

Wednesday, September 16, 2009

NASD School Board News

◆ ◆ ◆ an E-report for all NASD employees

**The North Allegheny School District
Board of School Directors
met tonight at 7:00 PM for a Work Session
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 Mrs. Ryan were in attendance. The 2009-2010 student representatives, Brenna Curti from NASH and Brian Rademacher from NAI, were also in attendance.**



AGENDA

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| 7:00 | WORK SESSION |
| | - Community Relations |
| | - Human Resources Update |
| | - Review of Board Folder |
| | - Speakers |
| 8:30 | EXECUTIVE SESSION |

At the opening of the meeting, Mrs. Grosheider announced that the Board will meet tonight following this meeting in Executive Session to discuss one personnel matter.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

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

Mrs. Grosheider then asked Dr. Green to introduce the Human Resources Update. Dr. Green explained that this report is presented on a semi-annual basis and would be delivered this September by the District's new Human Resource Director, Ms. Joy Gaetano.

Ms. Gaetano presented the following update:

• Administrators	37		
• Professional Employees	636		
• Paraprofessionals	199		
• Confidentials	36		
• Facilities	82		
• Transportation	112		
		TOTAL	1,102 2009-2010 School Year



The Board thanked Ms. Gaetano for the report and assured her that the Board would look forward to the **mid-year** update.

The Board then reviewed the items in the Board folder upon which they will be voting next week. There was some discussion for clarification regarding a few items.

During the Student Report, Mrs. Grosheider asked the new Student Representatives to share a little of their background with those in attendance. She thanked them again for their willingness to serve.

Dr. Green presented her Good News Report, which will be reprinted in its entirety as a part of next week's E-Report.

SPEAKERS

Gina Makal – spoke on the topic of President Obama's speech and the District's decision not to air it live on the day he delivered it. She feels that this decision is in opposition to the mission statement of the District and was disrespectful to the President.

Meghan King – spoke on the same topic and expressed the same opinion. She has accepted the technological and timing issues related to the live airing. She has spoken to other parents who join her in the desire to look toward the future. They hope the District will learn from this situation. She hopes the video will be shown to all children and that the District will solve the technology issues and draft a policy that will prevent this from happening again.

Mark Matera – he is in agreement with the two previous opinions and has corresponded with the Board. He feels it is not too late to show this speech in school. He feels it is not enough to see it at home or in random opportunities online. He believes the classroom experience is a powerful one with an important message for children.

Mrs. Grosheider assured the speakers that they will hear from the Board in writing. She also let them know the Board appreciates the courtesy and respect with which they addressed this difficult issue. She assured them that their comments will be taken into consideration. She asked them to consider that Superintendents sometimes have to make decisions in real time that don't sit well with all the community. However, this decision was not politically motivated or intended to be disrespectful to the President.

Dr. Green wished to add a few comments to those made by Mrs. Grosheider. She assured those in attendance that this decision was hers, in consultation with the other Northern Area Superintendents. It was made based on some information and misinformation available on the Friday prior to the Labor Day weekend and under some time constraints that made it a very difficult decision. It was the best that could be done under the circumstances as they presented themselves in that time frame.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 PM.

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

**The next meeting of the NA Board of School Directors
is scheduled for September 23, 2009,
and will be held in the Board Room at CAO.**

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.

For a copy of the Official Minutes of the meeting,
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