

Wednesday, May 20, 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 Mrs. Ludwig, Mrs. Boujoukos, Mr. Shuckrow, and Mr. Pagone. In addition, Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Patricia Green; the District Solicitor, Mr. Maiello; the Superintendent's Executive Council; and Mr. Hamm and Ms. Peng, student representatives; were present. Mrs. Sherri Ludwig, Assistant Manager of Financial Services, was also present.



AGENDA

- 7:00 RECOGNITION OF 25-YEAR EMPLOYEES
RECOGNITION OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES
DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS
(CMS AUDITORIUM)**
- 7:30 SPECIAL MEETING/WORK SESSION
(BOARD ROOM)**
- Community Relations
 - Speakers (Voting Items)
 - 2009/2010 Preliminary Budget Presentation
 - Special Meeting Voting Item
 - Review of Board Folder
 - Speakers (Non-agenda Items)

Prior to the meeting, a Distinguished Achievement Awards Ceremony was held at 7 PM at Carson Middle School in the auditorium. Approximately 290 students and staff members were honored. A summary of that ceremony will soon be posted on the School Board website and a video of the ceremony will be run on NATV in the near future.

In addition, at this ceremony Ms. Joy Gaetano honored the employees who will be celebrating their 25 year anniversary with the District in the up-coming school year and Mrs. Grosheider made a special presentation to the two student Board representatives – Lili Peng and Andy Hamm – who have served so faithfully this year.

SPEAKERS

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

PRESENTATION OF THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET

Dr. Green introduced this report by noting that the Board provided very clear directives this year regarding their desire for a balanced budget for the upcoming school year with no tax increase. The Administration has worked diligently since last summer to accomplish this goal and still meet the current needs of the District, while being careful not to jeopardize anticipated future needs.

Dr. Green again referred to the fact that the District utilizes the Zero Based Budgeting process to facilitate the budget development process, making every expenditure transparent and open for review. The result of the Administration's efforts is the budget Mr. Hopkins presented, which is not only balanced, but represents a decreased overall total from last year.

Mr. Hopkins proceeded to present a six-slide summary of the 2009-2010 Preliminary Budget, which reflected that the millage rate will remain at 18.99. There is a slight projected decrease in expenditures of .4%, attributable to reductions in retirement expense, electric and diesel fuel costs, and fund transfers. He emphasized that the Commonwealth budget is due to be passed by June 30, 2009, and that information may have some impact on our current budget projections/planning.

SPECIAL VOTING ITEM

FINANCIAL REPORT

I. PRELIMINARY BUDGET

The Board approved the adoption of the 2009-10 Preliminary Budget in accordance with Section 687 of the School Laws of Pennsylvania and requests authorization for the budget to be made available for public inspection for 20 days beginning not later than Friday, May 29, 2009.

For Information

The 2009-10 Preliminary Budget is estimated at \$114,422,284. The approval of the 2009-10 Final General Fund Budget is scheduled for June 24, 2009.

Following the vote, the Board commended the Administration for their work on this budget.

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The Board 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.

Following the Student Reports, Mrs. Grosheider noted that the parent committee that works so hard to create a Post-Prom event for Seniors each year deserves a great deal of credit and appreciation. She reminded those in attendance that the Post-Prom preparations are open for the community to tour from 7 to 9 PM on Saturday, May 23 (while students are downtown at the Prom!). Every year, this event is truly outstanding and she encouraged those who can to stop by and see the amazing amount of work and creativity that parents invest in this project to provide a safe and fun experience for students after Prom.

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

SPEAKERS:

There were no speakers who came forward.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 PM.

**The next meeting of the NA Board of School Directors
is scheduled for May 27, 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,
please refer to the NA website <http://www.northallegheny.org/>.*

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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