

Wednesday, October 29, 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. 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">- Report of Student Achievement- Speakers (Agenda Items)- Voting Items- Speakers (Non-agenda Items) |
| 9:00 | EXECUTIVE SESSION |

Prior to the meeting, the Board met in Executive Session to discuss a student matter and a litigation issue.

REPORT OF STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Dr. Green introduced this significant report by reinforcing the fact that this is the bottom-line report for our District. “Student achievement is what drives and defines us,” she said. “These outstanding outcomes are a result of a tremendous team effort put forth by our administrators and teachers at all levels.” She pointed out that it is this level of performance that keeps North Allegheny School District among the top school districts in the nation and that we are very proud of this data and the student performance it represents.

Dr. Wheat, Dr. Steinhauer, Dr. Stropkaj, Dr. Patricia Barber and Dr. Miller proceeded to share the highlights of this report with the Board and those in attendance.

Highlights included:

- On the PSSA, NASD outperforms the State at every grade level.
- NA’s average ITBS achievement is in the top quartile; 2nd, 4th, and 7th grade students performed above the predicted achievement levels on 100% of the subtests.
- Thirteen seniors have been named National Merit Semifinalists and 26 seniors have been named Commended Students in the 2009 National Merit Program
- North Allegheny’s ACT Mean Composite Score was 24.8.
- 273 North Allegheny students took the ACT in 2007-2008, the highest number ever recorded.
- North Allegheny students took 779 AP exams in 2007-2008, the highest number of AP exams ever taken.
- Eighty-seven percent of NA students taking the PLAN scored at or above the national median.
- Eighty-nine percent of graduating seniors took the SAT in 2007-2008.
- North Allegheny’s Mean Composite Score for all three tests, Writing, Critical Reading, and Mathematics was 1685, an all time high combined score achieved by NA students and an increase of 20 points from last year.
- The mean composite in Critical Reading and Mathematics was 1137, also an all time high score achieved by NA students and an increase of 13 points from last year.

At the close of the report, Dr. Green pointed out that the academic leadership team that presented this report has turned over in the past year due to a large number of Central Office retirements. She noted that there has been a seamless transition during this time and congratulated this team.

The Board engaged in some discussion regarding this report and several Board members congratulated and thanked the teachers and administrators who have made these outstanding results possible.

Following the Report of Student Achievement, the Board took the following actions on the items in the Board folder for October, due to the fact that no one came forward to speak during the time allotted for speakers on voting items:

CURRICULUM REPORT

I. TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION CURRICULUM – GRADES 6-12

The Board approved the Technology Education Curriculum, Grades 6-12. The Technology Education Department Curriculum Review Report was presented at the June 20, 2007 School Board meeting. The Curriculum has been articulated in written form. The Curriculum was reviewed by the Board and a copy is available for inspection in the Office of the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum.

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

I. STUDENT TEACHING REQUESTS – ELEMENTARY

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>
Ralph Barb La Roche College	12/08/08 – 02/13/09	Maria Kraniou – BWE Grade 2
Brittany Bisceglia La Roche College	02/16/09 – 04/03/09	Brian Pendergast – FES Grade 4
Kaylee Evans La Roche College	02/16/09 – 04/03/09	Julie McLaughlin – MES Grade 4
Kelly Fernandez La Roche College	12/08/08 – 02/13/09	Linda Kleeb – HES Grade 4

Amanda Krepp La Roche College	12/08/08 – 02/13/09	Michelle Schwoebel – BWE Grade 1
Laura Thompson La Roche College	02/16/09 – 04/03/09	Holly Keefer - FES Grade 2

II. STUDENT TEACHING REQUEST – SECONDARY

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>
Joshua Cable The Pennsylvania State University	01/13/09 – 05/01/09	Nate Tengowski - NASH Jamie Pirring - NASH Social Studies
Gerald Clark La Roche College	01/05/09 – 04/17/09	Pam Palmieri – NAI English
Andrew Kaminski The Pennsylvania State University	01/13/09 – 05/01/09	Judith Hill - NAI Social Studies

CURRICULUM REPORT ADDENDUM

I. NASH SPRING MUSICAL – *BEAUTY AND THE BEAST*

The Board approved the NASH spring musical, *Beauty and the Beast*, to be presented in the NASH Auditorium on **Wednesday March 11; Thursday, March 12; Friday, March 13; Saturday, March 14; and Sunday, March 15, 2009.**

For Information

This play was reviewed by the NASH Play Selection Committee that is made up of staff, parents, and Board Members and was unanimously approved. This musical will provide over 70 students an opportunity to participate as cast members, a stage crew of over 20 students, and an orchestra of over 45 musicians.

II. NAI SPRING PLAY – ARSENIC AND OLD LACE

The Board approved the NAI spring play, *Arsenic and Old Lace*, to be presented in the NAI Auditorium on **Wednesday February 18; Thursday, February 19; Friday, February 20; and Saturday, February 21, 2009.**

For Information

This play was reviewed by the NAI Play Selection Committee that is made up of staff, parents, and Board Members and was unanimously approved. This play will provide over 16 students an opportunity to participate as cast members and a stage crew of over 10 students.

FINANCIAL REPORT

I. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE APPROVAL LISTS

The Board approved various Accounts Payable lists.

II. BUDGETARY TRANSFERS

The Board approved two budgetary transfers.

TOTAL TRANSFERS FOR THE MONTH:	195	PERCENT OF TOTAL BUDGET:	0.0002%
TOTAL TRANSFERS YEAR TO DATE:	195	PERCENT OF TOTAL BUDGET:	0.0002%

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

I. STUDENT ACTIVITIES ACCOUNTS PAYABLE APPROVAL LISTS

The Administration reported the following Student Activities expenditures for August 2008:

A.	Carson Middle	\$	808.41
B.	Ingomar Middle		592.63
C.	Marshall Middle		373.34
D.	NA Intermediate		7,927.45
E.	NA Senior High		12,000.99
F.	NA Athletic		23,933.22

TRANSPORTATION REPORT

I. TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT – HASER

The Board approved the agreement between Mr. and Mrs. Haser and the North Allegheny School District for transportation of their child to the Children's Institute located in Pittsburgh and Mercy Behavioral Health located in Wexford. The agreement provides a reimbursement to Mr. and Mrs. Haser for a daily mileage allowance based on the current IRS mileage reimbursement rate.

This agreement commences on September 1, 2008 and expires on June 30, 2009. The agreement has been reviewed and approved by the Solicitor.

II. TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT - MAYEMBE

The Board approved the agreement between Mr. and Mrs. Mayembe and the North Allegheny School District for transportation of their child to the Wesley Spectrum Services School located in Gibsonia. This agreement provides a reimbursement to Mr. and Mrs. Mayembe for a daily mileage allowance based on the current IRS mileage reimbursement rate.

This agreement commences on September 1, 2008 and expires on June 30, 2009. The agreement has been reviewed and approved by the Solicitor.

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

I. LOSS CLAIM INCIDENTS

The following accidents have been reported:

- On Friday, September 12, 2008, Bus # 76, while leaving the Marshall Campus bus lot, struck a light post. There was approximately \$900.00 damage to the bus. Estimates of damage on the light post are not available at this time.
- On Monday, September 22, 2008, Bus #22 was traveling I-79 North. A construction truck with a load of ladders was passing the bus when the ladders came off the truck and struck the bus and several cars. There were no injuries to the 22 students and coaches on board the bus. There was no damage to the bus. The Pennsylvania State Police investigated.
- On Wednesday, September 24, 2008, Bus #1 was involved in an accident on Route 19 South and Mohican Drive. A truck passing the bus struck the left rear corner of the bus and stop arm with its mirrors. There were no injuries to the 8 McKnight Elementary School students on board the bus. There was approximately \$1,130.24 damage to the bus. The McCandless Police investigated this accident.

- On Tuesday October 7, 2008, Bus #85 was stopped at a traffic light at the intersection of Remington and Peebles Roads when a vehicle behind the bus drifted into the back of the bus. There were no students on board the bus. There was no damage to the bus and the car had minor damage to the hood.

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

I. RESIGNATIONS

The Board approved the following Resignations:

Mary Jo DeCoursey	Special Education Assistant, BWE Effective 10/16/08	Personal Reasons
John Marklewicz	Chemistry, NAI Effective 06/12/09 23 Years @ NA	Retirement
Robert Theissen	Health & Physical Education, NAI Effective 06/12/09 35 Years @ NA	Retirement

II. APPOINTMENTS

The Board approved the following Appointments:

Paraprofessional

Alisa Balkey	Supervisory Assistant, MCK Effective 10/20/08	\$11.51/hr. Class III 4 Hours/Day 187 Days/Yr.
Kimber Besonson	Supervisory Assistant, PES Effective 09/29/08	\$11.51/hr. Class III 4 Hours/Day 187 Days/Yr.
Carolyn Burwinkel	Special Education Assistant, MMS Effective 10/20/08	\$11.58/hr. Class II-C 7 Hours/Day 187 Days/Yr.

Stephen Esposito	Special Education Assistant, MMS Effective 10/14/08	\$11.58/hr. Class II-C 7 Hours/Day 187 Days/Yr.
Karen Figan	Supervisory Assistant, IES Effective 10/20/08	\$11.51/hr. Class III 4 Hours/Day 187 Days/Yr.
Donna Hozdic	Supervisory Assistant, HES Effective 10/20/08	\$11.51/hr. Class III 4 Hours/Day 187 Days/Yr.
Michelle Watkins	Special Education Assistant, MCK Effective 10/14/08	\$11.58/hr. Class II-C 4 Hours/Day 187 Days/Yr.

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

Juliet Krassenstein
Janet Wilson

Classified

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TYPE OF WORK</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>START DATE</u>
John Sano, Jr.	Part-Time Custodian-- As Assigned	\$8.50/hr.	10/01/08

III. PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT CHANGES

The Board approved the following adjustments to previously approved Board Appointments:

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Cynthia Brown	08/25/08	10/08/08
Amy Minnetti	08/25/08	10/13/08

IV. 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>
Kim Biederman	\$11.58/hr.	\$13.12/hr.	11/13/08
Barb Elsesser	\$14.53/hr.	\$16.46/hr.	09/06/08
Deb Kroll	\$12.79/hr.	\$14.49/hr.	10/09/08
Cynthia Parchem	\$13.12/hr.	\$15.44/hr.	11/01/08
Elaine Posteraro	\$13.12/hr.	\$15.44/hr.	10/12/08
Susan Sateriale	\$11.51/hr.	\$13.04/hr.	10/26/08
Glenda Slater	\$14.49/hr.	\$17.05/hr.	10/04/08
Linda Stevens	\$14.56/hr.	\$17.13/hr.	09/27/08
Sharon Wetzel	\$11.51/hr.	\$13.04/hr.	10/26/08

The Board approved the following adjustment to the previously approved Paraprofessional Hourly Rate listed in the Addendum to the September 24, 2008 Board Folder:

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Melvin Harris	\$11.15/hr.	\$11.51/hr.	09/29/08

The Board approved the following wage changes for Transportation Department Employees:

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
William Erdelack*	\$15.33	\$15.82	11/29/08
Kermit Houser*	\$15.82	\$16.48	05/24/08
Leonard Leindecker*	\$15.82	\$16.48	11/30/08
KellyAnn McCarthy*	\$15.82	\$16.48	11/30/08
Joseph Menner*	\$15.82	\$16.48	11/30/08

* Anniversary Date

V. CHILD REARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE – ASHLEY MIKO

The Board approved an unpaid Child Rearing Leave of Absence for Ashley Miko, Teacher, Bradford Woods, upon the exhaustion of her sick days. Her last day of work will be December 23, 2008 and her unpaid leave will be effective March 2, 2009 through March 27, 2009.

VI. LEAVES OF ABSENCE – ELIZABETH TALERICO, SHARON STAMPER, RICHARD WERLING

The Board approved an unpaid Leave of Absence for Sharon Stamper, Special Education Assistant, Marshall Middle School, effective November 17, 2008 through November 26, 2008.

The Board approved an unpaid Leave of Absence for Elizabeth Talerico, Speech/Language Pathologist, North Allegheny Senior High and Ingomar Middle Schools, effective November 10, 2008 through November 14, 2008.

The Board approved an unpaid Leave of Absence for Richard Werling, Bus Driver, Transportation Department, effective September 6, 2008 through September 13, 2008.

VII. EXTENSION OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE – KENNETH KALB

The Board approved an Extension of an unpaid Medical Leave of Absence for Kenneth Kalb, Garage Employee, Transportation Department, effective through December 31, 2008.

VIII. EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL LEAVE OF ABSENCE – AMY KEGEL

The Board approved an Educational Travel Leave for Amy Kegel, Teacher, Hosack and Marshall Elementary schools, effective for the 2009/2010 School Year.

IX. HONORARIA

The Board approved the following Honoraria Applications:

		<u>Submitted</u>	
Jayne Beatty	Induction Program	10/09/08	\$ 250.00
Robert Bell, Jr.	“ “	10/09/08	\$ 250.00
Lisa Berendowski	“ “	10/09/08	\$ 250.00
Christie Biro	“ “	10/09/08	\$ 250.00
Alice Boyle	“ “	10/09/08	\$ 250.00
Lynn Bunting	“ “	10/09/08	\$ 250.00
Joyce Buttermore	“ “	10/09/08	\$ 250.00
Antonio Caruso	“ “	10/09/08	\$ 250.00
Natasha Cech	“ “	10/09/08	\$ 250.00
Jonathan Clemmer	Induction Program	10/09/08	\$ 250.00
Laura Haberman	“ “	10/09/08	\$ 250.00
Barbara Haller	“ “	10/09/08	\$ 250.00
William Hildenbrand	“ “	10/09/08	\$ 250.00
Barbara Hoffman	“ “	10/09/08	\$ 250.00
Kathleen Holland	“ “	10/09/08	\$ 250.00
Rebecca Hulme	“ “	10/09/08	\$ 250.00
Linda Kamzelski	“ “	10/09/08	\$ 250.00
Carol Kozak	“ “	10/09/08	\$ 250.00
Nancy Lishack	“ “	10/09/08	\$ 250.00
Shawn Lydon	“ “	10/09/08	\$ 250.00

Scott Oldham	“	“	10/09/08	\$ 250.00
Christina Pagnotto	“	“	10/09/08	\$ 250.00
Jill Spak	“	“	10/09/08	\$ 250.00
Claudia Warkaske	“	“	10/09/08	\$ 250.00
Kim Wert	“	“	10/09/08	\$ 250.00
Cristina Hutton	Integrating Excel Into		10/09/08	\$ 75.00
	Your Curriculum			
Cristina Hutton	Smart Board Training		08/29/08	\$ 250.00
	Course Development			
Cristina Hutton	Smart Board Training		10/09/08	\$ 75.00
Christian Shane	Instruction Strategies That		10/09/08	\$ 150.00
	Work For All Disciplines			
Bob Tozier	Microsoft Front Page in the		10/09/08	\$ 75.00
	Classroom			
Matt Hreha	Crisis Prevention &		09/29/08	\$ 150.00
	Intervention Workshop			
Matt Hreha	“	“	09/29/08	\$ 150.00
Anne Rogers	“	“	09/25/08	\$ 150.00
Anne Rogers	“	“	09/25/08	\$ 150.00
Mary Lynn Halapy	CPR/AED Training		09/29/08	\$ 75.00
Charity Istone	“	“	10/09/08	\$ 75.00
Patty Karki	“	“	10/09/08	\$ 75.00
Darlene Krey	“	“	09/29/08	\$ 75.00
Cheryl Nelson	“	“	10/09/08	\$ 75.00
Lynne Burk	Publisher Projects		10/09/08	\$ 75.00
Lynne Burk	Web Page for Elementary		10/09/08	\$ 75.00
	Teachers			
Dennis Brayley	Asperger Syndrome Course		09/18/08	\$ 250.00
	Development			
Dennis Brayley	“	“	09/18/08	\$ 75.00
Dana Boyd	Differentiated Instruction		09/11/08	\$ 150.00
Jared Reck	Interactive White Board		09/29/08	\$ 250.00
	Course Development			
Jared Reck	“	“	10/09/08	\$ 75.00
Jared Reck	“	“	10/09/08	\$ 75.00
Sue Rich	Working Smart: Using		10/09/08	\$ 150.00
	Standardized Test Formats			
Barb Werner	“	“	10/09/08	\$ 150.00
Sue Rich	Working Smart Course		10/09/08	\$ 125.00
	Development			
Barb Werner	“	“	10/09/08	\$ 125.00
Susan Bentz	ASAP		09/23/08	\$ 525.00
Rita Martin	“	“	09/19/08	\$ 525.00
Suzanne Roy	“	“	09/11/08	\$2,100.00

TOTAL HONORARIA 2008/2009 EXPENDITURES THRU 10/29/08 \$54,200.00

X. SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

The Board approved the following Supplemental Contracts:

¹ Joelle Keats	Building Liaison Social Studies NASH	\$1,095.00
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Pool Personnel

* Dana Scherer	Lifeguard	\$ 7.15/hr.
* Jacob Plichta	“ “	\$ 7.15/hr.
* Emily Leard	“ “	\$ 7.15/hr.
* Sarah Hankins	“ “	\$ 7.15/hr.

The Board approved the following cancellation of Supplemental Contracts:

Patricia Dzambo	Talent Show Director NASH
Jason Mohr	Building Liaison Social Studies NASH
¹ * Timothy Hreha(s)	Assistant Forensics Coach

* 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:

Professional

Dan Long	Chemistry, NASH Effective 11/03/08 (for J. Harrell)	Sub Form Step 1 Col.A Sub Rate \$28,924 (Prorated)
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Paraprofessional

Ellen Cavaliere	Transfer from Secretary to Asst. Principal, MES To Secretary to Facilities Director Effective 10/30/08	\$19.37/hr. Class I-A 8 Hours/Day 260 Days/Yr.
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Paraprofessional

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

Terry Capuzzi
J. Melvin Barry

Classified

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TYPE OF WORK</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>START DATE</u>
Randall Dauer	PT Custodian	\$ 8.50/hr.	10/27/08

II. LEAVE OF ABSENCE – SARAH PARRISH

The Board approved an unpaid Leave of Absence for Sarah Parrish, Special Education Assistant, Peebles Elementary School, effective October 24, 2008 through December 5, 2008.

III. HONORARIA

The Board approved the following Honoraria Application:

		<u>Submitted</u>	
Kay Marcinick	CPR/AED Training Session I	10/20/08	\$ 75.00

TOTAL HONORARIA 2008/2009 EXPENDITURES THRU 10/29/08 \$54,275.00

PROPERTY AND SUPPLIES REPORT

I. ELECTRIC SUPPLY – VARIOUS SCHOOLS

The Board approved the proposal and the execution of the Agreement from the Direct Energy Business to provide the electric supply for Bradford Woods Elementary, Franklin Elementary, Ingomar Elementary, Marshall Elementary, McKnight Elementary, Carson Middle/Central Administration, Ingomar Middle, Marshall Middle, NAI, NASH and Facilities/Transportation for a term of January 2009 through the January 2011 meter reading.

<u>School</u>	<u>Cents/KWH</u>
Bradford Woods Elementary	7.950
Franklin Elementary	7.950
Ingomar Elementary	7.950
Marshall Elementary	7.950
McKnight Elementary	7.950
Carson Middle	7.950
Ingomar Middle	7.950
Marshall Middle	7.950
NAI	7.950
NASH	7.950
Facilities/Transportation	7.950

For Information Only

The costs for the electric generation as indicated are \$0.025 below the \$.1045/KWH price to compare that Penn Power would charge the District for electric supply.

II. BID AWARD – CMS/CAO - INSTALLATION OF EXTERIOR SECURITY CAMERAS

The Board approved that the base bid and alternates 2 and 4 for the installation of exterior security cameras at CMS/CAO be awarded to Security Systems of America for \$23,228.00 as the lowest responsible bidder for this work.

For Information Only

This project involves the installation of five digital cameras and the associated wiring and accessories for the monitoring of various exterior areas at CMS/CAO.

III. CHANGE ORDERS

The Board approved the following change orders to the construction contracts for the following school projects.

The complete change order document is attached to the Official Minutes.

Peebles Elementary Roof Replacement

<u>Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Contract</u>	<u>Amount</u>
PC-02	Provide extensions for two roof drains over the Main Entrance.	Mongiovi Plumbing	\$1,530.00
PC-03	Provide extensions to the roof vents.	Mongiovi Plumbing	\$1,410.00

Newman Stadium Turf Replacement and Track Resurfacing

<u>Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Contract</u>	<u>Amount</u>
GC-03	Credit for End Zone Turf	Sports Construction Group	\$2,400.00

IV. DISPOSAL OF COMPUTERS

The Board approved declaring 359 Hewlett Packard computers and various accessories as unnecessary and unused for the purpose of donating or selling said computers.

V. CABLE TV AGREEMENT AMENDMENT – TOWN OF MCCANDLESS

The Board approved the Cable TV agreement with the Town of McCandless designating the District as Administrator of the EG Channel. The agreement commences on January 1, 2009 and expires on June 30, 2012. The Cable TV agreement has been reviewed and approved by the Solicitor.

The Cable TV agreement will be attached to the Official Minutes.

VI. DONATION - CONN TUBA

The Board approved acceptance of a donation for a Conn tuba for Ingomar Middle School from Dr. John R. Smith. The value of the tuba is \$4,000.

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

VII. DONATION - BOOKS

The Board approved acceptance of a donation for 229 hard bound books for Hosack Elementary School from the Tomsko family. The value of this donation is \$3,896.55.

SPECIAL EDUCATION AND PUPIL SERVICES REPORT
ADDENDUM

I. ADJUDICATION

The Board of School Directors adopted and approved the Adjudication for Student #1, as presented.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES REPORT

I. MIDDLE SCHOOLS' GOAL TRIP – ECONOMIC/ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY - SMITH ISLAND, MARYLAND

The Board granted permission for the GOAL students Carson Middle School, Ingomar Middle School, and Marshall Middle School to travel to Smith Island, Maryland from **Friday, November 21 through Sunday, November 23, 2008** to participate in an Economic/Environmental Study. Approximately **25 students** will be participating in this trip.

II. NORTH ALLEGHENY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL ART CLUB – NEW YORK CITY ART APPRECIATION TOUR – NEW YORK, NEW YORK

The Board granted permission for the student members of the Art Club at NASH to travel to New York, New York from **Thursday, December 4 through Sunday, December 7, 2008** to participate in an Art Appreciation Tour. Approximately **40-45 students** will be participating in this trip.

III. MIDDLE SCHOOLS' GOAL TRIP – ECONOMIC/ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY - SMITH ISLAND, MARYLAND

The Board granted permission for the GOAL students Carson Middle School, Ingomar Middle School, and Marshall Middle School to travel to Smith Island, Maryland from **Saturday, December 6 through Monday, December 8, 2008** to participate in an Economic/Environmental Study. Approximately **50 students** will be participating in this trip.

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

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

- **DECA** has been busy selling Betsy Ann chocolate for their annual fundraiser. They were able to raise a total of \$5000! Great job DECA! For National DECA week, the organization hid DECA Diamonds throughout the entire school, and the student body found them for prizes. This is a great way to get the whole school involved in the organization. On November 8 in the trails behind McKnight Elementary, they will be conducting a service project called *Hike for Ike* to benefit the victims of Hurricane Ike. They are starting to publicize for this event at this time.
- **Junior Classical League** is putting the finishing touches on their October 21st initiation ceremony of new members that will take place in the Carson Middle School Auditorium. They are planning a trip to see *Ovid's Metamorphoses* at the Pittsburgh Public Theater in January.

- **Junior Class** had their election at the end of September. Congratulations to this year's officers! They are: Leslie Barksdale, President; Maria Munsch, Vice-President; Anna Winberg, Treasurer; Summer Glick, Publicity Director; and Becca Scherder, Secretary.
- **Marching Band** did a terrific job in the Labor Day Parade in early September and the Columbus Day Parade on October 11th in Bloomfield. The band also played in the Mercer High School Band Festival and the Allegheny Valley Marching Band Festival. Right now, we are preparing for Senior Night, on October 17th and our neighborhood Halloween Parades on October 25th. On October 15th, Mr. Jim Snidero came to the NASH Band Room to have a clinic with jazz musicians. This was an exciting opportunity for these students. Mr. Snidero is a world-renowned jazz musician, and we thank him for coming to North Allegheny.
- **The National Honor Society** had its annual fall induction ceremony on October 14th in the NASH Library. This year, the organization had the opportunity to induct 27 new members. They were inducted based on their scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Congratulations to all new members! Also, NHS had a cookie social for all 120 members on October 15th.
- **Senior Class** had their elections on September 25th. This year's officers are: Katie Knable, President; Peter Joyce, Vice-President; Mark Disson, Treasurer; Andrew Ho, Publicity Director; and Emily Foley, Secretary. Congratulations officers!
- **Student Council's** Service Committee is working very hard on this year's Canned-Food Drive. It will be taking place in school between October 20th and October 24th, and the neighborhood collection day will be October 18th. **Please donate your nonperishable items!** We need your help! Our homecoming dance was amazing! Congratulations to the Dance Committee for a job well done! The 50's Theme, the decorations, the food--everything went over so well! Also, congratulations to Kyle Ryan and Katie Knable, this year's Homecoming King and Queen. The Principal's Advisory Committee has created a refrigerator-sized refrigerator box to be put in the cafeteria. We are looking forward to correspondence with the student body! Many of our student leaders are getting very excited for the State Conference at Southwestern High School in November!
- **PASC District #3 Conference** had a steering committee meeting at the beginning of October to discuss and finalize a speaker, the schedule for the day of the conference, and a conference budget. School and Community Involvement Committee is continuing to reach out to local businesses to collect donations. Our Publicity Committee has prepared a video that has been uploaded to the District #3 portion of the PASC website as a promotion for the conference. The Conference Chairs and advisors attended a District Executive Board meeting on October 15th. On October 16th, Carson Middle School hosted the "How To Do A Workshop" night. We are now planning a presentation for the Regional caucus at the State Conference.

- **Reminder:** PSAT Testing will be held on Saturday, October 18th, ACT Testing will be held on Saturday, October 25th. The next SAT Testing will be the following Saturday, November 1st. All testing will be at NASH and start at 7:30am.

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

- **Fall Play** is “Anne of Green Gables”. The Senior Citizen performance is on October 22nd at 3:00 pm. Opening Night is October 23rd at 7:00 pm, and there will also be a performance on Saturday, October 25th at 3:00 pm and 7:00 pm. NAI will have performances on Thursday, October 23rd and Friday, October 24th for the 3rd graders.
- **Forensics** has begun to meet every day, depending on event, and their tournaments will begin in November.
- **French Club** has selected their officers and begun meetings every other Tuesday.
- **Italian Club** is hosting their first meeting on October 9th.
- **JCL** is having a general membership meeting and initiation on October 21st at Carson Middle School.
- **JROTC** has started traffic controlling at football games and NAI in the mornings. On September 26th, they took a trip to the Air Force Reserve Base, and Drill Team has also started on October 1st.
- **Key Club’s** rose sale has started, and new members were initiated on Wednesday, October 3rd. They will help with Homecoming and clean up as well.
- **National Junior Honor Society** is making their student directories, and they were printed on October 1st. The Coat Drive began on October 7th and ran through the 10th, and it will benefit the North Hills Outreach.
- **SADD/Peer Mediation** is having Red Ribbon Week from October 19th through the 24th. They are preparing for the STOP and SADD conventions, and Community Connection will be on October 21st.
- **Student Council** is having their retreat to Clarion on October 24th - 26th. They just hosted Homecoming with Class Council, and are busy planning for NAIdol, which should be coming up soon.
- **Table Tennis** is meeting every Friday from 2:30-4:00 pm. They will rotate between Challenge Days and Recreational Days.

At the conclusion on this report, Mrs. Bishop highlighted some additional students news. She noted that the NA Girls Tennis Team had just won the State Championship. She also encouraged the community to attend the upcoming Friday night football game to support the team in the first game of the playoffs.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

I. PROFESSIONAL SEMINAR REQUESTS

The Board approved the following professional seminar requests:

Name	Conference	Date	Amount
Guinevere Maximo	IDEA Fiscal Program Information- Technical Assistance Sponsor: Pennsylvania Department of Education Pittsburgh, PA	10/15/2008	\$ 22.23*
Linda Kleeb Barbara Werner	Cultivating Comprehension in the Classroom II Sponsor: Allegheny Intermediate Unit Homestead, PA	10/29/2008, 11/21/2008, 1/8/2009, 4/2/2009	\$ 690.00 \$ 690.00
Christopher Jackson David Schmidt Eric Wanner	Best Physical Education Practices Conference Sponsor: Allegheny County Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance Pittsburgh, PA	10/31/2008	\$ 20.00 \$ 20.00 \$ 20.00
John Clark Mathew Kohler Josh Krawchyk	“The Future: Make it Happen” 56 th Annual TEAP Conference Sponsor: TEAP Camp Hill, PA	11/6-11/8/2008	\$ 101.00 \$ 101.00 \$ 101.00
Jennifer Espinar Lisa Weet	College in High School Mathematics Conference Sponsor: University of Pittsburgh College in High School Pittsburgh, PA	11/7/2008	\$ 26.05 \$ 25.37

Kathryn Esposito	Developing Writing and Thinking Skills across the Curriculum Sponsor: Collins Education Associates Pittsburgh, PA	11/17/2008	\$ 175.00
Stephanie Feniello			\$ 24.55
Linda Kleeb			\$ 175.00
Claudia Warkaske			\$ 175.00
Barbara Werner			\$ 200.00
Dean Boronyak	2008 Pennsylvania State Association for Health and Physical Education Convention Sponsor: Pennsylvania Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance Pittsburgh, PA	11/21-22/2008	\$ 135.00**
Ben Bower		11/20-21/2008	\$ 135.00**
Beth Frisco		11/21-22/2008	\$ 135.00**
Todd Fuller		11/20/2008	\$ 100.00**
Christopher Jackson		11/21-22/2008	\$ 95.00**
Pamela Kohlman		11/21/2008	\$ 100.00**
Carol Kruth		11/21/2008	\$ 100.00**
Brenda Laughrey		11/21-22/2008	\$ 135.00**
William Love		11/20 & 23/2008	\$ 100.00**
Matt McCusker		11/21/2008	\$ 100.00**
David Schmidt		11/20-23/2008	\$ 120.00**
Linda Similo		11/21-22/2008	\$ 135.00**
Eric Wanner	11/20-21/2008	\$ 135.00**	
Cynthia Stewart	40 th Annual Step Up/Speak Out National Staff Development Council Conferences Sponsor: National Staff Development Council Washington, DC	12/7-12/10/2008	\$ 1,594.08
Nancy Boyle	DECA District 2 Career Development Conference Sponsor: District II DECA Coraopolis, PA	12/11/2008	\$ 35.00
Joanne Sullivan			\$ 35.00
Linda Vete			\$ 35.00

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**PEP Grant

II. OPEN RECORDS OFFICER – JOCELYN J. ED

The Board approved the appointment of Jocelyn J. Ed as the Open Records Officer as required by the new version of the Open Records Law, also known as “Senate Bill 1” or “Act 3 of 2008.”

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

I. GOOD STAFF NEWS AROUND NA

- ★ **Mr. Bob Tozier, Music Department Chair and teacher at NASH**, was recently named a 2008 Pennsylvania Keystone Technology Integrator. This is the fifth year of this program that celebrates model practice teachers throughout the state. These teachers bring to the classroom content, motivational and management expertise to capture students' imaginations and harness learning in our children. The network of "Keystones" continues to grow and will be featured at the annual PA Educational Technology Expo and Conference.

- ★ **Mr. John Yastion, custodian at CMS**, was able to utilize the crisis response training he received from School Nurse Kay Marcinick several years ago to help save the life of a local resident while he was out to dinner on his 50th birthday a few weeks ago. "This shows that crisis training is really worthwhile," John says, "and that anyone who keeps their cool can make a difference in an emergency situation."

- ★ **Ms. Karen Sanguigni, teacher at IES, and Ms. Claudia Warkaske, teacher at IMS**, both won OfficeMax national grants for \$1,000 for school supplies for their classrooms. They were both nominated by their Principals during the summer on the basis of excellent performance in the classroom to qualify for these grants and were completely surprised by the presentations by local OfficeMax representatives a few weeks ago.

- ★ **Ms. Janice Spohn, teacher at PES**, was recently highlighted in the National Council of Teachers of English online publication, due to the quality of her recently posted post-convention blog on the "Clay Shirky video." It's great to have the opinions and expertise of our teachers recognized on a national basis.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT **ADDENDUM**

I. PROFESSIONAL SEMINAR REQUESTS

The Board approved the following professional seminar requests:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Conference</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Nancy Ceraso	Resolving Chronic Misbehavior at School and Home Sponsor: PESI Pittsburgh, PA	11/7/2008	\$ 194.00*
Guinevere Maximo	Creating School Safety Memorandums of Understanding Sponsor: Center for Safe Schools Mars, PA	11/13/2008	\$ 10.44*
Lynne Earley	Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training Sponsor: Contact Pittsburgh Pittsburgh, PA	11/20-11/21/2008	\$ 140.20
Stephen Gressly	NATV in New York City Sponsor: NATV Actors Society New York, NY	12/3-12/5/2008	\$ 1,161.00*
Dr. Patricia Green James Reinhard Robert Tozier	Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development 2009 Annual Conference Sponsor: ASCD Orlando, FL	3/13-3/16/2009	\$ 1,393.00 \$ 1,439.00 \$ 1,339.00

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SPECIAL REPORTS:

A. W. Beattie Career Center

The District will now be charged \$40 per student enrolled in the Mandarin Chinese class.

Mrs. Ludwig received the latest brochure from Beattie in the mail, which highlights the upcoming "Haunted Open House."

On Thursday, October 30, teachers from China will visit Beattie and would like the opportunity to visit our District or meet a representative from our District. Mrs. Ludwig will try to attend.

NA Foundation

The Foundation is currently considering three grant requests. Mr. Cunningham also reminded the Board, the community and all employees that, as the United Way campaign unfolds across the County, the NA Foundation is one of the organizations to which individuals can choose to designate their United Way donations.

NA Athletic Hall of Fame

The annual Banquet was held recently at the Chadwick. Dr. Green reported that it was a lovely event, although attendance was reduced due to community conflicts.

Legislative Update

Mr. Shuckrow reported that a letter will be sent to the Governor regarding GCA's, as was discussed at last week's meeting. A Report of Student Achievement will be enclosed with the letter. He also pointed out that the state legislature is not in session at this time.

As the PSBA representative, Mrs. Grosheider mentioned that she will be attending a meeting on Monday, November 3, in Pittsburgh, at which discussions will be held on the PSBA legislative agenda. Recently, the topic generating the most discussion has seemed to be school districts' ability to tax oil and gas exploration.

Mrs. Grosheider also reported that she and the delegation who attended the PSBA State Conference in October found it valuable and informative. She shared two concepts she brought back from the conference, which she feels are insightful. They are that to foster student success, districts should absolutely focus on literacy and provide civic education to all students.

At the close of the Special Reports, Mr. Pagone announced that the NA Girls Slow Pitch Softball Team won the State Championship this year. He thanked the Board for their support of this program.

SPEAKERS

There was one speaker who came forward to address the Board at the close of the meeting.

Ms. Marianne Stearns commended the Administration on the delivery of an excellent Report of Student Achievement. She applauded the students, the parents, the teachers and the community for their achievements.

On a separate note, she shared with the Board that many parents have asked her why schools are closed on Election Day. In particular, she feels this makes it very difficult to find parents to work at the polls because they have to be home with their children. In her recollection, schools have been open in the past on Election Days.

Mrs. Grosheider and Mrs. Bishop both responded to Ms. Stearns. They clarified that the District is open for Primary Elections, but not for elections in November. The District has had a standing

tradition of using these days for In-service Days that are designated for student conferences. As a secondary issue, the District also considers the safety and security issues that would be present on Election Days, especially in Elementary Schools, if classes were in session.

The meeting was dismissed at 10:20 PM.

The Board met in Executive Session following this meeting to discuss a personnel matter relative to an administrative employee.

The next meeting of the NA Board of School Directors is scheduled for November 12, 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.

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