

Wednesday, October 22, 2008

## 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 Work Session  
in the CAO Board Room.**

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



### AGENDA

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| <b>7:00</b> | <b>DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS</b> |
| <b>7:30</b> | <b>WORK SESSION</b>                     |
|             | <b>- Community Relations</b>            |
|             | <b>- Review of Board Folder</b>         |
|             | <b>- Speakers (Non-agenda Items)</b>    |
| <b>9:00</b> | <b>EXECUTIVE SESSION</b>                |

**Prior to this meeting, the Board held a Distinguished Achievements Award Ceremony during which 134 students and staff members were recognized for accomplishments and honors on a state and/or national level. The Ceremony was well-attended by awardees as well as parents, other family members, administrators and teacher/sponsors.**

## **COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

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

### **Review of Board Folder**

The Board engaged in a review of the Board folder, which contains the items upon which they will take action during next week's Regular Voting Session. As a part of that review, the Student Representatives presented an update of recent and upcoming student activities. It was mentioned that Homecoming weekend was very successful and accolades were given to all who worked so diligently to make this event so enjoyable and memorable for all participants.

Mrs. Bishop mentioned that the **NA Band** is in contention of "Band of the Week" on WPXI and encouraged NA supporters to vote online in support of our band.

The community was encouraged to attend "**Anne of Green Gables**" at NAI this weekend and the upcoming production of "Lend Me a Tenor" at NASH in November.

It was also noted that the **Annual Report of Student Achievement** will be presented at next week's meeting, which contains an analysis of key information related to the performance of students at all levels on the standardized exams given during the 2007-2008 school year across the District.

Mrs. Bishop also acknowledged that Mrs. Ludwig, Mrs. Grosheider, Mr. Hubert, and Dr. Green attended the **PSBA Conference** in Harrisburg this past week. While they were there, they also gave a presentation about NASD open to all attendees.

Mrs. Bishop also mentioned that **State Senator Jim Rhoades** was killed last week in a car accident. His wife was also injured in that accident. He was a champion for public education in the state and, as a former teacher and principal, truly understood the issues relative to public education. She recognized that he did many good things for education in our state and was always an active advocate on behalf of the best interests of children.

There was discussion that commended **Senator Orie** for her advocacy against the **Graduate Assessment Exams** and any further movement on the part of the legislation to further their implementation while there is a legislative moratorium on that implementation. Mr. Shuckrow will take the lead in drafting a letter to the Governor on this matter on behalf of the Board.

At the close of the meeting, Dr. Green mentioned that this Friday, **Dr. Brian Miller** will be honored as the 2008 Pennsylvania Principal of the Year in Washington, D.C. When he took the job as Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum at NASD, he withdrew from the national competition for Principal of the Year, but he will still attend the national ceremonies this week. The Board commended him for this honor and for his outstanding representation of the District.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 PM.**

The Board met in Executive Session following this meeting to discuss a real estate matter.

**The next meeting of the NA Board of School Directors  
is scheduled for October 29, 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 are available through the Board secretary's office, as well as copies of the various reports presented.*

*For information about the Board meeting schedule, please refer to the NA website [www.northallegheny.org](http://www.northallegheny.org).*

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

For a copy of the Official Minutes of the meeting, please contact the North Allegheny School Board Secretary, Rose Mary Ryan, at 412/369-5437 or [rryan@northallegheny.org](mailto:rryan@northallegheny.org).