

Wednesday, November 19, 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 Voting Meeting
in the CAO Board Room.**

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



AGENDA

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| 7:30 | REGULAR MEETING <ul style="list-style-type: none">- NA Foundation Annual Report- Speakers (Agenda Items)- Voting Items- Speakers (Non-agenda Items) |
| 9:00 | EXECUTIVE SESSION |

Prior to the beginning of the meeting, Mrs. Bishop extended the condolences of the Board to the family of Mr. George Muhlberg, who passed away recently. Mr. Muhlberg has been a longtime resident of the District and an active volunteer whose counsel, friendship and support have been valued resources for the District over the years.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NA FOUNDATION

This report was presented by Ms. Libby Blackburn, Chairperson of the Foundation. A summary of the highlights of this report is provided below:

- The Foundation provides seed money for new, innovative programs to enhance the education of our students and to award and administer scholarships.
- Since 1989, the Foundation has awarded more than \$142,000 in grants and 26 scholarships totaling \$30,600.
- In 2007-2008, eight grants were funded, with teachers at six schools receiving awards totaling \$16,530.
 - TSA (NAI, IMS, MMS) \$5,264
 - Technology in the Preschool (NASH) \$1,462
 - Disc Golf (NASH) \$1,283
 - Just Vote It! (MMS) \$ 333
 - Home “Word” Bound (IES) \$ 800
 - 21st Century Classroom (FES) \$7,388
- The 2007-2008 Golf Classic generated more than \$23,000, an increase of more than 15% over the previous year.
- Ms. Blackburn thanked Dr. Green, all the Officers and the Trustees for their work -- as well as Deb Adamczyk, Lynn Reaghard, Maureen Dominick, Rose Mary Ryan and the Board – for their on-going contributions and support.
- The 2009 10th Annual Golf Outing will be held on Monday, June 15 at Diamond Run.

The Board thanked the Foundation for their work and their generosity.

SPEAKERS

There were no members of the audience who came forward to address the Board.

Following this report, the Board took the following actions on these voting items:

CURRICULUM REPORT

I. CAMP KON-O-KWEE FIFTH GRADE PROGRAM – CAMP DATES

The Board approved the following dates for the Outdoor Education Program for fifth grade students for the 2009-2010 school year:

September 23, 24, 25, 2009	McKnight Elementary
September 30, October 1, 2, 2009	Bradford Woods Elementary
October 7, 8, 9, 2009	Hosack/Peebles Elementary
October 14, 15, 16, 2009	Franklin/Ingomar Elementary
October 21, 22, 23, 2009	Marshall Elementary

II. CAMP KON-O-KWEE FIFTH GRADE PROGRAM COST – 2009-2010

The Board approved the cost of the Outdoor Education Program for fifth grade students for the 2009-2010 school year. The cost per student will be \$100.

III. HONORARIA

The Board approved an honorarium payment of \$75 for one night and \$150 for two nights for the following staff members who taught and provided overnight supervision for fifth graders at Camp Kon-O-Kwee during the 2008-2009 school year:

Bradford Woods Elementary

Begley, Margee (1)
Bielawski, Mike (2)
Broadbent, Rhonda (2)
Cooper, Diana (2)
Flaherty, Mimi (1)
Kilar, Jim (2)
Lundy, Ryan (2)
McElroy, Jennifer (2)
Meinert, Lisa (2)
Miko, Ashley (2)
Neumeyer, Renae (2)
Raible, Lori (1)

Ingomar Elementary

Berendowski, Lisa (2)
Boronyak, Dean (2)
Codol, Kendra (2)
Giglio, Flo (2)
Miller, Kathy (2)
Mounts, Dustin (2)
Slavin, Mariah (2)
Smoyer, Jim (2)

Franklin Elementary

Beierle, Jennifer (2)
Casciotti, Ryan (2)
Fischbaugh, Rachel (2)
Leasure, Adam (1)
Nudi, Marie (2)
Schlenke, Elizabeth (2)
Wood, Carol (2)
Yeakel, Harry (2)

Hosack Elementary

Bricker, Robert (2)
Butler, Matthew (1)
DeVenzio, Amy (2)
Kralic, Christina (2)
Landy, Danielle (2)
Moses, Rayne (1)
Seneca, Paul (1)
Sundo, Deb (2)

McKnight Elementary

Anderson, Beth (1)
Berendowski, Diana (2)
Biro, Christie (2)
Danko, George (2)
Graner, Jan (2)
Hudec, Brian (2)
Kiray, Crystal (1)
Kozak, Carol (2)
Litz, Deb (1)
Litz, Dick (2)
Morton, Dennis (1)
Smith, Erin (2)
Stewart, Kelly (2)
Stokes, Darla (2)
Vandergrift, Joann (2)

Marshall Elementary

Butts, Jenna (2)
Cech, Natasha (2)
Clements, Patrick (2)
Daniels, Gail (2)
Deily, Dana (2)
Esswein, Heather (2)
Harrison, Kristy (2)
Herrnberger, Darla (2)
Hudec, Brian (2)
Hutton, Christina (2)
Litz, Deb (2)
McLaughlin, Julie (2)
Rich, Susan (2)
Schwoebel, Jason (2)
Werner, Barbara (2)
Zaccari, Kristen (2)
Zallow, Denise (2)

Peebles Elementary

Antoon, Lynn (2)
Belz, Rachel (2)
Bosack, Judy (2)
Cornelius, Dana (2)
Jackson, Chris (2)
Kraus, Steve (2)
Landy, Danielle (1)
Yeakel, Harry (2)
Zunski, Penny (1)

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

I. STUDENT TEACHING REQUESTS – ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

The following students have requested a student teaching assignment in the North Allegheny School District with Elementary Education during the 2008/2009 school year.

<u>STUDENT TEACHER</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>SUPERVISING TEACHER</u>
Tim Garland Slippery Rock University	1/12/09 – 3/06/09 3/10/09 – 4/30/09	Linda Ferguson - MCK Grade 3 Amy Stinelli – MCK Learning Support
Tamara McDonald La Roche College	2/16/09 – 4/03/09	Paula Shook – MES Kindergarten
Debbie Rusek La Roche College	2/16/09 – 4/03/09	Barbara Werner – MES Grade 5

II. STUDENT TEACHING REQUEST – SECONDARY EDUCATION

The following students have requested a student teaching assignment in the North Allegheny School District with Secondary Education during the 2008/2009 school year.

<u>STUDENT TEACHER</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>SUPERVISING TEACHER</u>
David Blon Slippery Rock University	1/12/09 – 3/06/09 3/10/09 – 4/30/09	Stephen Baldanzi – NAI Linda Granite – MES Music
Chelsea Hammond The Pennsylvania State University	1/13/09 – 4/24/09	Robert Bell - NASH Mathematics
Bethany Hardy Slippery Rock University	1/12/09 – 3/06/09 3/10/09 – 4/30/09	Linda Granite – MES Stephen Baldanzi – NAI Music

FINANCIAL REPORT

I. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE APPROVAL LISTS

The Board approved numerous Accounts Payable lists.

II. BUDGETARY TRANSFERS

The Board approved the following budgetary transfers within the framework of the 2008-09 General Fund Budget, in accordance with the provision of Section 687 of the School Laws of Pennsylvania:

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
2100-300 Purch Prof & Tech Svcs Support Svcs – Pupil Personnel	1200-100 Salaries Special Programs - Elem/Secondary	\$ 325

TOTAL TRANSFERS FOR THE MONTH: 325 PERCENT OF TOTAL BUDGET: 0.0003%
TOTAL TRANSFERS YEAR TO DATE: 520 PERCENT OF TOTAL BUDGET: 0.0005%

III. COLLATERAL SECURITY REPORTS

Board approved acceptance of the collateral securities reports submitted by the depositories for the quarter ended September 30, 2008, which are included with this report.

IV. STUDENT ACTIVITIES ACCOUNTS EXPENDITURES

The Board acknowledged the student activities expenditure listings for the months of July 2008 through September 2008.

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

I. STUDENT ACTIVITIES ACCOUNTS PAYABLE APPROVAL LISTS

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

A.	Carson Middle	\$14,068.49
B.	Ingomar Middle	8,899.00
C.	Marshall Middle	9,996.68
D.	NA Intermediate	66,234.23
E.	NA Senior High	52,716.59
F.	NA Athletic	34,634.24

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

I. RESIGNATION

The Board approved the following Resignation:

Judith Braden	Secondary School Counselor, MMS Effective 01/23/09 31 Years @ NA	Retirement
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II. APPOINTMENTS

The Board approved the following Appointments:

Professional

Catherine McCue	Chemistry, NASH Effective 12/04/08 (for K. Rosenwasser)	Sub Form Step 1 Col.A Sub Rate \$28,924 (Prorated)
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Paraprofessional

Ellen Cavaliere	Transfer from Secretary to Facilities Director To Secretary to Assistant Principal, MES Effective 11/06/08	\$17.13/hr. Class I-B 8 Hours/Day 216 Days/Yr.
Jody Garber	Special Education Assistant, MES Effective 11/10/08	\$11.58/hr. Class II-C 7 Hours/Day 187 Days/Yr.
Susan Vukson	Secretary to Facilities Director Effective 11/10/08	\$14.53/hr. Class I-A 8 Hours/Day 260 Days/Yr.

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

Margaret Ambrose
Janice Duch
Judith Waskowicz

Classified

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TYPE OF WORK</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>START DATE</u>
Pamela Jean Dugas	From Probationary Bus Driver To Extra Board Driver	No Change	10/31/08
Tracie Hilliard	Probationary Bus Driver	\$14.01/hr.	11/10/08
Jay Nestor	From Utility Custodian, MES To Regular Relief Custodian – As Assigned	\$14.26/hr.	11/10/08

III. WAGE STATUS CHANGES

The Board approved wage increases for the following Paraprofessional Employees (This increase is based on anniversary date of hire):

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Sandra Levy	\$12.98/hr.	\$14.71/hr.	12/01/08
Michele Kavanagh	\$11.58/hr.	\$13.12/hr.	12/11/08

IV. CHILD REARING LEAVES OF ABSENCE – MELISSA IGNATUK, JILL MAJORS, KELLY ROSENWASSER, DEBRA WYGANT

The Board approved an unpaid Child Rearing Leave of Absence for Melissa Ignatuk, Teacher, Carson Middle School and Marshall Middle School, upon the exhaustion of her sick days. Her last day of work will be February 27, 2009 and her unpaid leave will be effective March 31, 2009 through the First Semester of the 2009/2010 School Year.

The Board approved an unpaid Child Rearing Leave of Absence for Jill Majors, Teacher, NAI, upon the exhaustion of her sick and personal days. Her last day of work will be January 13, 2009 and her unpaid leave will be effective March 6, 2009 through April 9, 2009.

The Board approved an unpaid Child Rearing Leave of Absence for Kelly Rosenwasser, Teacher, NASH, upon the exhaustion of her sick and personal days. Her last day of work will be December 5, 2008 and her unpaid leave will be effective the afternoon of December 23, 2008 through the end of the 2008/2009 School Year.

The Board approved an unpaid Child Rearing Leave of Absence for Debra Wygant, Speech/Language, Marshall Elementary, upon the exhaustion of her sick days. Her last day of work will be January 29, 2009 and her unpaid leave will be effective February 6, 2009 through the end of the 2008/2009 School Year.

V. LEAVE OF ABSENCE – LINDA LUXTON

The Board approved an unpaid Medical Leave of Absence for Linda Luxton, Transportation Technician, Transportation Department, effective October 20, 2008 through November 7, 2008.

VI. HONORARIA

The Board approved the following Honoraria Applications:

		<u>Submitted</u>	
James Basilone	Pittsburgh Regional Science and Engineering Fair	10/24/08	\$ 250.00
Diane Hinds	“ “	10/24/08	\$ 250.00
Lynne Burk	Creating a WebQuest Session 2	10/30/08	\$ 150.00
Margaret Foster	“ “	10/30/08	\$ 150.00
Kristen Falkner	Publisher Projects for Your Classroom	10/20/08	\$ 75.00
Kristen Falkner	Web Page for Elementary Teachers	10/20/08	\$ 75.00
Karen Sanguigni	Study Group	11/05/08	\$ 150.00
Janice Spohn	Study Group	11/05/08	\$ 150.00
Bryan Kiggins	Stress Reduction Through Mindfulness	11/08/08	\$ 150.00
Marie Presto	“ “	11/10/08	\$ 150.00

TOTAL HONORARIA 2008/2009 EXPENDITURES THRU 11/19/08 \$55,825.00

VII. SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

The Board approved the following Supplemental Contracts:

^{1*} Eric Cassidy	Assistant Jr. High Wrestling Coach	\$1,850.00
¹ Ed Roman	Winter Intramurals – CMS Basketball	\$ 776.00
¹ Jim Basilone (s)	Winter Intramurals – IMS Basketball	\$ 338.00
¹ Ryan Gabos (s)	Winter Intramurals – IMS Basketball	\$ 338.00
^{1*} Richard Stover (s)	Girls Gold Soccer Head Coach	\$1,310.00
Christopher Jackson	Winter Intramurals – Peebles Elementary	\$ 776.00

<u>Spring Musical</u>		
Ernie Pontiere	Director	\$3,310.00
*Sarah McGraw	Assistant Director	\$3,230.00
*Andrea Ronk	Choreographer	\$1,930.00
Penney Miller (s)	Vocal Director	\$1,300.00
Lisa Pontiere (s)	Vocal Director	\$1,300.00
Ernie Pontiere	Orchestra Director	\$2,880.00
Sarah Lavelle	Assistant Orchestra Director	\$1,190.00
¹ *Eric Mitchell (s)	Technical Director – Stage	\$1,550.00
¹ *Stephen Graham (s)	Technical Director – Sound	\$1,000.00

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

		<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Philip Perrone	Winter Intramurals - MMS Basketball	\$ 851.00	\$881.00

The Board approved the following cancellation of Supplemental Contract:

Doug Brinkley Winter Intramurals – CMS Basketball

* 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

Susan Senneway	Transfer from Supervisory Assistant, MCK To Communication Arts Assistant, PES/HES/MCK Effective 11/20/08	\$15.44/hr. Class II-C 4 Hours/Day 187 Days/Yr.
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The Board approved the following as substitute/clerical aides at \$7.50/hr. as needed, effective November 1, 2008:

Andrea Mascari
Sandra Olesnevich
Amy Lou Wagner

Classified

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TYPE OF WORK</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>START DATE</u>
Randall Dauer	From PT Custodian To Utility Custodian, HES	\$11.21/hr.	12/01/08

II. WAGE STATUS CHANGES

The Board approved a change from the day-to-day substitute rate to \$152.39 for Ken Moser, long term sub for Jennifer Pavely, Teacher, North Allegheny Intermediate School. The effective date for this change is October 8, 2008 through the last date of the assignment, October 31, 2008.

The Board approved a change from the day-to-day substitute rate to \$152.39 for Erin Smith, long term sub for Debra Goehring, Teacher, McKnight Elementary School. The effective date for this change is October 8, 2008.

III. RECOGNITION FOR ADDITIONAL EDUCATION

The following professional employees have successfully completed approved Masters Programs or ten increments above the Masters Degree since July 1, 1996. Therefore, under Appendix A, Section IV of the Collective Bargaining Agreement, the Board approved a \$1,500 Educational Incentive Award to be paid to:

James Basilone	Jennifer Marnich
Antonio Caruso	Erin Pitaro
Tracey Cima	William Saunders
Gail Etter	Michelle Schwoebel
Debra Goehring	Dustin Soxman
Rebecca Hulme	Darlene Span
Crystal Kiray	Sharon Volpe

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:

Tracie Michalowski

Note: All Educational Incentive Awards are one-time payments and are not added to base salary.

PROPERTY AND SUPPLIES REPORT

I. EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH ADVENTURE DEVELOPMENT, LLC

The Board approved adoption of an Easement Agreement with AdVenture Development, LLC. The resolution will be attached to the Official Minutes.

II. TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH ADVENTURE DEVELOPMENT, LLC.

The Board approved adoption of a Temporary Construction Easement Agreement with AdVenture Development, LLC. The resolution will be attached to the Official Minutes.

SPECIAL EDUCATION AND PUPIL SERVICES REPORT

I. CONTRACTED SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES WITH THE BEAVER VALLEY INTERMEDIATE UNIT

The Board approved a contract with the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit Special Education Programs and Services for the 2008 – 2009 school year for the enrollment of one District special education student for \$31,161.00.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES REPORT

I. NORTH ALLEGHENY ORCHESTRA STUDENTS – PMEA WESTERN REGION ORCHESTRA FESTIVAL - MCDOWELL HIGH SCHOOL – ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA

The Board granted permission for the North Allegheny Orchestra students to travel to Erie, Pennsylvania from **Wednesday, March 18 through Saturday, March 21, 2009** to participate in the PMEA Western Region Orchestra Festival. Approximately **8 students** will be participating in this trip.

II. NORTH ALLEGHENY ORCHESTRA STUDENTS – WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA

The Board granted permission for the North Allegheny Intermediate High School String and Chamber Orchestra students and the North Allegheny Senior High School String and Honors Chamber Orchestra students to travel to Williamsburg, Virginia from **Thursday, March 26 through Sunday, March 29, 2009** to participate in adjudication, clinics and performances. Approximately **140 students** will be participating in this trip.

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

The Board approved a waiver of Board Policy #3330 and approved of the Orchestra students attending the PMEA All-State Orchestra Festival in Valley Forge, PA (listed below) during the period of April 22 through April 25, 2009. The students will be missing three (3) consecutive days of school.

IV. NORTH ALLEGHENY ORCHESTRA STUDENTS - PMEA ALL-STATE ORCHESTRA FESTIVAL – VALLEY FORGE, PENNSYLVANIA

The Board granted permission for the North Allegheny Orchestra students to travel to Valley Forge, Pennsylvania from **Wednesday, April 22 through Saturday, April 25, 2009** to participate in the PMEA All-State Orchestra Festival. Approximately **8 students** will be participating in this trip.

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

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

- **Bowling Teams** had their tryouts at the end of October. The girls' team has 16 members and there are 20 members on the boys' team. The bowling teams practice on Mondays and Wednesday at Perry Park Lanes, and the first competition is on Wednesday, November 19.
- **DECA** sponsored a Hike for Ike in the trails behind McKnight Elementary School on November 8. Cost to participate was \$10 per person and all proceeds went to victims of Hurricane Ike. Great Job DECA!
- **Future Business Leaders of America** opened up sign-ups for all competitive events on November 5. Members will be able to sign up throughout the month of November. Later in November, there will be a meeting to disperse study materials for the events to get ready for the regional conference at Butler County Community College in the beginning of January. Congratulations to the 2008-2009 FBLA Officers: Phil Timcheck and Lauren Lepere, co-presidents; Kyle Higgins and Jay Seghal, co vice-presidents; Becky Thumma, treasurer; and Bailey Amos, secretary.

- **Gay-Straight Alliance** had a successful Gay History Month in October. In order to raise awareness of gay-straight issues, the club had an interesting fact on the daily homeroom announcements. On October 29, they set up a table in the cafeteria and answered questions from NASH students. Congratulations to the 2008-2009 officers: Cassidy Kavanagh (President), Greg Sauer (Vice-President), and Bianca Palmisano (treasurer).
- **Key Club** is working hard to raise art supplies and money for people with cerebral palsy at the United Cerebral Palsy in Philadelphia. The school wide drive will begin on November 10 and last through November 18.
- **Marching Band** was the *Band of the Week* on the night of the North Hills game on October 24. The Slippery Rock University brass ensemble came to the high school band classes and performed for us on November 5. On November 11, the Marching Band headed down to Pittsburgh for the annual Veteran's Day Parade.
- **NASH Fall Play** is *Lend Me a Tenor*. The play will run from Thursday, November 20 through Saturday, November 22. The senior citizens' play will be on Tuesday, November 18 at 3:30 pm. Come and see all our talented students at NASH!
- **National Honor Society** has many service projects going on this month. They are partnering with Key Club to promote the art supply drive within the Honor Society. On Saturdays throughout the school year, members will be traveling to the Cranberry Place Nursing Home to help with activities with the residents. We are also collecting donations for the Circle C organization for underprivileged children in downtown Pittsburgh. On December 6, members will be helping out with the annual Holiday Shop at McKnight Elementary. We will be helping younger students pick out and wrap some Christmas presents.
- **PASC District #3 Conference** has a contract with a nationally known speaker, Mark Sharenbroich. He is an excellent keynote speaker that has spoken at the national student leadership conferences and past PASC State Conferences. We are finalizing our decoration plans for the day of the conference. We are also preparing a presentation to make at the Region B Caucus at the State Conference next week. The next District #3 Executive Board meeting will be on December 5 at Pittsburgh Perry High School.
- **Student Council** officers and cabinet heads are getting excited and ready to head to Southwestern High School in Hanover, Pennsylvania for the 2008 PASC State Conference (November 13-15). This year, NASH is excited to have 16 workshop presenters, presenting information on organization, communication, motivation, and other important leadership skills.
- **Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD)** has a very busy month ahead of them. There will be a Student Together Organizing Prevention (STOP) Convention at the University of Pittsburgh on November 13, sponsored by Senator Jane Clare

Orie. At this conference, students from NAI and NASH will be performing a skit that will bring awareness to underage drinking. The convention is set up as a forum for teenagers to voice their opinions and concerns about issues that are important to young adults. Twenty students from NAI and NASH will be attending the 2008 Western Regional SADD Conference on November 20 at the Seven Springs Resort. This conference will enhance the students' leadership skills and knowledge on drugs. On November 20, NASH will be participating in the Great American Smoke Out, where SADD members send friends and family members who smoke letters asking them to stop smoking. They will also set up a table at the lunch to share information with the student body.

Important dates to remember:

- November 18-Senior Citizens Day for the fall play
- November 20-22-NASH Fall Play
- November 24-Financial Aid Presentation at NASH
- December 4-NASH Choral Concert

II. NAI NEWS – as reported by Lili Peng

- **Fall Play** had three excellent performances of *Anne of Green Gables*. The student body and community had much praise for the cast and the crew. Kudos to everyone involved in the Fall Play!
- **French Club** has been holding meetings on every other Tuesday of every month. They have talked about their plans for the year, and plan on doing various cultural games and foods throughout their next meetings.
- **Forensics** had their first tournament of the season at McDowell. NA won 1st place in debate sweeps and 2nd place in speech sweeps. Congratulations to the Forensics Team, and good luck on their tournament on Saturday, November 8th at Quigley.
- **JCL** is holding meetings once a month on the last Tuesday of every month.
- **Key Club** has just finished their rose sale, and it was highly successful. They are starting to go into classrooms at McKnight Elementary and cleaning up the nature trails near NAI. Also Key Club week is the week of November 7th to 14th.
- **National Junior Honor Society** is starting its tutoring program soon at McKnight Elementary. NJHS also has plans to extend their tutors to Ingomar Middle School. They have also started collecting money for Santa Stocking and are planning to stay after school on November 11th (weather permitting) to clean up NAI's courtyards.
- **Student Council's** Finance Committee is starting to plan NAIdol 2008, and the Dance Committee has started to plan for NAI's Winter Dance. Staff Appreciation

just finished a great staff breakfast, held on October 31st. The staff was highly appreciative and the Halloween theme was very successful. Great job to the Staff Appreciation. Service Committee, along with Student Council. The rest of NAI has started preparations for Gobble For Cans, an annual canned food drive that will benefit the North Hills Outreach.

Mr. Hamm added to his report that Ms. Kathy Coll and Ms. Judy Braden were named 2007-2008 Student Council Advisors of the Year on the High School and Middle School levels at the recent District PASC Conference. Ms. Coll, who retired from NASD last year, was also named State Student Council Advisor of the Year on the High School level.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

I. PROFESSIONAL SEMINAR REQUESTS

The Board approved the following professional seminar request:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Conference</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Tammy Andreyko	Pennsylvania Middle School Association State Board Meeting Sponsor: PMSA State Board of Directors State College, PA	1/9-1/10/2009	\$ 255.00

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

I. GOOD STAFF NEWS AROUND NA

- ★ **Mr. John DeMann, a School Psychologist in the Special Education and Pupil Services Department**, has received notification that a paper and a poster proposal that he and a colleague submitted have been accepted for presentation at the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) Annual Convention being held in Boston, MA on February 25-28, 2009. The titles of the papers and poster proposals are: Comparing a Kindergarten Screening Battery with First Grade Achievement and The Effectiveness of the Skillstreaming Curriculum in Social Skill Acquisition.

★ **The North Allegheny Senior High School has been recognized** – for the second year in a row – as one of the nation’s “Top 100 Schools” in speech and debate activities by the National Forensic League. NASH ranked 68 out of 2,700 schools nationwide. This recognition was awarded to NASH and published nationwide in the *Rostrum*, the national magazine of high school speech and on www.nflonline.org, the website of the National Forensic League. The National Forensic League is the oldest and largest high school speech organization in America. Currently, over 93,000 high school students and over 7,000 high school teachers are active members. The North Allegheny Forensics Coach is **Ms. Sharon Volpe**.

II. FIRST READING OF BOARD POLICY #3585 – ANTI-BULLYING POLICY

In accordance with Board Policy #1710, adoption of the attached Board Policy #3585, *Anti-Bullying Policy*, will be requested at the Regular Meeting of the Board of School Directors on December 10, 2008.

III. FIRST READING OF BOARD POLICY #4160 – RIGHT-TO-KNOW REQUESTS

In accordance with Board Policy #1710, adoption of the attached Board Policy #4160, *Right-to-Know*, will be requested at the Regular Meeting of the Board of School Directors on December 10, 2008.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT
ADDENDUM**

I. PROFESSIONAL SEMINAR REQUESTS

The Board approved the following professional seminar request:

Name	Conference	Date	Amount
Carla Baldwin	Pennsylvania Promotes Best Practices in School Psychology Sponsor: PATTAN Pittsburgh, PA	11/25/2008	\$ 22.23

SPECIAL AWARD

At this point in the meeting, Mrs. Bishop made a special announcement regarding Dr. Green. The Superintendent has been named the first recipient of the University of Maryland's College of Education, Clarence Newell Distinguished Service for Public Education Award. The award is named in honor of Dr. Clarence Newell, a 94-year-old Professor Emeritus at the University, who was at one time Dr. Green's advisor. Dr. Green will be honored at the University's Commencement Ceremony on December 21st at College Park.

Additional Reports:

A.W. Beattie Career Center

- Some Beattie students participated in a recent episode of 'Extreme Makeover' filmed in the Pittsburgh area.
- Mrs. Ludwig attended an event on October 30 when dignitaries from China and the University of Pittsburgh were hosted at Beattie. They saw an Asian Studies class in progress and had a good experience together.
- At the October 23 Board meeting, it was confirmed that NASD will be charged \$40 for each student that is participating in the Asian Studies program.
- The total enrollment at Beattie is 607 this year, which is a decrease from previous years.

Legislative Report

- Mr. Shuckrow announced that Representative Mike Turzai was voted the Minority Whip by the Republicans in the State House.
- Mrs. Grosheider reported that the PSBA liaisons met on November 3 to discuss the legislative priorities for the upcoming year. The #1 legislative topic agreed upon was opposing the Graduation Competency Assessments. In addition, she shared the letter that our Board sent to the Governor on this topic with PSBA, encouraging them to suggest that other districts could do something similar. It was noted that the Governor is lobbying the Chambers of Commerce for their support of GCA's.

SPEAKERS

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

The meeting was dismissed at 8:55 PM.

The Board met in Executive Session following this meeting to discuss a matter of potential litigation.

The next meeting of the NA Board of School Directors is scheduled for December 3, 2008, and will be held in the Board Room at CAO.

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