

NORTH ALLEGHENY SCHOOL DISTRICT

APRIL 16, 2008 – WORK SESSION

MINUTES

Board in Attendance: Mrs. Bishop, Mr. Hubert, Mrs. Boujoukos,
Mrs. Grosheider, Mrs. Ludwig, Mr. Pagone,
Mr. Schwartzmier, Mr. Shuckrow

Board Absent: Mr. Cunningham
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Students in Attendance: Ms. Czerniewski; Mr. Hackett

Also in Attendance: Dr. Green, Mr. Brungo (Solicitor), Mr. Botti, Mrs. Ed,
Mr. Gaertner, Dr. Hirsch, Mr. Hopkins, Dr. Steinhauer,
Dr. Stropkaj, Dr. Wheat, Mrs. Ryan (Secretary)

MST in Attendance: None.

The Board of School Directors of the North Allegheny School District convened for a **Special Meeting/Work Session** on **Wednesday, April 16, 2008** in the **Board Room** of the **Central Administrative Offices**.

DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Prior to the meeting, the following students and staff members were honored for their achievements:

**2008 American Association of Teachers of German National German Exam
Scoring in the 91st percentile**

Nimish Telang

**2008 JROTC President's Academic Championship
Second Place Team in the Nation**

Michael Bartlam

Brian Guzek

Sean Guzek

Brian Heckmann

Sarah Kelly

2008 National Achievement Scholarship Program

Finalist

Aisha Moore

2008 National Merit Scholarship Corporation Competition

Finalist

Gwyn Agnew	Rebecca Scheuer
Nathan Carlin	Stephen Tjader
Peter Gaylor	Anlu Wang
John Grennan	Edward Wu
Daniel Harrison	Christopher Xiao
Steven Kang	Li Xu
Clifford Kim	Wen Xu
Xiaolei Liu	Yilu Zhang
Samuel McCandlish	Xiao Zhu
Hillary Richard	

2008 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

Distinguished Finalist

Marco Giovengo

President's Volunteer Service Award

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57th Annual State Career Development Conference

Second Place – Modeling Competition

Krista Costello
Jeffrey Litz

Second Place – Fashion Merchandising Promotion

Meredith Feingold

Qualifying to Compete at the International Career and Development Conference

Meredith Feingold
Mary Kahle
Maura Romano

Intel Science Talent Search 2008

Finalist

Clifford Kim

Key Club International State Convention

Distinguished Officer Award

Hassan Ataa
Rachel Binnig
Ryan Brady
Jennifer Doyle
Emily Furiga

Elected Governor of the Pennsylvania Key Club District

Andrew Fishell

PIAA Class AAA Individual Wrestling Championships

Third Place

Joseph Waltko

PIAA Class AAA Swimming and Diving Championships

Gold Medal 1-Meter Diving

Connor Kuremsky

Bronze Medal Boys 200 Freestyle

Jonathan Buerger

Bronze Medal Boys 100 Butterfly

Mark Waugh

Tim & Tom Gullikson Foundation

Spirit Award

William Judkis

Staff Awards

Pennsylvania Middle School Association

2007-2008 Outstanding Administrator Award

Mr. Brian Miller

Pennsylvania Association of Elementary and Secondary School Principals

2008 Middle Level Principal of the Year

Mr. Brian Miller

Key Club International State Convention

Pennsylvania Key Club Advisor of the Year

Ms. Barbara Schmid

Management Science Associates Sports Cup Quad A Championship

MSA Sports Cup

Mr. Bob Bozzuto

Space Foundation's Teacher Liaison Program

Selected to Participate

Mr. John Schaefer

**Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development
Annual Conference and Exhibit Show**

Presenter

Ms. Barbara Hutchinson

WORK SESSION

Mrs. Bishop called the meeting to order at **7:59 p.m.** and all stood and recited *The Pledge of Allegiance*. She asked everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence in honor of Mr. Doug Johnson, who passed away recently. Mr. Johnson was a faculty member for more than 23 years and was also the current NA Band Patrons President.

Mrs. Bishop announced that the Board met in Executive Session at the conclusion of their meeting on March 27, 2008 to discuss matters related to professional services. The Board will meet in Executive Session at the conclusion of this meeting to discuss a litigation matter.

CALENDAR AND AGENDA

Mrs. Bishop reviewed the Agenda for this meeting and the Calendar for April and May 2008. There are no reports currently scheduled for the April or May meetings, but at one of the May meetings, the Preliminary Budget will be presented.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

George Muhlberg - addressed the PSSA scores of 11th graders as reported in the recent *Your Schools* publication mailed to all residents. He felt the math scores were disappointing. He also wanted to know if the NA Board is considering the kind of tax credits for seniors who volunteer in the District that a local paper reported will be considered by the Pine-Richland School District.

Mrs. Bishop recognized **Dr. Valerie McDonald**, Superintendent of Avonworth School District and Superintendent of Record of A.W. Beattie Career Center, who is also an NASD resident and was in attendance at this meeting.

She also welcomed **Dr. Bill Stropkaj** to his first Board meeting in an official District capacity.

REVIEW OF BOARD FOLDER

The Board reviewed all items as contained in the Board Folder of April 23, 2008. There was some discussion by the Board Members.

During the review of the **Curriculum Report**, Mrs. Ludwig mentioned a number of textbooks that are currently on display in the Board Secretary's office until they are voted on at the May 28, 2008 meeting. These books are Science and Mathematics books.

The Board and Dr. Green commented on the announcement in the **Human Resources Report** of **Dr. Alice Hirsch's** retirement. Dr. Hirsch's tremendous contributions in the area of curriculum development were acknowledged and her vision and leadership lauded. Dr. Green reiterated on behalf of all that Dr. Hirsch will be significantly missed as a part of the Administrative team.

In a further review of the Human Resources Report, it was noted that there are also a number of faculty members retiring who have invested a large number of years in the North Allegheny School District. In particular, **Mrs. Kathy Coll** with 34 years and **Mr. Eugene Modic** with 38 years were mentioned by Board Members who fondly remember being students in their classes.

During review of the **Student Activities Report**, Lisa Czerniewski announced that news was received at NASH that the NASH Student Council was awarded the National Student Council of Excellence Award. This is a tremendous honor and a rigorous qualification process was involved.

The Harms Way 4 Kids project was very successful. There were 200 students who came together to make bracelets for the troops with over 2,000 bracelets completed.

Upcoming events include the Junior Prom on May 3 and the theme is Eastern Elegance. The Senior Citizens Prom will be on May 9 and the Senior Prom is May 24 at the William Penn.

She also reported that the Band, Chorus and Orchestra groups that recently traveled to Disney World to perform and participate in adjudications had a very successful trip. Many superior ratings were received and the performances were very well received. Mrs. Bishop, who traveled with the group as a chaperone, reinforced Lisa's comments and shared that the students were extremely well-behaved.

Ross Hackett reported on activities at NAI. The Battle of the Bands will be held on April 18, with 12 bands participating. Proceeds will benefit schools in Mexico. The Dodge Ball Tournament will be held on May 1 and this benefits the African Country of Darfur. The Semi Formal will be held on May 10 at NAI and the theme is Sweet Escape.

Dr. Green reviewed her **Superintendent's Report** including the Good News Report:

- ★ **Ms. Barbara Schmid**, Librarian at NAI, has been named Pennsylvania Key Club Advisor of the Year. Key Club is a service organization for high school students sponsored by a local Kiwanis Club. The objective of Key Club is to develop initiative, leadership ability and good citizenship practices in its members. Ms. Schmid has been the advisor of the NAI Key Club for seven years. The NAI Club has 175 members and has performed 51 club projects equaling 2,042 service hours and resulting in \$7,154.50 being raised for Key Club charities. In addition, each member must complete at least 50 individual service hours, which will bring the Club's service hour total to over 10,000 by the end of this school year.

- ★ **Mr. John Schaefer**s, a teacher at IMS, has been selected to participate in the STORM Project's "Studies in Air Quality for Science Educators" this July. The Science Center for Teaching, Outreach, and Research on Meteorology (the STORM Project) at the University of Northern Iowa is sponsoring this course entitled Studies in Air Quality for Science Education. It will be an intensive, one-week course designed specifically for middle school

and high school science teachers. Only 24 teachers from around the country have been selected to participate.

Mr. Schaefer has also been selected this year to participate in the Space Foundation's Teacher Liaison Program. This is the fourth year of this prestigious program, which provides an honored few teachers with numerous benefits and privileges that help them grow their teaching skills, strengthen their résumés, and influence space and science education at a national level.

Space Foundation Teacher Liaisons serve as an active link between the Space Foundation, NASA, and their school and school district. This influential role includes numerous benefits, privileges, and activities such as special recognition during the upcoming 24th National Space Symposium being held in Colorado Springs, CO this April.

There is also a First Reading of the revision of Board Policy #2520 – NASD Grievance Procedure for Processing Section 504 and ADA Complaints. Action will be requested on this at the meeting on May 28, 2008.

Dr. Green also recognized the fact that four members of the Board presented at the National School Boards Association Conference in Orlando. She congratulated **Mrs. Bishop, Mrs. Boujoukos, Mrs. Grosheider** and **Mrs. Ludwig** for their participation in this national event. Each of the women shared a little about the conference and why they felt it was a valuable professional development experience that helps the School Board to be on the cutting edge. There were wonderful speakers and great learning opportunities, including listening to our Superintendent, Mrs. Bishop and Mrs. Grosheider present. They also brought back some tremendous resource materials to pass along to Administrators. They thanked the District for the opportunity to attend and they encouraged their fellow Board Members to attend every two years or so, as well as some of our staff members, to become energized.

SPEAKERS

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

Thank You

Mrs. Ludwig passed along a thank you to the community for the overwhelming support from everyone to the response and outpouring of care and concern to the Doug Johnson family.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at **8:53 p.m.** The Board met in Executive Session following the meeting to discuss a litigation matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Mary Ryan, Secretary
North Allegheny School Board