

Wednesday, May 27, 2009

NASD School Board News

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**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 Mrs. Ludwig. In addition, Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Patricia Green; the District Solicitor, Mr. Lucas, the Superintendent's Executive Council; and Ms. Peng and Mr. Hamm, student representatives, were present. Other administrators in attendance were Dr. James Bradley, Principal of MES; Mrs. Debra Somerhalder, Principal of BWE; Dr. Cynthia Kainaroi, Principal of MMS; and Ms. Cynthia Stewart, Coordinator of Staff Development.



AGENDA

7:30 REGULAR MEETING

- **Speakers (Agenda Items)**
- **Communication Arts/English Curriculum
Review Report**
- **Voting Items**
- **Speakers (Non-agenda Items)**

9:00 EXECUTIVE SESSION

After Mrs. Grosheider called the meeting to order and reviewed the upcoming Board calendar, Dr. Green shared a prepared statement on the topic of the H1N1 virus.

The North Allegheny School District was informed last Friday by the Allegheny County Health Department that a student at Carson Middle School was diagnosed with a confirmed case of H1N1 influenza. Since then, we have been communicating with our parents in regard to the fact. That case is the only confirmed North Allegheny case that has been identified through the Allegheny County Health Department to date. Since that time, the Health Department notified me of two additional students at Carson that have been identified as having probable cases of the H1N1 virus, but they have not been confirmed at this time. All of these students have mild illnesses that have not required hospitalization and they have been recovering at home with no complications.

We are appreciative of the guidance and direction we have received from the Allegheny County Health Department in this situation and as a District, we continue to follow their direction and are taking all of the necessary precautions they have advised.

At this time, due to the mildness of the cases, the Health Department is not recommending the closing of school. However, they are very clear that anyone with flu-like symptoms, including fever greater than 100 degrees and sore throat, cough, congestion, runny nose, headache or fatigue, should stay out of school and at home for at least seven days from the onset of the symptoms or, if their illness lasts more than seven days, until they are free of symptoms for at least 24 hours.

The Health Department has also said that not all who have flu-like illness need to be seen or tested by a health care provider, but individuals in high risk groups such as the elderly and the chronically ill should seek medical attention if they have flu symptoms.

The Allegheny County Health Department is managing this health issue and will continue to provide direction to the School District in this matter. As this situation with the H1N1 virus evolves, we will continue to keep our community informed. We are very fortunate that this flu is presenting itself in the mild form we have seen and that there are no complications.

I would like to thank our parents and our staff for their continued cooperation and support in this matter. The health and safety of our students always comes first, and, hopefully, the virus will run its course very shortly.

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Following this statement, Dr. Green introduced the presentation of the Communication Arts/English Curriculum Review Report. “I am pleased to see such a large audience in attendance for this important Report,” she said. “This subject area permeates everything we do in the District. In light of that fact, this Review Team has conducted a comprehensive study over a two year period. They have analyzed the strengths and gaps in our own program, visited other programs, researched best practices and studied

extensively. As a result, they have been able to generate a significant series of recommendations that have been reviewed by the Executive Council and myself and are ready to be presented to the Board this evening.”

Dr. Green introduced Dr. Brian Miller, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, who coordinated the Review and the preparation of this Report. Dr. Miller, in turn, acknowledged that many members of the Review Team who were in the audience to support those who would be presenting the Report to the Board. He also thanked his secretary, Mrs. Sally Scherling, for her contributions in preparing the Report.

The members of the Review Team who participated in the presentation were:

- Mrs. Stephanie Feniello
- Dr. James Bradley
- Mrs. Amy Tarchik
- Dr. Cynthia Kainaroi
- Dr. Brian Miller

To summarize their work, the presenters reviewed the Recommendations of the Report, which centered on the following general concepts:

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| ➤ Curriculum (K-12) | ➤ Assessment |
| ➤ Curriculum (K-5) | ➤ Professional Development |
| ➤ Community Connections | ➤ Textbooks and Materials (K-5) |
| ➤ Curriculum (6-12) | ➤ Textbooks and Materials (6-12) |
| ➤ Course Recommendations (9-12) | ➤ Technology |

At the conclusion of the Report, the Board thanked the team for a wonderful, comprehensive presentation and expressed that they are most impressed with the work that has gone into this extensive study.

There was additional discussion about:

- proposed changes to the Graduation Project,
- the courses that may be added and/or eliminated,
- the integration of writing and reading,
- the importance of writing in the business world,
- connections to be built with community pre-school and kindergarten programs,
- the spelling program,
- the proposed department stylebook,
- the writing center idea,
- how the new textbook series would support vocabulary development,
- the revised approach to grammar,
- the integration of technology,
- the use of data to support the decision to discontinue certain classes,
- the reason for the drop in 5th grade scores on the PSSA as a statewide trend,
- and the need for differentiated instruction at every level.

Mrs. Grosheider concluded the Board comments with a word of thanks for two years of very difficult work on this Review and the tremendous contributions this department makes to the lives and education of our students every day. On behalf of the Board, she congratulated them on the excellent results of the work as presented tonight and the work they consistently do every day in their classrooms.

Dr. Green expressed that she is tremendously proud of the rigor of the Communications Arts/English Curriculum and Department and the work that was done on this project.

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SPEAKERS

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

The Board took these actions on the following voting items:

CURRICULUM REPORT

I. STUDENT TEACHING REQUESTS – SECONDARY EDUCATION

The following students have requested a student teaching assignment in the North Allegheny School District with Secondary Education during the 2009/2010 school year:

<u>STUDENT TEACHER</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>SUPERVISING TEACHER</u>
Madelyn Carroll Robert Morris University	09/16/09 – 12/11/2009	Gil Pielin – NASH Science
Danielle Fording Carlow University	09/03/09 – 12/18/2009	Karen Goodman – CMS Michael McConegly - CMS Mathematics
Kelly Garbett Slippery Rock University	08/31/09 – 12/17/2009	Marcie Good - NASH World Language
Angela Machi Duquesne University	10/26/09 – 12/11/2009	Anne Funk – CMS Music
Christopher Rodack Youngstown State University	08/24/09 – 10/16/2009 10/19/09 – 12/11/2009	Nancy Conley – MES Todd Stefan – NASH Music

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mrs. Bishop reminded the public that the Board approved the Preliminary Budget for 2009-2010 at last week's meeting. That Budget will be available for public review at the Northland Library, all North Allegheny schools and the Central Office, and the municipal buildings until the General Fund Budget is approved on June 24, 2009.

I. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE APPROVAL LISTS

The Board approved a number of Accounts Payable lists.

II. A.W. BEATTIE CAREER CENTER 2009-2010 BUDGET

The Board approved the A.W. Beattie Career Center Budget for the 2009-2010 fiscal year, as set forth in the proposed budget.

For Information

The A.W. Beattie Career Center Budget for 2009-2010 is \$7,564,508. The members' share of the budget is \$6,189,510 and includes three categories: Capital, Academics, and Beattie Operations. The Building Budget totals \$34,623; North Allegheny School District's estimated share is \$8,349. The Beattie Operating Budget totals \$3,961,188; North Allegheny School District's estimated share is \$487,244. The Academic Budget totals \$643,254; North Allegheny School District's estimated share is \$80,793. Total North Allegheny School District's estimated share is \$576,386. North Allegheny School District's actual share in 2008-2009 was \$566,499.58.

III. STUDENT ACTIVITIES ACCOUNTS EXPENDITURES

The Board acknowledged the student activities expenditure listings for the months of January 2009 through March 2009.

IV. COLLATERAL SECURITY REPORTS - DEPOSITORIES

The Board accepted the Collateral securities reports submitted for the depositories for the quarter ended March 31, 2009.

V. BUDGETARY TRANSFERS

The Board approved a number of budgetary transfers within the framework of the 2008-2009 budget, in accordance with the provision of Section 687 of the School Laws of Pennsylvania.

TOTAL TRANSFERS FOR THE MONTH	324,849	PERCENT OF TOTAL BUDGET	0.28%
TOTAL TRANSFERS YEAR TO DATE	749,448	PERCENT OF TOTAL BUDGET	0.65%

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

I. STUDENT ACTIVITIES ACCOUNTS PAYABLE APPROVAL LISTS

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

A.	Carson Middle	\$ 10,422.39
B.	Ingomar Middle	17,542.64
C.	Marshall Middle	2,812.21
D.	NA Intermediate	65,446.21
E.	NA Senior High	87,267.22
F.	NA Athletic	42,088.17

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

I. RESIGNATIONS

The Board approved the following Resignations:

Sharon Blakley	Special Education Teacher, BWE/IES Effective 6/12/09 17 yrs. @ NA	Retirement
Susan Beth Boucek	Art Teacher, CMS Effective 6/12/09 35 yrs. @ NA	Retirement
Jean Eckert	Business Teacher, NASH Effective 6/12/09 25 1/2 yrs. @ NA	Retirement
P. David Goldberg	Grade 4 Teacher, MCK Effective 7/30/09 31 yrs. @ NA	Retirement
John Logsdon	Grade 3 Teacher, MES Effective 6/12/09 17 yrs. @ NA	Retirement
Cynthia Paules	Learning Support Teacher, NASH Effective 10/4/09 16 yrs. @ NA	Retirement

Ross Purdy	English/Math Teacher, IMS Effective 8/11/09 28 yrs. @ NA	Retirement
Cheryl Smith	English Teacher, CMS Effective 6/12/09 30 yrs. @ NA	Retirement
Gail Will	French Teacher, CMS Effective 6/12/09 18 yrs. @ NA	Retirement

II. APPOINTMENTS

The Board approved the following Appointments:

Confidential

Jeremy Dennis	Systems Analyst, CAO Effective 6/5/09	\$47,250/Yr. Prorated
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Paraprofessional

Ellen Cavaliere	Transfer from Assistant Principal's Secretary to Elementary Principal's Secretary, MES Effective 8/10/09	\$19.87/hr. Class I-A 8 Hours/Day 216 Days/Yr.
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The Board approved the following as substitute/clerical aides at \$7.50/hr. as needed, effective May 1, 2009:

Patricia Rodzay

Classified

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TYPE OF WORK</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>START DATE</u>
Dean Baktay	Probationary Bus Driver	\$13.86/hr.	5/5/09
Dennis Sullivan	Probationary Bus Driver	\$13.86/hr.	5/4/09
Allen Watts	Probationary Bus Driver	\$13.86/hr.	5/6/09
Ben Clark	PT Summer Help, Facilities	\$ 8.50/hr.	5/4/09
Gary Jurksaitis	From PT Custodian to Utility Custodian, MCK	\$11.21/hr	6/1/09

Scott Bressler	Detailer	\$10.75/hr.	6/12/09-7/31/09
Mark Forsythe	Detailer	\$10.75/hr.	6/12/09-7/31/09
Valerie Guiden	Detailer	\$10.75/hr.	6/12/09-7/31/09
Kelly McCarthy	Detailer	\$10.75/hr.	6/12/09-7/31/09
Sharon Shute	Detailer	\$10.75/hr.	6/12/09-7/31/09

III. WAGE STATUS CHANGES

The Board approved a change from the day-to-day substitute rate to \$152.39 for Meghan Adams, long-term sub for Erin Pitaro, Teacher, North Allegheny Intermediate School. The effective date for this change is April 16, 2009.

The Board approved a change from the day-to-day substitute rate to \$152.39 for Theresa Stanek, long-term sub for Jim Brunetti, Teacher, Ingomar Middle School. The effective date for this change is April 14, 2009.

IV. CHILD REARING LEAVES OF ABSENCE – ANGELA BERGEN, DANIELLE DUNMIRE, FAYE JUNKER, AMY STINELLI, COURTNEY VADNAIS

The Board approved an unpaid Child Rearing Leave of Absence for Angela Bergen, Teacher, Carson Middle School/Ingomar Middle School, upon the exhaustion of her sick days. Her last day of work will be September 25, 2009, and her unpaid leave will be effective November 9, 2009 through December 23, 2009.

The Board approved an unpaid Child Rearing Leave of Absence for Danielle Dunmire, Teacher, Peebles Elementary School, effective August 24, 2009 through November 25, 2009.

The Board approved an unpaid Child Rearing Leave of Absence for Faye Junker, Teacher, Ingomar Middle School, effective August 24, 2009 through October 30, 2009.

The Board approved an unpaid Child Rearing Leave of Absence for Amy Stinelli, Teacher, McKnight Elementary School, upon the exhaustion of her sick days. Her last day of work will be June 12, 2009, and her unpaid leave will be effective September 22, 2009 p.m. through November 25, 2009.

The Board approved an unpaid Child Rearing Leave of Absence for Courtney Vadnais, School Counselor, Carson Middle School, upon the exhaustion of her sick days. Her last day of work will be June 12, 2009, and her unpaid leave will be effective October 6, 2009 through December 18, 2009.

V. EXTENSION OF CHILD REARING LEAVES OF ABSENCE – JOYCE HARRELL, KELLY ROSENWASSER

The Board approved an extension of an unpaid Child Rearing Leave of Absence for Joyce Harrell, Teacher, North Allegheny Senior High School, through October 30, 2009.

The Board approved an extension of unpaid Child Rearing Leave of Absence for Kelly Rosenwasser, Teacher, North Allegheny Senior High School, through the First Semester of the 2009-2010 School Year.

VI. LEAVES OF ABSENCE – WAYNE GOODWORTH, KIMBERLY GRANER, CYNTHIA PAULES

The Board approved an unpaid Leave of Absence for Wayne Goodworth, Utility Custodian, North Allegheny Intermediate School, effective for the following dates: June 18, 2009 through June 26, 2009; July 8, 2009 through July 22, 2009; July 29, 2009 through August 12, 2009; and August 17, 2009 through August 21, 2009.

The Board approved an unpaid Leave of Absence for Kimberly Graner, Special Education Assistant, Ingomar Elementary School, effective May 5, 2009 through May 22, 2009.

The Board approved an unpaid Leave of Absence for Cynthia Paules, Teacher, North Allegheny Senior High School, effective August 24, 2009 through October 4, 2009.

VII. ADMINISTRATION COMPENSATION PLAN

The Board approved the Administrative Compensation and Performance Plan, effective July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2014, as attached to the Official Minutes.

VIII. HONORARIA

The Board approved the following Honoraria Applications:

		<u>Submitted</u>	
Molly Castner	APPEAL Orientation	5/5/09	\$ 150.00
Sue Clark	“ “	5/5/09	\$ 150.00
Tracy Devlin	“ “	5/5/09	\$ 150.00
Jean Leri	“ “	5/5/09	\$ 150.00
Louise Baker	Library Summer Work	5/11/09	\$ 850.00
James Bernardo	“ “	5/11/09	\$ 850.00
Mary Bethune	“ “	5/11/09	\$ 850.00
Lynne Burk	“ “	5/11/09	\$ 850.00
Kristin Falkner	“ “	5/11/09	\$ 850.00
Mimi Flaherty	“ “	5/11/09	\$ 850.00
Margaret Foster	“ “	5/11/09	\$ 850.00
Rita Martin	“ “	5/11/09	\$ 850.00
Mary McMahan	“ “	5/11/09	\$ 850.00
Joanne Muchoney	“ “	5/11/09	\$ 850.00
Linda Rosenbaum	“ “	5/11/09	\$ 850.00
Barbara Schmid	“ “	5/11/09	\$ 850.00
Tina Tomczak	“ “	5/11/09	\$ 850.00

II. APPOINTMENTS

The Board approved the following Appointments:

Classified

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TYPE OF WORK</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>START DATE</u>
Grant Herrnberger	Summer Help, Transportation	\$8.50/hr.	5/26/09-7/31/09
Christopher Koch	Summer Help, Transportation	\$8.50/hr.	5/19/09-7/31/09

The Administration recommends approval of the following as substitute/clerical aides at \$7.50/hr. as needed, effective May 1, 2009:

Kelly L. Miller

III. WAGE STATUS CHANGE

The Board approved the following change to wage status:

Eric Wolfe	From Network Administrator to Coordinating Supervisor, Networks & Systems, CAO Effective 5/28/09	\$80,000/yr. Prorated
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The Board approved a change from the day-to-day substitute rate to \$152.39 for Erin Smith, long-term sub for Lisa Moriconi, Teacher, Ingomar Middle School. The effective date for this change is April 28, 2009.

IV. CHILD REARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE – RACHEL TENGOWSKI

The Board approved an unpaid Child Rearing Leave of Absence for Rachel Tengowski, Teacher, North Allegheny Intermediate School, effective August 24, 2009 through September 18, 2009.

V. UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE – KENNETH KALB, RENEE TROIA

The Board approved an unpaid Leave of Absence for Renee Troia, Facilities Secretary, Facilities Department, effective June 22, 2009 through June 26, 2009.

The Board approved an unpaid Leave of Absence for Kenneth Kalb, Garage Mechanic, Transportation Department, effective May 22, 2009 through July 31, 2009.

VI. SABBATICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE – PATRICIA MARTINETTI

The Board approved a Sabbatical Leave of Absence for Patricia Martinetti, Teacher, Carson Middle School, effective for the First Semester of the 2009/2010 School Year for the purpose of Health Restoration.

PROPERTY AND SUPPLIES REPORT

I. BID AWARD – INSTALLATION OF EXTERIOR SECURITY CAMERAS -INGOMAR MIDDLE AND MARSHALL MIDDLE SCHOOLS

The Board approved the base bid and alternates 1 to 6 for the installation of exterior security cameras at IMS and MMS be awarded to Morocco Electric, Inc. for \$49,659.00 as the lowest responsible bidder for this work.

For Information

This project involves the installation of security cameras with the associated wiring and accessories for the monitoring of various exterior areas at IMS and MMS.

II. BID AWARD – PLANNED MAINTENANCE OF SIEMENS ENERGY MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL SYSTEMS

The Board approved the acceptance of the bid from Siemens Building Technologies for the performance of Planned Maintenance of the Siemens Energy Management and Control Systems at the following Schools from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011:

<u>School</u>	<u>2009/10 \$/yr</u>	<u>2010/11 \$/yr</u>
Bradford Woods Elementary	Not Required	\$ 2,774.00
Marshall Elementary	Not Required	\$ 2,774.00
McKnight Elementary	\$ 5,262.00	\$ 5,548.00
Ingomar Middle	\$7,893.00	\$ 8,322.00
Marshall Middle	Not Required	\$ 5,548.00
NASH	\$ 7,893.00	\$ 8,322.00
 <u>Hourly Rates</u>		
Regular Time	\$121.00/hr	\$121.00/hr
Overtime:	\$181.50/hr	\$181.50/hr
Sundays and Holidays	\$242.00/hr	\$242.00/hr

For Information

This preventative maintenance work will involve inspections and review of the various components that make up the direct digital control systems at each of these facilities to ensure that they are operating

properly. Any repairs that may be required at these facilities would be done in accordance with the hourly rates provided with the bids. The funds for this work are included in the Facilities Department budget.

III. BID AWARD – PLANNED MAINTENANCE OF JOHNSON CONTROLS ENERGY MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL SYSTEMS

The Board approved the acceptance of the bid from OZ Enterprises, Inc. for the performance of Planned Maintenance of the Johnson Controls Energy Management and Control Systems at the following Schools from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011:

<u>School</u>	<u>2009/10 \$/yr</u>	<u>2010/11 \$/yr</u>
Franklin Elementary	\$ 4,868.00	\$ 4,868.00
Hosack Elementary	\$ 3,242.00	\$ 3,242.00
Ingomar Elementary	\$ 3,650.00	\$ 3,650.00
Carson Middle/CAO	\$12,572.00	\$12,572.00
Peebles Elementary	\$ 4,868.00	\$ 4,868.00
<u>Hourly Rates</u>		
Regular Time	\$ 102.00/hr	\$ 102.00/hr
Overtime:	\$ 125.00/hr	\$ 125.00/hr

For Information

This preventative maintenance work will involve inspections and review of the various components that make up the direct digital control systems at each of these facilities to ensure that they are operating properly. Any repairs that may be required at these facilities would be done in accordance with the hourly rates provided with the bids. The funds for this work are included in the Facilities Department budget.

IV. BID AWARD – PLANNED MAINTENANCE OF BOILER SYSTEMS

The Board approved the acceptance of the bid from Combustion Service & Equipment Co. for \$7,827.50 for the 2009/10 year with the hourly rates of \$77.50/ hour for regular time and \$100.00/hour for overtime and \$8,484.00 for 2010/11 year with the hourly rates of \$84.00 hour for regular time and \$100.00/hour for overtime as the lowest responsible bidder meeting the specifications to provide the services required for the inspection and maintenance of the Gas Burners and Boiler Controls in all of the Districts’ buildings from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011.

For Information

This work will involve the inspection and maintenance of all of the gas-fired heating equipment in the District on a bi-annual basis. Any repairs that may be required at the District’s facilities would be done in accordance with the hourly rates provided with the bids. The cost for this work is included in the Facilities Department budget.

V. REJECTION OF BID AWARD – NAI - EMERGENCY GENERATOR AND TRANSFER SWITCH REPLACEMENT

The Board approved that the bid for the replacement of the Emergency Generator and Transfer Switch at NAI will be rejected.

For Information

The cost to perform this work exceeds the proposed budget for this work.

VI. BID AWARD – FIRE ALARM SYSTEM MONITORING

The Board approved the acceptance of the bid from Security Systems of America as the lowest responsible bidder meeting the specifications for the remote monitoring for all of the fire alarm systems in each of the District’s buildings for a term of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2012.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Monitoring Cost</u>	<u>Serv. Tech Reg. Time</u>	<u>Serv. Tech Overtime</u>
2009/10	\$ 2,910.00	\$ 95.00/hour	\$ 142.00/hour
2010/11	\$ 2,910.00	\$ 95.00/hour	\$ 142.00/hour
2011/12	\$ 2,910.00	\$ 95.00/hour	\$ 142.00/hour

For Information

This contract is for the remote continuous monitoring of all of the fire alarm systems at all of the District’s buildings as required by the local municipalities. The hourly costs submitted as part of the bids will be used if any repairs are required to these systems during the time of the contract. The cost for this work is included in the Facilities Department budget.

VII. EXTENSION OF THE AGENCY AND DELIVERY SERVICES AGREEMENTS FOR NATURAL GAS SERVICE

The Board approved the acceptance of the Extension of the Agreements for Agency Services and Delivery Services from Equitable Energy in conjunction with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit to provide the natural gas services required for the purchase and delivery of natural gas to Franklin Elementary, Hosack Elementary, Ingomar Elementary, McKnight Elementary, Peebles Elementary, Carson Middle, Ingomar Middle, NAI, NASH, Maintenance Garage and the Transportation facilities. The costs for the Agency Services will be \$1.25 per Dth from September 1, 2010 through August 31, 2012.

For Information

The Allegheny Intermediate Unit has negotiated a fixed price for the purchase and delivery of the natural gas supplies for a consortium of local School Districts through August 2012. The costs for the delivery services will decrease from the \$1.55 per Dth under the existing contract. This arrangement has resulted in significant savings over the normal utility prices. The complete agreements will be attached to the Official Minutes.

VIII. EXTENSION OF THE NATURAL GAS TRANSPORTATION SERVICE FOR BRADFORD WOODS ELEMENTARY

The Board approved the acceptance of the extension of the Agreement for the Purchase and Sale of Natural Gas and the Transaction Confirmation Agreement from Hess Corporation in conjunction with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit to provide the natural gas transportation services required for delivery of natural gas to the Bradford Woods Elementary School facility at a cost of \$0.98 per Dth from September 1, 2010 through August 31, 2012.

For Information

The Allegheny Intermediate Unit has negotiated a fixed price for the delivery of the natural gas supplies for a consortium of local School Districts for two years. This arrangement has resulted in a reduction from \$1.38 per Dth under our existing contract and has resulted in significant savings over the normal utility prices. The complete agreement will be attached to the Official Minutes.

IX. NAI ELEVATOR FEASIBILITY STUDY CONSULTANT

The Board approved the acceptance of the proposal from Studio Z Architects with a cost of \$2,450.00 to perform a feasibility study for the potential installation of two elevators for the Cafeteria and Tech Ed areas at NAI. Any additional services shall be in accordance with the hourly rates that were submitted with the proposal.

X. GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING CONSULTANT

The Board approved the acceptance of the proposal from Jeff Zell Consultants, Inc. with the associated hourly rates and unit costs to perform the necessary geotechnical testing and analysis for the construction projects to be performed at NAI, BWE and MMS this summer.

For Information

The consultant shall provide the necessary testing services to verify that the contractors are performing their work in accordance with the plans and specifications for these projects.

XI. XEROX PHASER 6180 COPIER

The Board approved that a Xerox Phaser 6180 copier be added to the current Xerox contract at a cost of \$123.46. The monthly payment will be increased from \$51,216.00 to \$51,339.46.

For Information

This piece of equipment will serve as a copier, printer, and fax machine for the Human Resources Department.

XII. ONLINE PAYMENT MERCHANDISING AGREEMENT

The Board approved acceptance of a merchandising agreement between North Allegheny School District and Chase Paymentech, LLC. This agreement will allow North Allegheny School District to receive

online payments for student cafeteria purchases through www.payforit.net. There is no cost to the District for this service.

This agreement is contingent upon execution of an agreement acceptable to the Solicitor.

For Information

An Internet Convenience Fee (ICF) of 5.75% will be added to each online transaction and charged to the parent. Parents may still submit cafeteria payments via cash or check.

XIII. PHONE NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

The Board approved acceptance of an agreement with Reliance Communications, Inc. for the SchoolMessenger phone notification system. This will be a two-year agreement, commencing on July 1, 2009 and expiring on June 30, 2011. The cost of the system is \$6,000.00 per year.

This agreement is contingent upon execution of an agreement acceptable to the Solicitor.

XIV. CONTRACTED PUPIL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

The Board approved a three-year contract for 26 special education and 12 private and parochial contracted routes be awarded to W. L. Roenigk, Inc. The cost for 2009-10 for these routes is \$954,360.00. This contract will commence on July 1, 2009 and expire on June 30, 2012 upon execution of a contract acceptable to the Solicitor.

For Information

The costs for the 2009-10 school year are based on routes from the 2008-09 school year and are subject to change based on student placement. The rates for 2010-11 and 2011-12 will increase by 2% each year.

XV. DONATION - PROMETHEAN BOARD AND PROJECTOR

The Board approved acceptance of a donation of a promethean board and projector and accessories for Franklin Elementary School from the Parent Faculty Association of Franklin Elementary School. The value of this donation is \$4,243.55.

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

XVI. DONATION – PROMETHEAN BOARD TRAINING

The Board approved acceptance of a donation of promethean board training for Franklin Elementary School from the Parent Faculty Association of Franklin Elementary School. The value of this donation is \$2,000.00.

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

SPECIAL EDUCATION AND PUPIL SERVICES REPORT

I. SCHOOL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ASSOCIATED OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS, INC.

The Board approved the Agreement between Associated Occupational Therapists, Inc. and the North Allegheny School District for the 2009/2010 school year. The hourly rates for services are as follows:

Occupational Therapist	\$58.00/hr
Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant	\$48.00/hr
Physical Therapist	\$61.50/hr
Physical Therapist Assistant	\$51.50/hr

II. AIU AGREEMENT – NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND USE OF FUNDS

The Board approved the Allegheny Intermediate Unit's Notice of Adoption of Policies, Procedures, and Use of Funds by North Allegheny School District under Federal requirements of 34 CFR 300.101 through 300.624 as part of the IDEIA Application for 2009/2010.

III. AIU AGREEMENT – IMPLEMENTATION OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES ACT – PART B

The Board approved the sub-grant agreement for Implementation of Individuals with Disabilities Act – Part B, by and between the Allegheny Intermediate Unit #3 and the North Allegheny School District, entered into for the project period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

IV. AIU AGREEMENT – EDUCATIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR 2009/2010

The Board approved the Educational Services Agreement between the North Allegheny School District and the Allegheny Intermediate Unit for the provision of education services for the entire 2009/2010 school year. The Allegheny Intermediate Unit shall provide and operate for the benefit of students assigned by the District special education service and programs delineated in the Allegheny Intermediate Unit Special Education Plan, submitted to and approved by the Department of Education.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES REPORT

I. NAI GOAL STUDENTS – EURO CHALLENGE TEAM – WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Board granted permission for the Euro Challenge Team to travel to Washington, D.C. from **Wednesday, June 10 through Thursday, June 11, 2009** to visit the Delegation of the European

Commission, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve, and the International Monetary Fund. This trip is an award for placing 2nd in the national Euro-Challenge Competition in New York in April, with **5 students** participating in this event.

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I. NASH NEWS – as reported by Andy Hamm

- Important May events:
 - Junior Prom-May 9, 2009
 - Senior Citizens Prom-May 15, 2009
 - Senior Prom-May 23, 2009
- Congratulations to Band, Chorus, and Orchestra! All three music groups at NASH had spectacular performances this spring. Thank you Mr. Stefan, Mr. Pontiere, and Mrs. Lavelle for inspiring all of us to become the best musicians we can be.
- The National Honor Society will be hosting its annual Top Scholars Banquet on Thursday, May 21, at the Chadwick in Wexford. Congratulations to all of our top scholars! New NHS members will also be assisting Senator Orie with her 2009 Senior Expo.
- Student Council's Dodgeball Tournament had a great success. Great job by the Staff Appreciation and Service Committees. We raised approximately \$2,000 for this year's PASC State Charity, the Four Diamonds Fund. Also, NASH Student Council was recently named a 2009 Council of Excellence by the National Association of Student Councils. Way to go Student Council!
- NATV has had a very busy month! Mr. Doug Martin, TV teacher at Fox Chapel High School, spent a day visiting NATV on March 27 to get ideas and insights for the TV program at Fox Chapel. Mr. Martin asked to visit NA based on NATV's reputation for quality in both our programming and our curriculum. He commented on how impressed he was with the TV students and their body of work. Great job NATV! Also congratulations to the 2009-2010 NATV Leadership Team:
 - Program Director: Stephanie Gohlsch
 - Sports: Kate Mahler & Connor Gettemy
 - News: Nick Sciarappa, Becca Scherder & Ryan Bailey
 - Entertainment: Eddie Rodriguez, Gifford Mezey & Tim Reilly
 - Technical: Schuyler Cumbie & Herman Locke

REMEMBER: GRADUATION IS JUNE 12, 2009 AT NEWMAN STADIUM AT NASH!

II. NAI NEWS – *as reported by Lili Peng*

- STUDENT COUNCIL has been hard at work as the end of the year approaches! They are planning for NAI's 30th annual Awards Night, which is underway. The nominations have been made, invitations have been sent, and the Art Show is almost complete. The theme for this year is "Your Achievements Can Take You Places." Powder-puff football was scheduled for this month and many teams participated. Officer training has begun for the newly-elected officers and the whole Council has been preparing for the Semi Dance. The theme is "Arabian Nights!" Battle of the Bands was a huge success, and the Staff Appreciation BBQ is being organized. The Clarion Retreat will take place on June 5-7, and the Council is excited for their retreat.
- TALENT SHOW is underway! Students have been working hard and the show will be on June 5-7.
- SADD's Fatal Awareness Conference was a success. This month's focus will be on the elementary buildings. The SADD students will be speaking to second and fourth grades at the McKnight and Peebles about Drugs and Alcohol and they will be performing their puppet shows.
- NJHS is busy at work with Lunch Bunch, Hearth Babysitting, and after-school tutoring. The Friend Connection activity will take place on May 18.
- The FALL/SPRING PLAYS are still being selected and will be submitted to the committee by the end of the month.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

I. RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PROPOSED KEYSTONE EXAMS

The North Allegheny School Board adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Department of Education had approved a proposal to revise the current high school graduation requirements under the Chapter 4 regulations to require students to pass a series of standardized high-stakes Graduation Competency Assessments in order to get a diploma; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of Pennsylvania placed a one-year moratorium on the State Board prohibiting them from implementing regulations to establish GCAs or proceeding any further with them without the sanction of the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the State Board has ignored the one-year moratorium placed on them by the General Assembly under Act 61 of 2008 which prohibits the establishment of high school graduation requirements and issued Request for Proposal for the GCA tests in August 2008, which will now be known as the Keystone Exams. Further, the Department of Education has awarded contracts with Data Recognition Corp. to develop Keystone Exams in spite of the one-year legislatively imposed moratorium.

WHEREAS, the State Board, the Pennsylvania Department of Education, and the Pennsylvania School Boards Association have entered into a joint agreement that would replace the highly-controversial and highly-objectionable GCA proposal with an alternate proposal that is also highly controversial and highly objectionable, known as the Keystone Exams; and

WHEREAS, there is a broad requirement for local assessments to be aligned with the state academic standards and include performance-level expectations to be comparable to the PSSA or Keystone Exams; and

WHEREAS, the Keystone Exams' proposal permits schools to use a local assessment option; these local assessments must be validated in order to be used. The proposal states that "PDE will establish a Local Assessment Validation Committee to develop criteria for the validation process and criteria for the selection of approved validation entities The committee's criteria for the validation process and criteria for selection of validation entities will be submitted to the State Board of Education for approval or disapproval." The cost of validation is to be evenly divided between the District and the State Board; and

WHEREAS, the costs associated with validation will be an additional burden to school districts and taxpayers across this state, and the proposal requires school districts to absorb many new costs related to revising curriculum, professional development, test preparation and administration, remediation and other costs; and

WHEREAS, the cost for the development and implementation of these exams approximates \$210,000,000 over the next seven years, and, in light of the current economic situation in this Commonwealth and the nation, the Governor, the State Board, the Department of Education, and the Pennsylvania School Boards Association should not be adding additional expenses to district and taxpayer budgets, and, with the limitations of Act 1 on tax increases, school districts have limited ability to fund any potential new costs; and

WHEREAS, the State Board has already sent out the preliminary revisions to the current Chapter 4 regulations in regard to the Keystone Exams; these new regulations leave many unanswered questions and much ambiguity; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the North Allegheny School District opposes the joint proposal between the State Board, the Pennsylvania Department of Education, and the Pennsylvania School Boards Association to enact the Keystone Exams. With the additional validation costs to school districts and taxpayers, school districts will implement and use the Keystone Exams thereby making the Keystone Exams mandatory, as school districts may find that they have no alternative but to choose the Keystone Exams due to cost and complications related to the validation process; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the North Allegheny School District will hereby continue to support legislation to extend the moratorium as well as any legislation against any new test development or implementation and funding being used for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, this resolution will be shared with the State Board of Education, the Department of Education, the Pennsylvania School Boards Association, state legislators, including local legislators and members of the Senate and House Education Committees, and any others as this board directs; and

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the North Allegheny School District hereby directs the Superintendent and Board President to communicate this resolution to other school districts within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and to members of our community, encouraging other school boards and individuals to take similar action on this issue.

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>
Ruth Cope	The Outstanding Receptionist Seminar Sponsor: Fred Pryor Seminars Pittsburgh, PA	6/2/2009	\$ 173.31
Doug Brinkley	Add-On Student Assistant Program Training Sponsor: St. Vincent College Prevention Projects Latrobe, PA	6/8-6/11/2009	\$ 350.00*
Joann Urbaniak	Euro-Challenge Visit to Washington, DC Sponsor: Delegation of the European Commission Washington, DC	6/10-6/11/2009	\$ 75.00
Sharon Volpe	National Forensics League Nationals Sponsor: NFL Birmingham, AL	6/13-6/20/2009	\$ 7,930.83

Tammy Andreyko	The Essence of Autism: Addressing the Core Needs of Individuals with Autism Sponsor: KSU College and Graduate School of Education & Hattie Larlham Foundation Kent, OH	6/25-6/26/2009	\$ 356.39
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*Drug Free Schools Grant

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I. GOOD STAFF NEWS AROUND NA

- ☆ **Ms. Amy Wienand**, first grade teacher at Hosack Elementary School, has received First Place honors in the “staff” category of the third annual Scott E. Folmer Memorial Student, Teacher and Exemplary Practice or Partnering (STEPP) Awards by the Allegheny Local Task Force on the Right to Education. The STEPP Awards recognize outstanding support of children receiving special education services in the 42 school districts in Allegheny County (not including the Pittsburgh City Schools). Ms. Debbie Efke, Chairperson of the STEPP Awards Committee, was quoted as saying that Ms. Wienand “is committed to all children in her class and helps them reach their mark.” A banquet was held on Wednesday, May 6, 2009 to honor award recipients.

- ☆ **Mr. Joe Bullick**, curator of the North Allegheny History Museum, is one of 50 people in Western Pennsylvania being recognized as a 2009 Jefferson Award winner. Mr. Bullick is being recognized for the volunteer work he does in maintaining the NA History Museum at McKnight Elementary School and for the countless hours he contributes to anyone interested in historical information about our District and/or the North Hills area. As an award recipient, Mr. Bullick will be featured in the *Post-Gazette* and then honored at a reception and ceremony to be held in February 2010. He will receive a bronze medallion commissioned by the Franklin Mint. One of the 50 award winners will be named “Pittsburgh’s Most Outstanding Volunteer” and will represent our region at a national awards ceremony on June 2010 in Washington, D.C.

- ☆ **Mr. Corky Semler**, the District’s head swimming coach, has been notified that he has been selected to be a 2009 Inductee into the Pennsylvania Swimming Hall of Fame. The Pennsylvania Swimming Hall of Fame was established in 1968 by the Pennsylvania State University and recognizes those Pennsylvanians who have exhibited extraordinary service and achievement through aquatics. Mr. Semler has achieved 53 section titles, 19 WPIAL and 8 PIAA First Place titles since 1979. In addition, he has achieved 15 WPIAL and 6 PIAA Second Place finishes. His overall record is an impressive 561 wins, 83 losses and 6 ties. Mr. Semler’s coaching has helped 120 athletes over the years to attain All-American Status.

SPECIAL REPORTS:

A.W. Beattie Career Center: Mr. Schwartzmier

During a lengthy meeting last week, the most significant topic was the building project. The bids did come in under the budgeted amounts, so much of the discussion centered on how to utilize the additional available funds.

NA Foundation: Mr. Shuckrow

The efforts on the Golf Outing have been productive during the last month. A total of 65-67 golfers have been identified; 72 are needed. Raffle tickets are also available.

The Bozzomo and Newman scholarships were also awarded at the last meeting. There were about 15 applicants for both scholarships. There was clear consensus in that process.

NA Hall of Fame: Mr. Schwartzmier

The committee hasn't met. However, Susan Sweeney, who is a key member on the committee, is being honored upon the event of her retirement from the District.

Recreation Committee: Mr. Pagone

Active registration is still taking place for the summer programs.

Legislative Report: Mr. Shuckrow

1. State Budget. The State Senate passed its budget bill, SB 850, which calls for a lower level of overall state spending than the Governor's proposed budget. The battle lines have been drawn and one of the major claims being made by many is that education funding is being cut by the Senate's proposed bill. We have been in contact with Senator Orié who has shown us that in fact North Allegheny would receive more money from the state than last year even if the Senate's budget is passed. We will continue to monitor the budget discussions.

2. GCA's/Keystone Exams. As a follow up to the resolution we passed tonight on Keystone Exams, the PDE awarded a contract to Data Recognition Corporation for the development of the Keystone Exams with committed funding for FY 2008 of nearly \$8 million. The Secretary of Education will be testifying before the Senate Education Committee on the subject of GCA's next week (June 2). Senator Orié's bill to not permit the PDE to develop the statewide tests until the General Assembly specifically appropriates funds for that purpose (SB 281) is also slated to be considered by the Education Committee at the June 2 meeting.

3. HB 677--Legal Advertising--This bill would eliminate the requirement that school districts publish legal advertisements in newspapers of general circulation but would rather enable legal advertising to occur in community papers. There is also HB 795 which would enable local governments, including school districts to post legal advertisements on their websites.

SPEAKERS

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 PM.

**The next meeting of the NA Board of School Directors
is scheduled for June 17, 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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