

Wednesday, September 23, 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 Regular Meeting
in the CAO Board Room.**

- All Board members were in attendance, with the exception of Mrs. Ludwig. 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 Radermacher from NAI were also in attendance.



AGENDA

- 7:00 REGULAR MEETING**
- Enrollment & Facilities Report
 - Capital Funding Plan
 - Speakers (Agenda Items)
 - Voting Items
 - Speakers (Non-agenda Items)

Following the review of the Board calendar, Mrs. Grosheider asked Dr. Green to introduce the two reports scheduled for the evening.

Enrollment & Facilities Report and Capital Funding Plan

Dr. Green described these reports as important and significant to the planning and decision-making processes of the School Board as they look to the future of the School District. She explained that the Board utilizes the information in the Enrollment & Facilities Report to analyze facilities usage and needs. The Board reviews the information in the Capital Funding Plan to prioritize and re-prioritize capital needs and to assess major projects that will be scheduled for next year and the future. She then turned the presentation over to Roger Botti, Director of Assets, Transportation and Technology, and Rob Gaertner, Director of Facilities.

The Third Day Enrollment for 2009-2010 is 8064, which represents a decline of 17 total students from the previous school year. The projected five-year enrollment anticipates a decline in enrollment to 7,926 by the year 2014/2015. The Report recommends a feasibility study based on room utilization, demographics, enrollment and class size to address the potential needs of our students.

The Capital Funding Plan supports investments and capital projects of between \$25,000 and \$250,000 and projects a five-year array of eligible investments and capital projects. Also included in the Report was a summary of the projects completed in 2009/2010.

The second section of the plan detailed proposed Transportation Purchases over the next five years and the proposed Facilities Projects for the Board's consideration.

The Board engaged in conversation with Mr. Botti and Mr. Gaertner regarding the details of some of their requests and recommendations, as well as a few funding considerations.

SPEAKERS

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

The Board took the following action on these items in the monthly Board folder.

CURRICULUM REPORT

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 2009/2010 school year.

<u>STUDENT TEACHER</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>SUPERVISING TEACHER</u>
Stephanie Bucklew Robert Morris University	1/11/09 – 4/30/10	Christina Hutton - MES Grade 2
Meghan Weinman LaRoche College	12/7/09 – 2/12/10	Susie Modrovich - MCK Grade 1

FINANCIAL REPORT

I. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE APPROVAL LISTS

The Board approved a number of Accounts Payable lists.

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

I. STUDENT ACTIVITIES EXPENDITURES

The Administration reported the following Student Activities expenditures for July 2009.

A.	Carson Middle	\$ 2,907.16
B.	Ingomar Middle	0.00
C.	Marshall Middle	0.00
D.	NA Intermediate	5,566.93
E.	NA Senior High	36,973.35
F.	NA Athletics	7,194.77

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

I. RESIGNATIONS

The Board approved the following Resignations:

Richard Rostek	Probationary School Bus Driver	Personal
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	Effective 8/24/09	Reasons
Jacqueline Wetzel	Instructional Assistant, FES Effective 10/2/09	Personal Reasons

II. APPOINTMENTS

The Board approved the following Appointments:

Professional

Carolyn Steele	PT Music, FES/MCK Effective 9/2/09 for the 2009/2010 School Year Only	Substitute Step 1 Col. A \$15,464
Danielle Sundo	PT Art, FES/MCK Effective 9/2/09 for the 2009/2010 School Year Only	Substitute Step 1 Col. A \$15,464
Kurt Zaspel	PT Health and Physical Education, FES/MCK Effective 9/2/09 for the 2009/2010 School Year Only	Substitute Step 1 Col. A \$15,464

Paraprofessional

Joan Comport	Transfer from Supervisory Assistant to Instructional Assistant, PES Effective 9/8/09	\$15.84/hr. Class III 6 Hours/Day 187 Days/Yr.
Neetu Narain	Supervisory Assistant, FES Effective 9/14/09	\$11.88/hr. Class III 4 Hours/Day 187 Days/Yr.
Rebecca Notaro	Supervisory Assistant, IES Effective 9/8/09	\$11.88/hr. Class III 4 Hours/Day 187 Days/Yr.
Sharon Wetzel	Transfer from Supervisory Assistant to Special Education Assistant, MCK Effective 8/27/09	\$13.55/hr. Class II-C 7 Hours/Day

187 Days/Yr.

The Board approved the following as substitute/clerical aides at \$7.50/hr. as needed, effective September 1, 2009:

Sharon Murphy
Janet Stein
Brooke Thiess

Classified

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TYPE OF WORK</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>START DATE</u>
Scott Bressler	Lot Attendant	\$11.85/hr.	8/19/09
Kelly McCarthy	Lot Attendant	\$11.85/hr.	8/19/09
Sharon Shute	Lot Attendant	\$11.85/hr.	8/19/09
Deborah Stelmach	Lot Attendant	\$11.85/hr.	8/19/09
Valerie Guiden	Detailer	\$10.85/hr.	8/27/09
Terrie Hutson	Detailer	\$8.77/hr.	8/24/09
Richard Werling	Moving & Delivery	\$13.44/hr.	8/27/09
Albert Gray	From Extra Board Driver to FT Bus Driver	\$15.41/hr.	8/18/09
Raymond Melnyk	From Extra Board Driver to FT Bus Driver	\$15.41/hr.	8/18/09
Ben Clark	From Summer Helper to PT Custodian	\$8.50/hr.	9/14/09
Brian Schreibeis	PT Custodian- As Assigned	\$8.50/hr.	9/28/09

III. ADMINISTRATIVE STIPEND

The Board approved a stipend of \$850/month to be paid to Dr. William Stropkaj for additional duties and responsibilities incurred during the absence of the Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education and Curriculum for the period beginning July 1, 2009 until the appointment of a replacement.

IV. WAGE STATUS CHANGE

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

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Darla Stokes	\$48,967 (4D)	\$49,638 (4E)	8/24/09
Elizabeth Tiedeman	\$47,392 (3A)	\$47,658 (3B)	8/24/09

The Board approved wage increases for the following Paraprofessional Employees (these increases are based on anniversary date of hire):

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Linda Klueber	\$13.55/hr.	\$15.94/hr.	10/24/09
Elizabeth Macken	\$13.55/hr.	\$15.94/hr.	10/31/09
Margaret Manery-Watson	\$13.55/hr.	\$15.94/hr.	10/31/09
Maria Schwer	\$11.96/hr.	\$13.55/hr.	10/10/09
Donna Weaver	\$13.55/hr.	\$15.94/hr.	10/12/09

The Board approved the following wage change for a Facility Department Employee:

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Jayne Carver	\$11.76/hr.	\$11.81/hr.	7/5/09

V. LEAVE OF ABSENCE – WILLIAM HOWELL

The Board approved the following adjustment to previously-approved Unpaid Leave of Absence:

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
William Howell	Unpaid Leave: 9/1/09-9/30/09	Unpaid Leave: 9/1/09-9/3/09

VI. HONORARIA

The Board approved the following Honoraria Applications:

		<u>Submitted</u>	
Susan Bentz	ASAP	9/4/09	\$ 525.00
Linda Kamzelski	“ “	9/4/09	\$ 2,100.00
Bryan Kiggins	“ “	9/4/09	\$ 2,100.00
Beth McCandless	“ “	9/4/09	\$ 525.00
Suzanne Roy	“ “	9/4/09	\$ 2,100.00
John Fellers	SAT Prep Course	9/8/09	\$ 1,150.00
Rebecca Hulme	“ “	9/8/09	\$ 900.00
Cathy Jones	“ “	9/8/09	\$ 900.00
Dave Morris	“ “	9/8/09	\$ 900.00
Carissa Schott	“ “	9/8/09	\$ 900.00
Christine Walters	“ “	9/8/09	\$ 900.00
Karen Goodman	Ipods for Instruction Course Development	9/8/09	\$ 250.00
Michael Hambrick	Multicultural Student Union	9/9/09	\$ 500.00

TOTAL HONORARIA 2009/2010 EXPENDITURES THRU 9/23/09 \$26,700.00

VII. SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

The Board approved the following 2009/2010 School Year Supplemental Contracts:

^{1*} Gary Schermer	Boys' Head Rowing Coach	\$ 3,700.00
^{1*} Gary Schermer	Girls' Head Rowing Coach	\$ 3,700.00
^{1*} Gordon Elliott	Boys'/Girls' Assistant Rowing Coach	Volunteer
^{1*} Meghan Hudson	Boys'/Girls' Assistant Rowing Coach(s)	\$ 1,325.00
^{1*} Brenda Laughery	Boys'/Girls' Assistant Rowing Coach(s)	\$ 250.00
^{1*} Dan McQuistan	Boys'/Girls' Assistant Rowing Coach(s)	\$ 1,025.00
^{1*} Jonathan Mohan	Boys'/Girls' Assistant Rowing Coach(s)	\$ 950.00
¹ Gregory Funka	Bus Duty-NAI(s)	\$ 1,208.00
¹ Todd Fuller	Bus Duty-NAI(s)	\$ 1,208.00
James Furlong	Stage Manager-MMS(s)	\$ 1,150.00
Charity Istone	Summer Head Nurse	\$ 2,485.00
Faye Junker	Newspaper Sponsor-IMS	\$ 1,510.50
Lynn Roman	Building Liaison Health and Physical Education	\$ 984.00
^{1*} Andrew Bergman	Assistant Forensics Coach(s)	\$ 906.00
VACANT	Assistant Debate Coach(s)	\$ 906.00

The Board approved the following adjustments to previously-submitted 2009/2010 School Year Supplemental Contracts:

		<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
¹ Steven Zurbach	Stage Manager-MMS(s)	\$ 1,461.00	\$ 1,150.00
Jeness Abramovic	Yearbook-IMS	\$ 253.00	\$ 503.00
¹ Deborah Kroll	Newspaper Sponsor-IMS	\$ 1,461.00	\$ 365.00
Colleen Schmiech	National Honor Society-NASH	\$ 1,714.00	\$ 3,095.00

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
^{1*} Vickie Lopez	Assistant Forensics Coach	Assistant Forensics Coach(s)
¹ Dan Cohen	Assistant Debate Coach	Assistant Debate Coach(s)

The Board approved the following 2008/2009 School Year Supplemental Contract:

¹ Lynn Roman	Building Liaison Health and Physical Education	\$ 889.00
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* Not a District Employee

¹ First Time Supplemental Contract Holder

^(s) One contract shared by more than one person

**HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT
ADDENDUM**

I. RESIGNATIONS

The Board approved the following Resignation:

Francis Fries	Bus Driver, Transportation Effective 9/23/09 23 yrs. @ NA	Retirement
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The Board approved the following Resignations of Facilities Employees effective September 1, 2009 due to seasonal employment:

Summer Helpers

Ben Botti	Chris Hey	Greg Mell
Sean Clark	Tim Hubert	Jarrett Moots
Shawn Davis	Christopher Jester	Sean Neely
Matthew Dunn	Jake Johnson	Steve Nicklas
Kevin Dyer	Zack Liberto	Greg Zick
Spencer Faruquee	Evan Malchano	Nathan Zunic
Marla Frey	Ian McFarlane	

II. APPOINTMENTS

The Board approved the following Appointments:

Paraprofessional

Nancy Speicher	Special Education Assistant, NAI Effective 9/21/09	\$11.96/hr. Class II-C 7 Hours/Day 187 Days/Yr
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Classified

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TYPE OF WORK</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>START DATE</u>
Jay Nestor	From Temporary Relief Custodian to Second Shift Regular Custodian	No Change	9/14/09

Pool Personnel

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TYPE OF WORK</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
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Daniel Becker	Lifeguard	\$7.25/hr.
Kaby Boya	“ “	\$7.25/hr.
Jen Eisenbeis	“ “	\$7.25/hr.
Abigail Koehler	“ “	\$7.25/hr.
Arielle Krigger	“ “	\$7.25/hr.
Hallie Synan	“ “	\$7.25/hr.
Kally Vanderbilt	“ “	\$7.25/hr.
Brie Zabierek	“ “	\$7.25/hr.

III. WAGE STATUS CHANGE

The Board approved a change from the day-to-day substitute rate to \$148.32 for Jaclyn Johns, substituting for Bethany Walsh, Teacher, Ingomar Elementary School. The effective date for this change is June 4, 2009.*

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

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Meghan Adams	\$152.39/day	\$153.47/day	8/24/09
*Jaclyn Johns	\$148.32/day	\$149.41/day	8/24/09
Susan Rusnak	\$152.39/day	\$153.47/day	8/24/09
Dana Leasure	\$50,279 (6C)	\$50,554 (6D)	8/24/09

IV. RECOGNITION FOR ADDITIONAL EDUCATION

The following employees have successfully completed approved Master’s Programs or qualifying credits above the Master’s Degree during the period 8/25/08 through 8/23/09. Therefore, under Appendix A, Section IV Recognition for Additional Education, of the Collective Bargaining Agreement, the Board approved the following Educational Incentive Awards:

\$1,500 Award – Master’s Degree

Melissa Ignatuk
Alyssa Mortimer
Christopher Omasits
David Schmidt
Darla Stokes
Christine Vertullo

\$1,500 Award – Completion of 10 credits beyond Master’s Degree

James Basilone
Tracey Cima
Karyn Dobda
Maria Kraniou

\$3,000 Award – Completion of 20 credits beyond Master’s Degree

Caterina Gabriel
Cynthia Reynolds

Note: These awards are one-time payments and are not added to base salary.

V. UNPAID LEAVES OF ABSENCE – KAREN CONWAY

The Board approved an unpaid Leave of Absence for Karen Conway, Teacher, North Allegheny Senior High School, effective October 7, 2009 through October 21, 2009.

VI. EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT RELEASE AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

The Board approved the Release and Settlement Agreement for the purpose of Retirement for a District Employee, as presented.

VII. HEALTH INSURANCE CONTRACTS

The Board hereby authorizes the Administration to terminate its group health insurance contract with HealthAssurance Pennsylvania, Inc., a subsidiary of Coventry Health Plan, Inc., effective December 31, 2009, for Master Group Plans 2034720000 and 2183990000 and their respective subgroups:

Master Group Plan 2034720000
2034720001
2034720002
2034720012
2034720014
2034720999

Master Group Plan 2183990000
2183990001
2183990002
2183990999

The Board approved a contract with Highmark Inc. to provide group health insurance to the District’s employees effective January 1, 2010.

For Information

The group health insurance contract was competitively marketed by Mercer Consulting, the District’s benefits consultant. It was determined that Highmark Inc. could best meet the health insurance needs of our employees – in terms of quality coverage, a wide range of provider choice, focus on customer service and cost effectiveness. We have discussed

¹ First Time Supplemental Contract Holder in this position

^(s) One contract shared by more than one person

PROPERTY AND SUPPLIES REPORT

I. TERMINATION OF CONTRACT - FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS INSPECTION, MAINTENANCE AND TESTING SERVICES

The Board approved the contract with S. A. Comunale Co., Inc. to provide Fire Alarm Systems Inspection, Maintenance and Testing services at all of the District's facilities, for a term of July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2010, be terminated, effective October 1, 2009.

For Information

The District is terminating this contract in accordance with the specifications.

II. TERMINATION OF CONTRACT – SNOW PLOWING AND SALTING SERVICES

The Board approved the contracts with following contractors to provide Snow Plowing & Salting Services at the District's facilities, for a term of October 1, 2008 to June 30, 2011, be terminated, effective October 1, 2009.

- Niggel Lawn Care
- Kunning Lawn Service
- Wessel Lawn Mower Repair
- Admiral Tree Service

For Information

Due to the reduced price for salt used for this work, the District is terminating these contracts in accordance with the specifications.

III. BID AWARD – FIRE ALARM SYSTEM TESTING AND INSPECTION #1

The Board approved acceptance of the bid from Intelligent Electronic Systems, Inc. as the lowest responsible bidder meeting the specifications for the inspection, maintenance and testing of the fire alarm system components at Franklin Elementary, Hosack Elementary, McKnight Elementary, Carson Middle/Central Administration, Ingomar Middle, NASH and Facilities/Transportation from October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2011.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Prev. Maint. Cost</u>	<u>Serv. Tech Reg. Time</u>	<u>Serv. Tech Overtime</u>
2009/10	\$ 6,375.00	\$ 80.00/hour	\$ 120.00/hour
2010/11	\$ 6,375.00	\$ 80.00/hour	\$ 120.00/hour

For Information

This work will involve the inspection and testing of all of the various components of the fire alarm systems at these 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.

IV. BID AWARD – FIRE ALARM SYSTEM TESTING AND INSPECTION #2

The Board approved acceptance of the bid from Intelligent Electronic Systems, Inc. as the lowest responsible bidder meeting the specifications for the inspection, maintenance and testing of the fire alarm system components at Bradford Woods Elementary, Ingomar Elementary, Marshall Elementary, Peebles Elementary, Marshall Middle, NAI and the Baierl Center from October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2011.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Prev. Maint. Cost</u>	<u>Serv. Tech Reg. Time</u>	<u>Serv. Tech Overtime</u>
2009/10	\$ 4,522.00	\$ 80.00/hour	\$ 120.00/hour
2010/11	\$ 4,522.00	\$ 80.00/hour	\$ 120.00/hour

For Information

This work will involve the inspection and testing of all of the various components of the fire alarm systems at these 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.

V. BID AWARD – SNOW PLOWING AND SALTING SERVICES

The Board approved acceptance of the unit cost bids from the following contractors for the Snow Plowing and Salting Services for a term from October 1, 2009 to June 30, 2012, as the lowest responsible bidders meeting the specifications.

<u>CONTRACTOR</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>Plowing</u>	<u>Salting</u>	<u>Playground</u>
<i>Bradford Woods Elementary</i>					
Niggel Lawn Care, LLC		2009/10	\$170.00	\$208.00	\$ 40.00
Niggel Lawn Care, LLC		2010/11	\$170.00	\$208.00	\$ 40.00
Niggel Lawn Care, LLC		2011/12	\$170.00	\$218.00	No Bid
<i>Franklin Elementary</i>					
Tim Wessel		2009/10	\$160.00	\$100.00	No Bid
Tim Wessel		2010/11	\$160.00	\$100.00	No Bid
Tim Wessel		2011/12	\$160.00	\$100.00	No Bid
<i>Hosack Elementary</i>					
Niggel Lawn Care, LLC		2009/10	\$180.00	\$228.00	\$ 35.00
Niggel Lawn Care, LLC		2010/11	\$180.00	\$228.00	\$ 35.00
Niggel Lawn Care, LLC		2011/12	\$180.00	\$228.00	No Bid

<i>Ingomar Elementary</i>					
Tom Jones Construction	2009/10	\$115.00	\$ 95.00	\$ 40.00	
Tom Jones Construction	2010/11	\$115.00	\$100.00	\$ 40.00	
Tom Jones Construction	2011/12	\$120.00	\$105.00	\$ 40.00	
<i>Peebles Elementary</i>					
Niggel Lawn Care, LLC	2009/10	\$180.00	\$210.00	No Bid	
Niggel Lawn Care, LLC	2010/11	\$180.00	\$210.00	No Bid	
Niggel Lawn Care, LLC	2011/12	\$180.00	\$220.00	No Bid	
<i>McKnight Elementary School</i>					
Tom Jones Construction	2009/10	\$160.00	\$175.00	\$ 40.00	
Tom Jones Construction	2010/11	\$160.00	\$175.00	\$ 40.00	
Tom Jones Construction	2011/12	\$170.00	\$185.00	\$ 40.00	
<i>Carson Middle School</i>					
Tim Wessel	2009/10	\$300.00	\$300.00		
Tim Wessel	2010/11	\$300.00	\$300.00		
Tim Wessel	2011/12	\$300.00	\$300.00		
<i>Ingomar Middle School</i>					
Tom Jones Construction	2009/10	\$225.00	\$245.00		
Tom Jones Construction	2010/11	\$225.00	\$245.00		
Niggel Lawn Care, LLC	2011/12	\$260.00	\$217.50		
<i>NASH</i>					
Tim Wessel	2009/10	\$725.00	\$500.00		
Tim Wessel	2010/11	\$725.00	\$500.00		
Tim Wessel	2011/12	\$725.00	\$500.00		
<i>NAI</i>					
Niggel Lawn Care, LLC	2010/10	\$525.00	\$402.00		
Niggel Lawn Care, LLC	2010/11	\$525.00	\$402.00		
Niggel Lawn Care, LLC	2011/12	\$525.00	\$402.00		
<i>Marshall Campus</i>					
Niggel Lawn Care, LLC	2009/10	\$430.00	\$470.00	No Bid	
Niggel Lawn Care, LLC	2010/11	\$430.00	\$470.00	No Bid	
Niggel Lawn Care, LLC	2011/12	\$430.00	\$480.00	No Bid	
<i>MMS Bus Parking</i>					
Niggel Lawn Care, LLC	2009/10	\$ 50.00	\$ 40.00		
Niggel Lawn Care, LLC	2010/11	\$ 50.00	\$ 40.00		
Niggel Lawn Care, LLC	2011/12	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00		

For Information

The Bid submitted by Swarmer Landscaping for this work was non-conforming and was disqualified.

SPECIAL EDUCATION AND PUPIL SERVICES REPORT

I. AGREEMENT BETWEEN NORTH ALLEGHENY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND INTERIM HEALTH SERVICES

The Board approved the Health Services Agreement for the health services provided to a medically fragile Bradford Woods Elementary School student for the time period beginning August 27, 2009, through June 9, 2010. Said services shall be compensated at the rate of \$42.00 per hour. The cost of this service will be funded through ACCESS.

II. AGREEMENT BETWEEN NORTH ALLEGHENY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND PRESSLEY RIDGE

The Board approved the Contractual Agreement for services provided by Pressley Ridge for one student from the North Allegheny School District for the period beginning August 31, 2009 through January 22, 2010. Pressley Ridge will bill North Allegheny School District on a semester basis at a rate of \$26,000.00.

SPECIAL EDUCATION AND PUPIL SERVICES REPORT ADDENDUM

I. AGREEMENT BETWEEN NORTH ALLEGHENY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND PLEA (PROGRAMS FOR LIVING, EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY)

The Board approved the Services Agreement between the North Allegheny School District and PLEA (Programs for Living, Education and Advocacy). The Agreement is for the 2009-2010 school year at a total cost of \$49,655. This includes \$27,295 for tuition and \$22,360 for a one-to-one assistant.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES REPORT

I. PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS – NASH STUDENT COUNCIL – PASC STATE CONFERENCE – PERKASIE, PENNSYLVANIA

The Board granted permission for the NASH Student Council members to travel to Pennridge High School in Perkasio, Pennsylvania from **Thursday, November 12, 2009 through Saturday, November 14, 2009** to participate in the PASC State Conference. Approximately **20 students** will be participating in this trip.

II. PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS – CMS STUDENT COUNCIL – PASC STATE CONFERENCE – PERKASIE, PENNSYLVANIA

The Board granted permission for the CMS Student Council members to travel to Pennridge High School in Perkasie, Pennsylvania from **Thursday, November 12, 2009 through Saturday, November 14, 2009** to participate in the PASC State Conference. Approximately **5 students** will be participating in this trip.

III. AIR FORCE JROTC – MILITARY BASE VISIT – ORLANDO, FLORIDA

The Board granted permission for the Air Force JROTC to travel to Patrick Air Force Base & NASA from **Friday, February 5, 2010 (after school) through Tuesday, February 9, 2010** for a military visit and to visit Kennedy Space Center and Disney Parks in Orlando, Florida. A total of **19 students** will be participating in this trip.

IV. SEWING & DESIGN CLASS @ NAI – FASHION TOUR - NEW YORK, NEW YORK

The Board granted permission for the students of NAI's Family & Consumer Sciences Department, Sewing & Design class, to travel to New York City, New York from **Thursday, April 15, 2010 through Sunday, April 18, 2010** to participate in a Fashion Tour. Approximately **80 students** will be participating in this trip.

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

I. NASH NEWS – *as reported by Brenna Curti*

- **GOAL** teachers are beginning their GIEP's on every GOAL student in NASH. The GOAL teachers, Mrs. Bogus, Mrs. Vete, Mrs. Will, and Mrs. Montgomery, have multiple individual meetings with their students and parents each day. College admissions officers are scheduled to come in during the week to hold short seminars on their specific schools for interested juniors and seniors through the GOAL office. Elite schools such as Harvard, Georgetown, Vanderbilt, and the like, are on the schedule. Also, the G-20 Student Summit is scheduled for September 17th at Fox Chapel High School. GOAL students who signed up are participating in a student-version of the G-20 summit that is coming to Pittsburgh at the end of the month.
- **STUDENT COUNCIL'S DANCE COMMITTEE** is busy working on planning the Homecoming Dance and the Homecoming Parade. Floats are being added to the parade this year, and the dance's theme is *Disney: Where Dreams Come True*. Spirit Committee worked hard to promote the Home Opener for the varsity football game, which was a great success as not only did the team dominate over Altoona (53-0), but the Student Section was as spirited as ever!

- **JUNIOR AND SENIOR CLASS COUNCILS** are getting ready for officer elections. Campaigning will begin at the end of September for the eight positions, four for each class.
- **NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY** held their first two meetings in the first two weeks of September, and members signed up for their desired service events to earn the required stars. Available service projects are working at UPMC Cranberry Senior Center, donating a birthday gift to an underprivileged child through Circle C, sorting materials to be sent to those in need worldwide with World Vision, and tutoring at Hosack and McKnight Elementary.
- **NASH OPEN HOUSE** is Thursday, September 24. Parents of Juniors and Seniors will be coming to NASH that evening and attending each of their child's classes, meeting each of their teachers, and hearing about their son's or daughter's performance thus far in the school year.

II. **NAI NEWS – as reported by Brian Radermacher**

- **STUDENT COUNCIL** has been working hard to make the beginning of school go as smoothly as possible. The freshman orientation and activity fair was a success. They are currently in the process of getting representatives and members for each committee.
- **NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY** had its first meeting on September 9th. They are ready for another successful school year.
- **NAI FALL PLAY** auditions took place on September 9th. The play is scheduled for Thursday, October 22 at 7:00 PM.
- **NA JUNIOR CLASSICAL LEAGUE** has its first meeting September 15th. They will be discussing information about the 2009-2010 school year's agenda.
- **LIFETIME ACTIVITIES** will be going on a beginners' backpacking trip on September 19th and 20th. They had an informational meeting on September 9th.
- **KEY CLUB** has started their year with an informational meeting on September 9th. They are looking forward to another productive year.
- **THE MAGAZINE SALE** kicks off on September 22nd. NAI's goal is to sell three magazines a person.

**STUDENT ACTIVITIES REPORT
ADDENDUM**

I. PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS – NAI STUDENT COUNCIL – PASC STATE CONFERENCE – PERKASIE, PENNSYLVANIA

The Board granted permission for the NAI Student Council members to travel to Pennridge High School in Perkasie, Pennsylvania from **Thursday, November 12, 2009 through Saturday, November 14, 2009** to participate in the PASC State Conference. Approximately **15 students** will be participating in this trip.

II. PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS – MMS STUDENT COUNCIL – PASC STATE CONFERENCE – PERKASIE, PENNSYLVANIA

The Board granted permission for the MMS Student Council members to travel to Pennridge High School in Perkasie, Pennsylvania from **Thursday, November 12, 2009 through Saturday, November 14, 2009** to participate in the PASC State Conference. Approximately **5 students** will be participating in this trip.

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>
Luke Lester (NASH)	College in High School Statistics Annual Meeting Sponsor: University of Pittsburgh Pittsburgh, PA	9/22/2009	\$ 19.00
Robert Gaertner (Facilities)	Pennsylvania Association of School Board Officials Facilities Management Conference Sponsor: PASBO Grantville, PA	10/1- 10/2/2009	\$ 823.88
Bethann Hefner	Early Literacy Conference; Latest	10/2/2009	\$ 75.00*

(IMS)	Research and Best Practices Sponsor: Beginning with Books Center for Literacy Pittsburgh, PA		
Lauren Armitage Arlene Barbus (CMS) Colleen Byrnes (IMS) Bernie Fontana (CMS) Bethann Hefner Joyce McMillen (IMS) Alyssa Mortimer Mike Pasquinelli Courtney Vadnais (CMS)	Student Assistance Team Training Program Sponsor: WPIC-UPMC Wexford, PA	10/6- 10/8/2009	\$ 325.00*** \$ 325.00*** \$ 325.00*** \$ 325.00*** \$ 325.00*** \$ 325.00*** \$ 325.00*** \$ 325.00***
Shari Chalmers (CAO)	Preparing for Year-End and 2010 Sponsor: American Payroll Association Pittsburgh, PA	10/20/2009	\$ 409.00
Joanne Sullivan (NASH/NAI)	31 st Annual Cooperative Education Conference Sponsor: PSU & PA Co-op Association State College, PA	10/22- 10/23/2009	\$ 245.00
David Woten (CMS)	Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year Forum Sponsor: National State Teacher of the Year – Pennsylvania Harrisburg, PA	10/25- 10/27/2009	\$ 639.60
Gretchen Cetti (CAO)	The Attendance/Child Accounting Professional Association of Pennsylvania – Fall Meeting West Sponsor: The Attendance/Child Accounting Professional Association Cranberry , PA	10/30/2009	\$ 32.00
Kristen Huskey (IES)	Language & Literacy (for Students with Disabilities) Sponsor: Health Education Network, LLC Pittsburgh, PA	10/30/2009	\$ 179.00

Barbara Schmid (NAI)	Three Rivers Technology Conference Sponsor: AIU, Pittsburgh Technology Council and Discovery Cranberry, PA	11/11- 11/12/2009	\$ 150.00
Rhonda Broadbent (BW) Kristen Silbaugh (IMS)	International Bullying Prevention Association Annual Conference Sponsor: Highmark Healthy High Five Pittsburgh, PA	11/16- 11/18/2009	\$ 150.00 \$ 170.89
Janice Spohn (PES)	Once and Future Classics: Reading Between the Lions Sponsor: National Council of Teachers of English Philadelphia, PA	11/19- 11/23/2009	\$ 572.46**
Tammy Andreyko (IMS)	Pennsylvania Middle School Association State Conference and Professional Development Institute Sponsor: PMSA State College, PA	2/27- 3/2/2009	\$ 631.26

*ACCESS Funds

**Accountability Block Grant Funds

***Save and Drug Free School Grant

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

I. NORTH ALLEGHENY SCHOOL DISTRICT CURRICULUM REVIEW MANUAL

The Administration announces that the North Allegheny School District received a Certificate of Registration for the registration of the North Allegheny School District Curriculum Review Manual with the U.S. Copyright Office. The Certificate will be provided to the Board Secretary so that it may be placed into the Board records. The copyright protection will endure for approximately 120 years.

II. GOOD STAFF NEWS AROUND NA

- ★ The North Allegheny School District has been honored as a recipient of the **'Partners Against Leukemia & Lymphoma Award'** by the **Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS)**. The award will be presented to the District on October 21, 2009 immediately preceding the DAA ceremony. Representatives of the Society, including Ms. Kira Foley, who is Campaign Manager for the LLS, will make the presentation. The award

recognizes the ongoing financial support and enduring commitment of organizations whose history with LLS is in excess of 10 years. Last year, students and staff in schools across the North Allegheny School District raised a combined total of more than \$19,700 for leukemia and lymphoma research.

- ★ The North Allegheny School District also received an honorable mention in the ‘**School Wellness: Excellence in Leadership Awards Program**’ from the **Mid Atlantic Dairy Association (MDA)**. On September 2, 2009 Mr. Roger Botti, Mrs. Jaimie Nichols, Mr. Bill Moore, Ms. Christie Leininger, and Ms. Jennifer Reiser formally accepted a check in the amount of \$2,000 on behalf of the District from Ms. Betty Brdar, School Marketing Manager for the MDA. The grant application process for this program required the provision of documentation that the District is currently conducting wellness programs promoting milk to students in our cafeterias. NA included documentation of promotions such as the “Importance of Breakfast” (a nutrition education class taught by Ms. Jennifer Reiser, RD, LDN), students sampling “Make Your Own Fruit and Yogurt Parfaits,” and monthly Wellness Education Corners featuring various nutrition topics. The grant money will be used for additional marketing programs to help encourage NA students to drink milk. The award also provided seven \$100 gift cards from Dick’s Sporting Goods to enhance our wellness promotions.

The Superintendent added to her report that the Office of Communications and Public Relations Department received notification this week of two Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PSBA) Awards of Excellence for:

- 2008-2009 District Activities Calendar
- 2009-2010 District Activities Calendar

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Joy Ed	Mid Atlantic Consortium of Education Foundations Western Pennsylvania Conference Sponsor: Mid Atlantic Consortium of Education Foundations Gibsonia, PA	10/23/2009	\$ 110.00

SPECIAL REPORTS:

A.W. Beattie Career Center – Mr. Schwartzmier

- The agenda for the up-coming meeting was distributed, but there was nothing of note to report at this time. Mrs. Boujoukos will attend the meeting in Mrs. Ludwig's place, if possible, since Mrs. Ludwig is unable to attend.

NA Foundation – Mr. Shuckrow

- Mr. Shuckrow was unable to attend the recent meeting, but fundraising was the topic of discussion. Additional projects are being considered, besides the annual Golf Outing.

NA Hall of Fame – Mr. Schwartzmier

- Everything is in place for the upcoming Banquet and tickets are currently on sale. Of note, the start time has been moved up to 5 PM. Please contact the Athletic Department for details.

Legislative Report – Mr. Schuckrow

- A letter was sent to the IRRC regarding the Board's ongoing opposition to the Keystone Exams. The Tribune Review reported today that many school districts are in opposition to these Exams and some legislation may pass to prevent the funding of them in late October.
- Mrs. Grosheider indicated that there is some speculation of a plan to shift unappropriated monies after the passing of the budget to fund the Exams, in spite of the possible legislation. Dr. Green also received some information today along these lines and was able to personally advocate to state legislators that they must provide language in the budget that prevents the shifting of unappropriated monies for this purpose. She also asked SPLC leaders to join her in this cause.

SPEAKERS

There were four residents who came forward to address the Board.

- John Sliwa - he stated that the President's request to address students was an Executive privilege that he is granted Constitutionally. He thinks the District missed a wonderful opportunity and that the decision was politically motivated. He does not respect the back-pedaling the District has been doing.
- Regina McCarthy – her daughter attends NAI. She was astonished at the news that we were not airing this message. Although her family moved into this area for the schools, she would not make that decision again today, based upon this situation. She does not think this was a learner-centered decision. She thinks the fact that elections are coming up in November influenced the

decision. She sees this as part of an effort to de-legitimize President Obama. She thinks this sent a bad message to our students.

- Dr. Sharon Brown – she has questions regarding the decision-making process that led to not allowing the President to speak to our children. She read the speech and found it very understandable for most students and to have encouraging content for children. She wants to know what the risks were that the District perceived to be involved in the possibility of having the students see this speech, who made the decision, if there were political factors involved, and how the District might communicate with parents in other critical situations, etc.
- Bonnie Morse – in the late 70's her family moved to NA so their daughter could receive a quality education. Until this time, they have been very satisfied with their experiences here. Her 9 year-old grandson has ridiculed NA's decision. She does not believe that it was impossible for the District to make arrangements for students to hear this speech or that the decision was based on what is best for children. She believes it was politically-based and the District fell short of our pursuit of excellence.
- Mario Moraca – he had two questions: one was in regard to enrollment projections and whether the District has considered the impact of the dire economic conditions that may result in parents being unable to afford the cost of private and parochial schools. The other is in regard to the content of President Obama's speech: as a former teacher at Beattie, it was his objective to find ways to motivate his students to work harder. He does not understand why anyone would think this speech was about promoting anything but working harder. He believes it was not an effort to indoctrinate anyone towards anything negative.

Mrs. Grosheider let all the speakers know that the Board would respond to them in writing.

However, in light of the comments of the speakers, Dr. Green felt it was important to let them know that the decision not to air the President's speech live was her decision and not the Board's. She clarified that the Board deals with policy and this was an Administrative decision she made in consultation with other northern-area Superintendents.

She again explained the lack of official information available about the event prior to the holiday weekend, the flood of misinformation that could not be sorted through prior to the close of day Friday, and the poor timing of the clarifications that were not released until Labor Day. She quoted an article from the front page of this week's issue of *Education Week* which referred to the missteps by the US Department of Education which resulted in a shortage of information about this event and left Superintendents across the country caught in the middle of a disheartening situation. She assured the audience that she did not intend any disrespect to the President.

Dr. Stropkaj reported that the speech has been shown in a number of classes around the District and that all schools have been encouraged to find the appropriate curricular place to incorporate it. Dr. Green closed her remarks by again emphasizing that this was not a politically-motivated decision.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 PM.

**The next meeting of the NA Board of School Directors
is scheduled for October 21, 2009
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,
please refer to the NA website <http://www.northallegheny.org/>.*

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,
please contact the North Allegheny School Board Secretary, Rose Mary Ryan,
at 412/369-5437 or rryan@northallegheny.org.