

Wednesday, May 28, 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, with the exception of Mr. Pagone and Mr. Cunningham. In addition, Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Patricia Green; District Solicitor, Mr. Brungo; the Superintendent's Executive Council; Ms. S. Ludwig; Mr. Botti; Mr. Gaertner; Mrs. Ryan; and Ms. Czerniewski and Mr. Hackett were in attendance. Mr. Brian Miller, Principal of CMS, was also in attendance.



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, the Board met in Executive Session on a personnel matter.

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After the meeting was called to order, Mrs. Bishop shared with those in attendance that the Board was honored to attend a special dinner at NAI prior to this meeting hosted by the NAI Student Council. As a part of the dinner, the Student Council and the Board engaged in discussion regarding the work of the Student Council over the current school year and some questions that the student body had for the Board. The Board also presented the NAI Student Council with Distinguished Achievement Awards for their receipt of the National Golden Excellence Award, about which the Board learned after the most recent DAA Ceremony in May.

Mrs. Bishop also thanked Mr. Hackett and Ms. Czerniewski once again for their service to the Board this year and welcomed the in-coming representatives who will be joining the Board in August.

SPEAKERS

There were no residents who came forward to speak on voting items.

Mrs. Bishop asked the Board's indulgence to move one item from the Superintendent's Report to the front of the meeting.

Dr. Green introduced this voting item. She noted that Mr. Miller is the current 2008 Pennsylvania Association of Elementary and Secondary School Principals (PAESSP) Middle Level Principal of the Year and 2007-2008 Pennsylvania Middle School Association Outstanding Administrator. She also mentioned that he will be defending his doctoral dissertation at Duquesne University tomorrow, after which he will be known as Dr. Brian Miller.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

ADDENDUM

I. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR CURRICULUM

The Board appointed Mr. Brian R. Miller to the position of Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum at a salary of \$108,500, effective July 1, 2008. The salary shall be adjusted as guided by the Administrative Compensation and Performance Plan.

Mr. Miller began his education career as a Health and Physical Education Teacher for North Allegheny in 1996. During the 2000-2001 year, he served as Lead Teacher at Ingomar Middle School. In 2001, he became Assistant Principal of Ingomar Middle School and served for two years in that capacity and one year as Acting Principal.

Mr. Miller holds his Bachelor of Science in Exercise and Sport Science from Penn State University and his Master of Science in Educational Leadership from Carlow University. He is completing studies in the Interdisciplinary Doctoral Program for Educational Leaders at Duquesne University, with anticipated receipt of the Ed.D. Degree in August of 2008. He is certified in Health and Physical Education and as a K-12 Principal. He will receive his Superintendent's Letter of Eligibility in June of 2008.

Following the appointment of Mr. Miller, Dr. Green remarked that Mr. Miller will be continuing the excellent work of **Dr. Alice Hirsch** who is retiring at the end of June 2008. She again thanked Dr. Hirsch for the legacy she is leaving here at North Allegheny School District in the area of curriculum development. Mrs. Bishop reiterated those words of thanks on behalf of the Board and those in attendance warmly congratulated Dr. Hirsch on her retirement.

Mrs. Bishop announced to the audience that the District held the annual **Retirement Luncheon** earlier in the day to honor all of the employees who will be retiring this year. She remarked on the wide range of expertise and many years of service represented by this fine group of people and thanked them as well for all they have done for the District.

CURRICULUM REPORT

I. ADOPTION OF TEXTBOOKS – SECONDARY

The Board approved adoption of the following secondary textbooks:

SCIENCE

Earth Science – Geology, the Environment, and the Universe, Glencoe -McGraw-Hill. Proposed for Grade 8, Earth/Space Science. Total of 675 books @ \$69.48 per book.

For Information:

The total cost of this purchase will be \$49,243.95 including shipping.

BUSINESS, COMPUTER AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Global Business, South-Western Cengage Learning. Proposed for Grades 11 and 12, Honors International Business. Total of 90 books @ \$113.75 per book.

For Information:

The total cost of this purchase will be \$11,056.50 including shipping.

MATHEMATICS

High School Math – Algebra 2, McDougal Littell (Houghton Mifflin.) Proposed for Grades 9 and 10, Algebra 2. Total of 500 books @ \$70.41 per book.

Concepts and Skills Geometry, McDougal Littell (Houghton Mifflin.) Proposed for Grades 9 and 10, Geometry. Total of 65 books @ \$68.25 per book.

Trigonometry, Pearson (Addison Wesley.) Proposed for Grades 11 and 12, Trigonometry. Total of 100 books @ \$91.97 per book.

Advanced Mathematical Concepts, Glencoe/McGraw-Hill. Proposed for Grades 11 and 12, Advanced Mathematical Concepts 3 and 4. Total of 580 books @ \$75.99 per book.

For Information:

The total cost of the Mathematics purchase will be \$99,405.136 including shipping.

FINANCIAL REPORT

I. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE APPROVAL LISTS

The Board approved various Accounts Payable lists.

II. A.W. BEATTIE CAREER CENTER 2008-09 BUDGET

The Board approved the A.W. Beattie Career Center Budget for the 2008-2009 fiscal year, as set forth in the proposed budget.

For Information: The A.W. Beattie Career Center Budget for 2008-09 is \$5,999,520. The members' share of the budget is \$4,601,266 and includes three categories: Building, Academics, and Beattie Operations. The Building Budget totals \$74,623; North Allegheny School District's estimated share is \$17,995. The Beattie Operating Budget totals \$3,890,429; North Allegheny School District's estimated share is \$480,940. The Academic Budget totals \$636,214; North Allegheny School District's estimated share is \$79,908. Total North Allegheny School District's estimated share is \$578,843. North Allegheny School District's actual share in 2007-08 was \$588,984.

The Board engaged in some discussion regarding the above item and the future predictions regarding the Beattie program. The Board plans to carefully monitor all aspects of Beattie, including enrollment, cost-per-student, budget, curriculum changes, and overall mission.

III. STUDENT ACTIVITIES ACCOUNTS EXPENDITURES

The Board acknowledged the student activities expenditure listings for the months of January 2008 through March 2008.

IV. COLLATERAL SECURITY REPORTS - DEPOSITORIES

The Board accepted the Collateral securities reports submitted for the depositories for the quarter ended March 31, 2008.

V. BUDGETARY TRANSFERS

The Board approved a number of budgetary transfers within the framework of the 2007-2008 budget, in accordance with the provision of Section 687 of the School Laws of Pennsylvania:

TOTAL TRANSFERS FOR THE MONTH	811,672	PERCENT OF TOTAL BUDGET	0.737%
TOTAL TRANSFERS YEAR TO DATE	1,017,446	PERCENT OF TOTAL BUDGET	0.923%

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

I. STUDENT ACTIVITIES ACCOUNTS PAYABLE APPROVAL LISTS

The Administration reports the following Student Activities expenditures for March 2008:

A.	Carson Middle	\$ 5,791.15
B.	Ingomar Middle	11,454.27
C.	Marshall Middle	7,249.16
D.	NA Intermediate	53,128.71
E.	NA Senior High	72,808.81
F.	NA Athletic	20,457.66

TRANSPORTATION REPORT

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

I. LOSS CLAIM INCIDENT

The following accident has been reported:

On Thursday, April 17, 2008, Bus #45 was approaching a school bus stop on Peebles Road when a car traveling behind the bus failed to stop in time. There were no injuries to the 38 NASH/NAI students on board the bus. The bus did not have any damage and the car had light damage to its front end. Both vehicles were driven from the scene. The McCandless Police were called to investigate.

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

I. RESIGNATIONS

The Board approved the following Resignations:

Connie Balestreire	Instructional Assistant, Hosack Effective 1/18/08 18 Yrs. @ NA	Retirement
Tracie Hilliard	Substitute Driver, Transportation Effective 5/1/08	Personal Reasons
Lawrence Klotz	Utility Custodian, NAI Effective 7/22/08 8 Yrs. @ NA	Retirement
Louise Modic	English Teacher, CMS Effective 6/9/08 18 yrs. @ NA	Retirement
Anne Marie Murphy	Special Ed Assistant, BW Effective 6/6/08 10 yrs. @ NA	Retirement
Heather Parker	Chemistry, NAI Effective 6/9/08	Personal Reasons
Benjamin Rings	Special Ed Assistant, MES Effective 6/6/08	Personal Reasons
Wayne Rozyczka	Probationary Driver, Transportation Effective 5/1/08	Personal Reasons
David Smay	Utility Custodian, CMS Effective 5/8/08	Personal Reasons

II. APPOINTMENTS

The Board approved the following Appointments:

Professional

Lynsi Renwick	Grade 7, IMS Effective 8/25/08 (replaces R. Morris)	Temp Prof Step 2 Col. A \$42,140
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Paraprofessional

Ruth Ann Demianczyk	Transfer from Bookkeeper, NAI To Library Secretary, NAI Effective 5/29/08 (replaces M. Traversari)	\$16.63/hr. Class I-B 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, 2008:

Alisa Balkey
Margaret Fowler
Marcia Stevenson

Classified

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TYPE OF WORK</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>START DATE</u>
Collin Bookleiner	Summer Help, NASH	\$ 8.50/hr.	5/12/08
Joseph Camut	IT Summer Help	\$ 7.50/hr.	5/29/08-8/22/08
Sean Creasy	IT Summer Help	\$ 7.50/hr.	6/09/08-8/22/08
Peter Domville	Summer Help, MES	\$ 8.50/hr.	5/12/08
Stephen Drozd	From PT Custodian—As Assigned To Utility Custodian, NASH	\$10.66/hr.	5/01/08
David Duffett	IT Summer Help	\$ 7.50/hr.	6/09/08-8/22/08
Thomas Herbert	PT Custodian—As Assigned	\$ 8.50/hr.	6/09/08
Donald Hoge	Summer Help, NAI	\$ 8.50/hr.	5/12/08
Zackary Liberto	Summer Help, NAI	\$ 8.50/hr.	5/12/08
<u>NAME</u>	<u>TYPE OF WORK</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>START DATE</u>
Robert Ludwig	IT Summer Help	\$ 7.50/hr.	5/29/08-8/22/08
Ian Payling	Summer Help, CMS	\$ 8.50/hr.	5/12/08
Baron Quinerly	Summer Help, McKnight	\$ 8.50/hr.	5/12/08
Bryce Thompson	Summer Help, MMS	\$ 8.50/hr.	5/12/08
		<u>6/09/08- 7/25/08</u>	
Scott Bressler	Detailer	\$10.45/hr.	
Mark Forsythe	Detailer	\$10.45/hr.	
Valerie Guiden	Detailer	\$10.45/hr.	
Kimberli Hay	Detailer	\$10.45/hr.	
Kelly McCarthy	Detailer	\$10.45/hr.	
Sharon Shute	Detailer	\$10.45/hr.	

III. WAGE STATUS CHANGE

The Board approved a wage increase for the following Custodial Employee:

		<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Ronald Carlisle	Regular Lead/MMS	\$17.84/hr.	\$19.82/hr.	5/14/08
*Anniversary Increase				

IV. LEAVES OF ABSENCE – ANN KARAYUSUF, LORI MARKEY, JENNIFER ROSS

The Board approved an unpaid Leave of Absence for Ann Karayusuf, Special Ed Assistant, Marshall Elementary, effective for the 2008/2009 School Year.

The Board approved an unpaid Leave of Absence for Lori Markey, Special Ed Assistant, Marshall Middle School, effective May 12 through May 16, 2008.

The Board approved an unpaid Leave of Absence for Jennifer Ross, Elementary School Counselor, Franklin Elementary/Ingomar Elementary, effective for the 2008/2009 School Year.

V. EXTENSION OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE – KAREN SHULTZ

The Board approved an Extension of unpaid Medical Leave of Absence for Karen Shultz, Bus Driver, Transportation, through June 6, 2008.

VI. CHILD REARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE – DEBRA GOEHRING

The Board approved an unpaid Child Rearing Leave of Absence for Debra Goehring, Teacher, McKnight Elementary. Her last day of work will be June 9, 2008 and her unpaid leave will be effective August 25 through November 14, 2008.

VII. HONORARIA

The Board approved the following Honoraria Applications:

		<u>Submitted</u>	
Tammy Nelson	2007/2008 Minority Recruiter	4/24/08	\$ 1,500.00
Robert Bell	Mathematics Summer Placement Testing	4/16/08	\$ 700.00
Karyn Dobda	“ “	4/17/08	\$ 200.00
Kathleen Holland	“ “	4/17/08	\$ 200.00
Michael McConegly	“ “	4/17/08	\$ 200.00

Arlene Barbus	“	“	4/18/08	\$ 100.00
¹ Jennifer Pavely	SAT Prep Course		5/02/08	\$ 900.00
¹ Thomas Mooney	“	“	5/02/08	\$ 450.00
¹ Christine Walters	“	“	5/02/08	\$ 450.00
¹ John Fellers	“	“	5/02/08	\$ 700.00
¹ Ron Lutz	“	“	5/02/08	\$ 450.00
¹ Karyn Dobda	“	“	5/02/08	\$ 900.00

TOTAL HONORARIA 2007/2008 EXPENDITURES THRU 5/28/08 \$62,490.00

¹ Work completed 5/1/08.

VIII. SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

The Board approved the following Supplemental Contracts:

¹ Elizabeth Talerico	Special Education Master Teacher	\$850.00
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Pool Personnel

*Steven Ferringer	Lifeguard	\$7.15/hr.
*Greg Goodman	“	\$7.15/hr.
*Megan Sheets	“	\$7.15/hr.
*Loran Shivetts	“	\$7.15/hr.

* 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

Harriet King	Transfer from Library Secretary To Secretary to Principal, MMS Effective 7/1/08 (replaces M. Kowal)	\$19.37/hr. Class I-A 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>
Brendan Bristow	Summer Help, McKnight	\$ 8.50/hr.	6/02/08
Ryan Hussak	Stage Crew, NAI	\$ 7.70/hr.	6/02/08
Steven Nicklas	Summer Help, IMS	\$ 8.50/hr.	6/02/08
Jeremiah Weiland	PT Custodian—As Assigned	\$ 8.50/hr.	5/19/08

II. RECOGNITION FOR ADDITIONAL EDUCATION

The following Administrative employee has successfully completed Masters Programs or nine credit increments above the Masters Degree since July 1, 1996. Therefore, the Administration recommends approval of a \$2,000 Educational Incentive Award to be paid to:

Katherine Jenkins

Note: This award is a one-time payment and is not added to base salary.

III. SALARY ADJUSTMENT

The Board approved the following Professional salary adjustment:

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Sharon Volpe	\$55,457 (11H)	\$55,121 (11G)	8/22/08

IV. SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

The Board approved the following Supplemental Contracts:

Pool Personnel

*Patrick Baxter	Supervisor/Lifeguard	\$11.00/hr.
*Amy Yatsko	“ “	\$11.00/hr.

* Not a District Employee

¹ First Time Supplemental Contract

(s) One contract shared by more than one person

PROPERTY AND SUPPLIES REPORT

I. SUBMISSION OF PDE FORM 3074(a) FOR REPLACEMENT OF THE LOCKERS, PHASE I, AT NORTH ALLEGHENY INTERMEDIATE HIGH 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 first phase of the project for the replacement of the lockers at North Allegheny Intermediate High 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.

II. JULY PAY APPLICATIONS

The Board approved the processing of Pay Applications for the contractors who will be working on the various construction projects during the month of July 2008. All payments will be included in the August 2008 Board Folder.

For Information

Due to the fact that the School Board has one scheduled meeting on July 16, 2008, payments that would normally be approved by the Board may need to be approved by the Administration and processed for payment prior to the August School Board meetings.

III. DONATION OF TWO METAL BENCHES - PEEBLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The Board approved accepting the donation of two benches that will be installed adjacent to the playground by the Peebles Elementary School PFA. The estimated value of this donation is \$1,200.00

For Information

The funds for the purchase and installation of these benches will be provided by the Peebles PFA in recognition of the 5th grade class. The completed Disclaimer Release for this donation will be attached to the Official Minutes.

IV. CHANGE ORDER APPROVAL

The Board granted Administration the authority to approve and process routine change orders up to \$20,000 for the construction projects that the District will be undertaking. All change orders will be presented to the Board for final approval and execution.

For Information

Due to the critical schedule that has been established for the completion of the projects the ability to approve change orders in a timely manner will be important to preventing delays of the work on these projects. Change Orders that are in excess of this amount or are non-routine will be held until the next scheduled School Board meeting.

V. BID AWARD – DUST MOP RENTAL

The Board accepted the bid from Iron City Uniform Rental as the lowest responsible bidder meeting the specifications for the dust mops that are used for the cleaning in each of the District’s buildings from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2011.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Cost</u>
2008/09	\$ 1,485.00
2009/10	\$ 1,485.00
2010/11	\$ 1,485.00

For Information

This contractor will provide the treated dust mops that will be used to at all buildings for the cleaning of the floors. The unit price costs submitted as part of the bids will be used if any additional dust mops are required or if a dust mop must be replaced during the time of the contract. The cost for this service is supported by the Facilities Department budget.

VI. BID AWARD – FIRE ALARM SYSTEM TESTING AND INSPECTION

The Board accepted the bid from S. A. Comunale Co., Inc. as the lowest responsible bidder meeting the specifications for the inspection and testing of all of the fire alarm system components in each of the District’s buildings from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2010.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Prev. Maint. Cost</u>	<u>Serv. Tech Reg. Time</u>	<u>Serv. Tech Overtime</u>
2008/09	\$ 8,100.00	\$ 85.00/hour	\$ 125.00/hour
2009/10	\$ 8,100.00	\$ 85.00/hour	\$ 125.00/hour

For Information

This work will involve the inspection and testing of all of the various components of the fire alarm systems at all 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 supported by the Facilities Department budget.

VII. BID AWARD – SPRINKLER SYSTEM TESTING AND INSPECTION

The Board accepted the bid from Preferred Fire Protection, Inc. as the lowest responsible bidder meeting the specifications for the inspection and testing of all of the sprinkler system components in each of the District’s buildings from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2010.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Prev. Maint. Cost</u>	<u>Serv. Tech Reg. Time</u>	<u>Serv. Tech Overtime</u>
2008/09	\$ 9,660.00	\$ 75.00/hour	\$ 128.00/hour
2009/10	\$ 9,660.00	\$ 75.00/hour	\$ 128.00/hour

For Information

This work will involve the inspection and testing of all of the various components of the sprinkler systems at all 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 supported by the Facilities Department budget.

VIII. BID AWARD – PLANNED MAINTENANCE OF CHAIRLIFTS, DUMB WAITERS AND ELEVATORS

The Board accepted the bid from Industrial/Commercial Elevator Co., Inc. for \$15,728.00 for 2008/09 and \$15,728.00 per year for 2009/10 with the cost of a mechanic at \$117.00/hour for regular time and \$169.00/ hour for overtime as the lowest responsible bidder meeting the specifications to provide the services required for the inspection and maintenance of the Chairlifts, Dumb Waiters and Elevators in all of the Districts buildings for a term of June 1, 2008 through June 30, 2010.

For Information

This work will involve the inspection and maintenance of all of the Chairlifts, Dumb Waiters and Elevators equipment in the District. 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.

SPECIAL EDUCATION AND PUPIL SERVICES REPORT

I. SOCIAL WORKER INTERN REQUEST

The following student has requested a Social Worker Internship in the North Allegheny School District within the Student Assistance Program at North Allegheny Senior High School for the 2008/2009 school year.

INTERN

Jacqueline Bishop
University of Pittsburgh

DATES

8/25/08-6/12/09

SUPERVISOR

Jeff Longo
North Allegheny Senior School

SPECIAL EDUCATION AND PUPIL SERVICES REPORT

ADDENDUM

I. RESOLUTION OF DUE PROCESS HEARING DECISION

The Board approved the Agreement and Release implementing the decision of the Special Education Hearing Officer with regard to Student #213307, and authorization for Administration to take all steps in accordance therewith.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES REPORT

I. NASH GOAL – 2008 PACE HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT – FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA

The Board granted permission for the GOAL students at the Senior High School to travel to Fairfax, Virginia from **Friday, May 30 through Sunday, June 1, 2008** to participate in the 2008 PACE High School National Championship Tournament. There will be **8 students** participating in this event.

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

The Board approved a waiver of Board Policy #3330 and granted permission for students to attend a Marine Ecology Study in Wallops Island, VA (listed below) during the period of June 1 through June 4, 2008. The students will be missing three (3) consecutive days of school.

III. CARSON MIDDLE, INGOMAR MIDDLE, AND MARSHALL MIDDLE SCHOOLS' GOAL STUDENTS – THE MARINE SCIENCE CONSORTIUM – WALLOPS ISLAND, VIRGINIA

The Board granted permission for the Middle Schools' GOAL students to travel to the Marine Science Consortium in Chincoteague, Virginia from **Sunday, June 1 through Wednesday, June 4, 2008** to participate in a Marine Ecology Study in Wallops Island, Virginia. There will be **105 students** participating in this event.

IV. INGOMAR MIDDLE SCHOOL GOAL STUDENTS – NATIONAL SCIENCE BOWL FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLS – GOLDEN, COLORADO

The Board granted permission for the Ingomar Middle School GOAL students to travel to the Colorado School of Mines in Golden, Colorado from **Thursday, June 19 through Sunday, June 22, 2008** to participate in the National Science Bowl for Middle School Students, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy. There will be **5 students** participating in this event.

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

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

SADD

Safety Bug - Police officers visit NASH with their "Safety Bug", a car that simulates drunk driving. Students come down during their school day with their classes to see demonstrations by the police and take a spin in the car

STOP Conference

Our SADD program teams up with students from Shaler to write a skit and perform it at Senator Ori'e's conference. The skit focuses on a topic from the conference. This year we did teen dating violence.

We focused a lot on teen dating violence this winter. For Valentine's Day, we had students sign hearts pledging to have a safe Valentine's Day with their special someone and posted them in the cafeteria.

Teens Against Tobacco Use

This is one of our biggest projects every year. Nearly every second and fourth grade class at the elementary schools emails SADD and asks us to come present to their kids. Our members must first go through a training session at NAI. Throughout the end of April into May, teams of 3 or more members, along with Mr. Longo, go to the elementary school at the end of the day and talk to the kids about the dangers of smoking and tobacco use. For second grade groups, we put on a puppet show and for the fourth grade groups, we do various activities. This is probably our most responsive project and the kids really enjoy us coming to see them and talking to them. We are such big role models.

Grim Reaper

This is our biggest project at NASH. Students volunteer to be "killed" by the Grim Reaper throughout the day (usually right before Senior Prom). After they are killed, they receive a T-shirt saying "I was killed by a drunk driver" and a carnation donated to us every year by Soergel's Orchards. For the rest of the day, the student cannot talk or communicate with anyone else, including texting, writing notes, or hand gestures. At the end of the day, all of the dead students meet at the main parking lot exit and lay under white sheets while the rest of the school is asked to pay their respects as they leave for the weekend.

Also on the day before prom, each of the Seniors receives a letter from a student at Peebles Elementary. The letters ask the Seniors to not drink and drive and to make smart decisions on prom night. These letters really make an impact with NASH students.

NATV

NATV announced its 2008-2009 NATV Leadership Team. The team is responsible for producing programming for the cable channel as well as mentoring and training fellow TV students. The team members are as follows:

- Program Director: Kyle Ryan
- Station Manager: Steph Anderson
- Entertainment: Pat Moynihan, Ava Makal, Greg Mezey, Christy Loscar
- Technical: Andrew Kuremsky
- News: Pat Morgan, Bahar Ataa, Megan McMurtry
- Sports: Julie Pelusi, Nick Jovonovich, Jane Miner

NATV took home first place finishes in the following categories at the annual TVT Student Video Festival at Robert Morris University on April 15th.

- Documentary: Josh Weis
- Performing Arts: Pat Morgan/Doug Healy
- Imaginative: Nick Lang/Jimmy Lustig/Steve Hood
- Sporting Event/Highlight: Jaymes Gardzinski

NATV will be hosting the annual Gala Awards Show on Thursday, May 29 at 7 PM.

NATV is introducing a new digital format in early May. Once all equipment and software is installed and operational, the community will be able to enjoy increased and enhanced programming.

Steve Hood, NATV News Division Leader, created a 60-second video that was chosen as the best in the country by the Disney Corporation in the *Disney Dream CMO Contest*. Steve created the video to help local church music director, Justin Muchony, in his application for the position of Dream CMO for Walt Disney World. With the help of Steve's video, Justin was named the CMO for Disney.

NA Fiddlers – Dennis Morton

The N.A. Fiddlers were formed in 2002 and are holding their 7th summer workshop. Students that are in grades 6-12 can learn traditional fiddle tunes in the traditional style, by ear. Below are some summer gigs.

- Newhaven Court, Passavant Retirement Community in Zelienople – Wednesday, June 18, 2008 at 6:30 pm
- NA Fiddle Workshop – Monday, July 7 through Sunday, July 13, 2008
- Butler Symphony Picnic/Lunch “To Munch By” – Wednesday, July 30, 2008 -. Performance – 12:45 pm
- St. Alexis Festival – Thursday, July 31, 2008 – Performance – 8:00 pm

II. NAI NEWS – *as reported by Ross Hackett*

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- Members are preparing for their convention on May 23-25th at Penn State
 - Everyone that attends will participate in spirit competitions, academic testing, art competitions, and athletic games

Key Club

- Members are participating in a children’s’ book drive from May 12-16
- Members will put on a car wash at J. Clarks in Pine Creek Plaza on May 17th from 10 am - 2 pm

Dance Committee

- Semi Formal was very successful!
 - About 900 students attended

Orchestra

- A strolling performance will be held on May 16th at 7:30 pm at The Chadwick
- On May 28th, there will be a banquet for orchestra members at The Chadwick at 5:30 pm

School Spirit Committee

- The student/staff dodge ball tournament went very well
 - 12 teams registered and participated in the tournament
 - Each team of 5 students and 1 teacher donated \$50 in order to participate
 - About \$600 was raised for Save Darfur

Staff Appreciation Committee

- An end of the year barbeque for the staff will be held on May 23rd during all lunch periods

Student Recognition Committee

- The annual Awards Night will take place on May 20th at 6:30 pm in the NAI Auditorium
 - Teachers had the opportunity to nominate students that have put forward an extraordinary amount of effort throughout the year in academics and extracurricular activities
 - The nominated students will receive a certificate and will be honored on stage
 - The theme is Rainbow Fish: Share your talents with the world, your unique characteristics make the world beautiful

STUDENT ACTIVITIES REPORT **ADDENDUM**

I. LIFETIME ACTIVITIES – MONONGAHELA NATIONAL FOREST, WEST VIRGINIA

The Board granted permission for the Lifetime Activities group to travel to Seneca Rocks in Monongahela National Forest in West Virginia from **Friday, May 30 through Sunday, June 1, 2008** to experience spelunking and climbing at “Via Ferrata.” There will be **7 students** participating in this experience.

II. GIRLS’ SLOW PITCH SOFTBALL

The Board approved Girls’ Slow Pitch Softball as a Club Sport beginning with the 2008/2009 school year. Slow Pitch Softball will compete in the fall.

For Information:

The North Allegheny Slow Pitch Softball Team is in its third year of existence and plays their games at Blueberry Park in Franklin Park Borough. They currently have 50 – 55 players in grades 7 to 12. Slow Pitch Softball competes in the fall and would not have any detrimental affect on the North Allegheny Fast Pitch Softball Team. The Slow Pitch Softball Organization has adapted their rules and regulations to coincide with PIAA Rules and Regulations.

Ms. Czerniewski took a moment at the close of her report to thank the Board for the opportunity to serve as a student rep. She reported that Senior Prom was a tremendous success with no ‘incidents.’ The After-Prom was beautiful and parents put a lot of effort into making it a wonderful experience for all. She mentioned that tomorrow evening is the NATV Gala, which is always a wonderful event.

Mrs. Bishop personally thanked all of the parents who helped with the After-Prom as well. She noted that it is truly a ‘labor of love’ that parents organize to keep students safe and entertained.

Mr. Hackett also thanked the Board and expressed the hope that he will be back in his senior year as Student Representative. He announced that the JCL won the State Championship for the 11th year this past weekend.

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>
David Woten	Teacher Leadership Forum Sponsor: Educational Testing Service Princeton, NJ	5/7/2008	\$ 80.18
Bill Jorden	2008 Partnership For Academic Competition Excellence National Championship Sponsor: Partnership For Academic Competition Excellence Fairfax, VA	5/30-6/1/2008	\$ 2,334.92
Joy Ed	Strategic Communications Sponsor: AIU3 Homestead, PA	6/2/2008	\$ 43.00
Sharon Volpe	National Forensic League National Tournament Sponsor: NFL Henderson, NV	6/14-6/21/2008	\$10,272.44
Stephanie Feniello	Pre-AP Vertical Team English Institute Sponsor: College Board Oxford, MS	7/7-7/11/2008	\$ 1,188.00

II. **SECOND READING AND REQUEST FOR ADOPTION – REVISED BOARD POLICY #2520 – NORTH ALLEGHENY SCHOOL DISTRICT GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE FOR PROCESSING SECTION 504 AND ADA COMPLAINTS**

The Board approved the adoption of revised Board Policy #2520, North Allegheny School District Grievance Procedure and Processing Section 504 and ADA Complaints, as attached.

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

I. **GOOD STAFF NEWS AROUND NA**

- ★ **Mr. Zach Hull, a first year teacher at MMS and CMS,** recently won the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) Leadership Development Award for the State of Pennsylvania. This award is given to an early career teacher in each state who has demonstrated a capacity for professional leadership. The award is \$500 to attend the NCTE Annual Convention in San Antonio in November 2008 and a ticket to the Affiliate Breakfast at which awardees will be recognized.

- ★ **Mrs. Judy Braden, Student Council Advisor and Guidance Counselor at MMS,** was recently recognized as Advisor of the Year in the middle school division for District 3 of the Pennsylvania Association of Student Councils. Nominations for the award are submitted by students and reviewed by a panel of student judges, which makes this award very meaningful to its recipients.

- ★ **Mr. David Forsyth, a teacher at FES,** was recently accepted to the “Landmarks of the Underground Railroad: From Christiana to Harper’s Ferry.” The workshop will be held at Dickinson College and is a part of the Landmarks of American History and Culture Workshop Program, which is fully funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities. This will be Mr. Forsyth’s second national workshop experience. Last year, he was accepted as a participant in a program in Philadelphia which focused on Benjamin Franklin, during which he created packets of information for use in all grade levels.

- ★ **The North Allegheny Senior High School Honors Wind Ensemble** has been named the High School Classical Group winner in the **31st Annual Student Music Awards Program sponsored by *Downbeat Magazine*.** *Downbeat Magazine* is an internationally recognized publication for music that is issued on a monthly basis. Bands from around the country, Canada and Austria submitted entries for this year’s program. An experienced and sophisticated panel reviewed each submission, considering the following criteria: overall sound, presence/authority, interpretation of idiom, improvisation/creativity, technique, intonation, phrasing, dynamics, accurate rhythm/time and material. A winner is

not guaranteed in this competition. If the panel feels that no submission has adequately met the defined criteria, there is no declared winner. This fact ensures that only the finest bands in the country are recognized.

- ★ **The North Allegheny School District** has been recognized on the **2008 ‘Best Communities for Music Education’ by the NAMM Foundation**, the charitable branch of the association of the international music products industry. Only 110 school districts across the U.S. are recognized on the 2008 list. Those included exemplify community commitment to include music education as part of a quality education for all children.

Hundreds of teachers, school and district administrators, school board members, parents and community leaders, representing communities in all 50 states, participated in a Web-based survey to apply for consideration for this honor. Districts were measured across a variety of criteria, including programmatic development, curricular offerings, budgetary appropriations, and community involvement. Results were measured proportionally, so that communities of different sizes were compared equally.

- ★ **The North Allegheny School District** was also recently recognized in a widely recognized local business publication which ranked the District No. 4 out of 106 school districts in the seven-county region of western Pennsylvania. This study in the *Pittsburgh Business Times’ Guide to Western Pennsylvania Schools* was published May 9 and receives a great deal of local and state attention. Other significant rankings in this publication include:

- North Allegheny School District ranks No. 8 out of 500 school districts statewide
- NASH (Grade 11) ranks No. 5 out of 123 local high schools
- Our middle schools (Grade 8) rank Nos. 2, 4 and 12 out of 140 local middle schools
 - IMS – No. 2
 - MMS – No. 4
 - CMS – No. 12

- ★ **The North Allegheny Senior High School** has been named one America’s Best High Schools for 2008 by *Newsweek*. This year’s list was published in the May 18 issue of *Newsweek*, in which 1,300 of the top U.S. high schools were identified. The *Newsweek* formula is based primarily upon student participation in Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate testing.

SPECIAL REPORTS

A.W. Beattie

Several construction manager candidates will be interviewed while the architect continues to finalize the design for the renovation project. The next Board meeting will be held Thursday, June 19, 2008.

NA Foundation

Mr. Cunningham was not present to report. Dr. Green reported that the Golf Outing is coming along and more golfers are still needed to participate. Additional items for discussion at the last meeting included a possible project associated with the alumni directory.

NA Hall of Fame

The votes were received and tallied, although no public announcement has yet been made regarding the Class of 2008.

Summer Recreation

Mrs. Bishop announced that this program will be starting just after school finishes. She highly recommends these classes ranging from arts, craft, sports, and etc., as a great bargain and wonderful experience for children.

Legislative Report

Mr. Shuckrow submitted the following report:

- 1. GCA's.** The 30-day public comment period is now in effect. Official comments must be made to Jim Buckheit, Executive Director, State Board of Education, 333 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA 17126-0333, or to jbuckheit@state.pa.us by June 16, 2008.
- 2. Cyber Charter Funding.** House Bill 446 remains stalled in the House Appropriations Committee. Mrs. Bishop and Mr. Shuckrow collaborated on a letter to Representative Turzai.
- 3. Students with Allergies.** The Senate passed **SB 731** that requires school districts to adopt a policy to permit students of all ages with allergies to possess and self-administer an epinephrine auto-injector while on school property or attending school activities. Current law only mandates that school districts have a policy concerning students who have asthma inhalers.
- 4. Senate Bill 1063 (Earned Income Tax Collection).** The Senate amended and passed Senate Bill 1063 that would require the countywide consolidated collection of earned income tax (excluding Philadelphia). An amendment proposed by Senator Orié was included and it allows Allegheny County to have up to four sub-districts, each of which can have its own collector.
- 5. 2008-09 State Budget.** The State budget is not yet finalized. As was discussed at last week's meeting on the preliminary NA budget, Gov. Rendell called for a revamping of the state's school subsidy system, based on the Costing-Out Study that was conducted last year. Because NA was one of the few districts that the study found was already adequately funding their schools, our State funding increase would go down (expected to be 1.5%).

6. Tax Assessment Appeals Bill. The House passed legislation amending the Third-Class County Assessment Board Law and the Fourth- to Eighth-Class County Assessment Laws, respectively, to restrict the authority of municipalities and school districts to seek assessment appeals. Under the proposal, local taxing authorities may appeal only when there is a countywide reassessment, when a property is subdivided and sold and when improvements are made or removed from real property. These bills, if enacted into law, would not impact North Allegheny because Allegheny County is a Second Class County.

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Dr. Green added an update about **security clearances for individuals who officiate at athletic events.** The AIU has sent a letter on behalf of the 42 Superintendents of Allegheny County to the PIAA requesting that they immediately begin requiring security clearances for these individuals and develop a process to keep them current. It is the PIAA that provides these officials to the schools districts and the Superintendents feel strongly that it is their responsibility to ensure that this important service is provided by them.

Mr. Hubert added a brief update on the work of the **PSBA task force** on which he serves that is studying contract negotiations with teachers in school districts in Pennsylvania and statewide healthcare for school district employees. They have been examining issues of transparency and retroactivity and how they would affect such negotiations. An initial draft of their report will be available to the Task Force for their first review in June. Their recommendations will ultimately be passed along to the PSBA Platform Committee for consideration.

Mrs. Grosheider reported on the **nominating committee meeting of PSBA.** A slate of nominees was identified. She also mentioned the **pension issue.** The recommendations made by the pension committee have been assigned a House number and will be sponsored by a legislator who is looking for co-sponsors. Also, House Bill 2084, Amendment 07093, currently addresses the cost of the proposed **Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA)**, which is approximated to be \$3 billion. She is planning to communicate with Representative Turzai regarding the impact of this on North Allegheny School District, which she believes will be approximately \$1M to \$1.5M per year. Mrs. Bishop suggested that the Board may join her advocacy. The Board asked Mrs. Grosheider to draft a letter on behalf of the Board and committed to carefully consider the list of legislators who should receive it.

SPEAKERS

There were two speakers who signed up to speak on non-agenda items:

1. Dr. Albert Wille spoke on the Alliance Against Drugs and its programs to provide the Board with an update on what the Alliance is doing. He described ideas for seminars for parents of younger children on the topic of drug use and the prevention of drug use. He hopes they can be implemented here at North Allegheny School District.

2. Ms. Debbie Kehoe, the Executive Director of Alliance Against Drugs, discussed the significance of the Alliance and the involvement of NASD in their programs and initiatives. She made some suggestions about how some of the resources offered by the Alliance could be further incorporated in the programs at the North Allegheny School District.

In the midst of Ms. Kehoe's remarks, the electricity in the Central Administration Office Building, Carson Middle School and the surrounding area went out. Ms. Kehoe was able to conclude her comments due to the lighting provided by the emergency generators. After Ms. Kehoe concluded her comments, Mrs. Bishop expressed that the District is proud to be a founding member of the Alliance and values their work in the community. She thanked Ms. Kehoe for their on-going collaboration with the District and advocacy on this important issue.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 PM.

Although the power outage persisted, the Board did meet in Executive Session following the meeting to discuss personnel matters, contract-related issues, and a matter of litigation.

**The next meeting of the NA Board of School Directors
is scheduled for June 18, 2008,
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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