Council Teachers of English Language Arts Sponsor: Pennsylvania Council Teachers of English Language Arts Lancaster, PA	10/10- 10/11/2008	\$ 150.00*

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**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
ADDENDUM I**

I. PROFESSIONAL SEMINAR REQUESTS

The Board approved the following professional seminar request:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Conference</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Maureen Grosheider	SHASDA Meeting and PSBA Spring Legislative Meeting Sponsor: SHASDA & PSBA Pittsburgh, PA	3/27/2008	\$ 30.88

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

I. GOOD STAFF NEWS AROUND NA

★ **Mr. David Woten**, the 2008 Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year, has continued to accumulate awards and honors as a result of his recognition by the Governor. He has had, and will have, opportunities throughout the year to be a positive voice for education on behalf of all teachers across the state. To date, they include the following:

- Being chosen to receive the 2008 Slippery Rock University Young Alumni Award on April 19
- Being featured in the Duquesne University Alumni Magazine
- Receiving an invitation to be the keynote speaker at the Milliken Family Foundation Educator Awards on March 10
- Receiving an invitation to be the guest speaker at Slippery Rock University for the TEACH Program on April 5
- Receiving an invitation to be a guest speaker at the Governor's School for Education at Millersville University on July 12
- Being chosen for a feature interview with the *Post-Gazette* during the week of March 10

The District is proud of the impact Mr. Woten has made in this role.

Dr. Green added some additional verbal "Good News" tonight. She read aloud a letter from the Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials announcing the **renewal of Roger Botti's status as a Pennsylvania Registered School Business Official**. All in attendance offered their congratulations to Mr. Botti for this honor awarded by the PASBO Board of Directors.

Mrs. Ludwig proceeded with the **A.W. Beattie report**. The renovation project was approved, which was a very exciting moment for the Beattie staff. Mr. Schwartzmier reported that the design phase of this project is proceeding.

Mr. Cunningham provided the **NA Foundation Report**. Some key leadership positions were filled at the last meeting. June 16 is the date of the annual Golf Outing this year and they are looking forward to another banner year!

Mr. Schwartzmier reported that the **Hall of Fame Committee** did not meet this month.

Mr. Pagone and Mrs. Bishop both reminded the community that the **Summer Recreation Program** will be held again this year. It is a wonderful option for the young people of the area

and is offered at a reasonable cost. Registration information is available at the Town of McCandless Municipal Building or on their website www.townofmccandless.org.

Mr. Shuckrow indicated that the legislature was not in session for most of the past month. Mrs. Bishop mentioned that a hot topic in Harrisburg at this time is the proposed **Graduate Competency Assessments**, which our Board has taken a strong position against, along with many other districts across the state. The Board has been working to inform parents and other voters about the negative aspects of this additional testing requirement, hoping they will lobby their elected officials to prevent its implementation.

Mrs. Grosheider is carefully tracking potential changes relative to **PSERS** and the possible future consideration of a cost of living adjustment. Mrs. Bishop also mentioned that the state Board of Education has approved the expansion of the definition of the term “**gifted**” and the reduction of a gifted teacher’s caseload from 75 to 65.

Mr. Hubert reported on the agenda and discussions of the recent meeting of the **PSBA Labor Relations Committee Task Force**.

At the close of the meeting, there were no residents who came forward to address the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

The Board met in Executive Session following the Regular Meeting to discuss two matters relative to professional services.

**The next meeting of the NA Board of School Directors
is scheduled for April 16, 2008,
and will be held in the Board Room at CAO.
A Distinguished Achievement Award Ceremony
will precede the meeting, beginning at 7 PM.**

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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,
please refer to the NA website <http://www.northalleghey.org/>.*

This update is provided by the Manager of Communications and Public Relations
immediately following the actual meeting.

For a copy of the Official Minutes of the meeting,
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at 412/369-5437 or rryan@northalleghey.org.