

*NORTH ALLEGHENY SCHOOL DISTRICT*

*APRIL 23, 2008 – REGULAR MEETING*

*MINUTES*

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

Board Absent: Mr. Pagone

Students in Attendance: Ms. Czerniewski; Mr. Hackett

Also in Attendance: Dr. Green, Mr. Brungo (Solicitor), Mr. Botti,  
Mr. Devlin, 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 **Regular Meeting** on **Wednesday, April 23, 2008** in the **Board Room** of the **Central Administrative Offices**.

**REGULAR MEETING**

Mrs. Bishop called the meeting to order at **7:41 p.m.** and all stood and recited *The Pledge of Allegiance*. Mrs. Bishop announced that the Board met in Executive Session at the conclusion of the meeting on April 16, 2008 to discuss a litigation matter. The Board met in Executive Session prior to this meeting to interview a candidate for an Administrative position. At the conclusion of this meeting, they will again meet in Executive Session to discuss a contract matter and a litigation matter.

Mrs. Bishop took a moment to recognize the School Board secretary on Administrative Assistant's Day. Mrs. Bishop also acknowledged that April 25 will be Staff Appreciation Day across the District and extended her thanks to all the staff on behalf of the entire Board for the work done by all employees.

**CALENDAR AND AGENDA**

Mrs. Bishop reviewed the Agenda for this meeting and the Calendar for May 2008. Prior to the Work Session on May 21, 2008, the Board will be having Distinguished Achievement Awards in the Auditorium of Carson Middle School. At that ceremony, Twenty-Five Year Employees will

also be honored, as well as our two Student Representatives. At the May 21, 2008 meeting, the Preliminary Budget will be presented.

**SPEAKERS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

No Speakers.

**VOTING ITEMS**

Mrs. Bishop asked the Board's indulgence in taking the following item out of order:

**ADDENDUM**

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**I. Principal – Franklin Elementary School**

**On motion by Mrs. Boujoukos, seconded by Mr. Shuckrow**, the Board approved the appointment of Mr. Jeffrey Anderchak to the position of Principal, Franklin Elementary, at an annual salary of \$91,500, prorated due to date of appointment. The salary shall be adjusted annually as directed by the Administrative Compensation and Performance Plan. The effective date of his appointment will be determined upon release by present employer.

Mr. Anderchak had been employed by North Allegheny for almost three years as the Assistant Principal of McKnight Elementary, until late February of this year when he left to assume the position of Principal of Ross Elementary in the North Hills School District. Prior to his North Allegheny employment, Mr. Anderchak was a third grade and Head Teacher in the Quaker Valley School District for seven years. He holds his BS degree in Elementary Education from Penn State University and his MS in Administrative and Policy Studies from the University of Pittsburgh. He is certified in Elementary Education and as a K-12 Principal.

**Roll Call Vote. Results: 8-Yes; 0-No. Motion Carried.**

Mrs. Bishop, on behalf of the Board, congratulated Mr. Anderchak and welcomed him back to the Administrative Team at North Allegheny. She said we will all look forward to working with him, and he received a round of applause.

**MINUTES**

**On motion by Mr. Hubert, seconded by Mrs. Boujoukos**, the Board approved the published minutes of the March 19, 2008 Special Meeting/Work Session and the March 26, 2008 Regular Meeting and approved them with the understanding that the Directors read the minutes as published and, further, that the Solicitor, also having read the minutes, had no comments or corrections.

**Roll Call Vote. Results: 8-Yes; 0-No. Motion Carried.**

**CURRICULUM REPORT**

There was one item for information only, which was proposed for Science and Mathematics textbooks for adoption next month. These books are on display in the Board Secretary's office.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**On motion by Mrs. Grosheider, seconded by Mr. Schwartzmier,** the Board approved Items I and II as contained in the Board Folder and as listed below:

**I. Accounts Payable Approval Lists**

The Board approved the following Accounts Payable lists:

- A. Supplemental Accounts Payable list dated March 2008, in the amount of \$8,036,332.14.
- B. Accounts Payable list dated April 2008, in the amount of \$154,028.88.
- C. Supplemental Capital Reserve Fund Accounts Payable list dated March 2008, in the amount of \$0.00.
- D. Supplemental 1997 Elementary Construction Fund Accounts Payable list dated March 2008, in the amount of \$0.00.
- E. Supplemental Technology Fund Accounts Payable list dated March 2008, in the amount of \$130.49.
- F. Supplemental 2000 NASH/Newman Stadium Construction Fund Accounts Payable list dated March 2008, in the amount of \$7,052.00.
- G. Supplemental CMS/IMS Construction Fund Accounts Payable list dated March 2008, in the amount of \$13,652.00.
- H. Supplemental Cafeteria Fund Accounts Payable list dated March 2008, in the amount of \$236,420.72.

**II. Budgetary Transfers**

The Board approved the following budgetary transfers within the framework of the 2007-08 budget, in accordance with the provision of Section 687 of the School Laws of Pennsylvania:

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
2200-100 Salaries Support Svcs – Instructional Staff	3200-800 Other Objects Operation of Non-Instructional Svcs	\$ 4,125
TOTAL TRANSFERS FOR THE MONTH	4,125	PERCENT OF TOTAL BUDGET 0.004%
TOTAL TRANSFERS YEAR TO DATE	193,176	PERCENT OF TOTAL BUDGET 0.175%

**Roll Call Vote. Results: 8-Yes, with an abstention by Mrs. Bishop to her own expenses in the Accounts Payable Report; 0-No. Motion Carried.**

### **TRANSPORTATION REPORT**

There was one item reported for information only.

### **HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT**

**On motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mrs. Ludwig,** the Board approved Items I through VIII, and the Addendum, Items I through III, as contained in the Board Folder and as listed below:

#### **I. Resignations**

The Board approval of the following Resignations:

Kathy Coll	English Teacher, NAI Effective 6/9/08 34 yrs. @ NA	Retirement
Sue Diehm	Special Ed Assistant, NASH Effective 5/16/08	Personal Reasons
Alice Hirsch	Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, CAO Effective 6/27/08 5 yrs. @ NA	Retirement
William Lorenz	Bus Driver, Transportation Effective 6/6/08 5 yrs. @ NA	Retirement
Eugene Modic	Biology Teacher, NAI Effective 6/9/08 38 yrs. @ NA	Retirement

Ruth Morris	Math Teacher, IMS Effective 6/9/08 15 yrs. @ NA	Retirement
Judy Pritchard	Business Teacher, NAI Effective 6/9/08 29-1/2 yrs. @ NA	Retirement
Karen Shultz	Bus Driver, Transportation Effective 8/15/08 22 yrs. @ NA	Retirement
Victoria Weismantle	Probationary Driver, Transportation Effective 3/31/08	Accepted Another Position

**II. Appointments**

The Board approved the following Appointments:

**Classified**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TYPE OF WORK</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>START DATE</u>
Earl Fugh	From Full Time Driver To Substitute Driver	No Change	3/27/08
Edward O’Neill	From Probationary Driver To Extra Board Driver	No Change	4/01/08
Raymond Melnyk	From Probationary Driver To Extra Board Driver	No Change	4/02/08

**III. Wage Status Change**

The Board approved a wage increase for the following Custodial Employee:

		<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Ronald Carlisle*	Regular Lead/MMS	\$17.84/hr.	\$19.82/hr.	5/14/08

\*Anniversary Increase

**IV. Administrative Stipends**

The Board approved stipends of \$500/month to the following Administrators for additional duties and responsibilities performed in the absence of their associate administrators:

	<u>Effective Dates</u>
Steve Parks	February 17, 2008 through June 20, 2008
James Bradley	March 10, 2008 through April 30, 2008

**V. Leaves of Absence – Kim Dobson, Sharon Stamper**

The Board approved an unpaid Leave of Absence for Kim Dobson, Special Education Assistant, Hosack Elementary, effective March 25 through April 4, 2008.

The Board approved an unpaid Leave of Absence for Sharon Stamper, Special Ed Assistant, Marshall Middle School, effective May 5 through May 9, 2008.

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

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Karen Conway	3/20/08-4/2/08	3/20/08-4/1/08

**VI. Child Rearing Leaves of Absence Adjustments**

The Board approved the following adjustments to previously approved Child Rearing Leaves of Absence:

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Erika Jani	Last Day of Work: 3/28/08	Last Day of Work: 3/18/08
	Unpaid Leave: 5/6/08-6/9/08	Unpaid Leave: 4/25/08-6/9/08

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Mary Beth Rieck	Last Day of Work: 2/18/08	Last Day of Work: 2/18/08
	Unpaid Leave: 2/25/08-5/30/08	Unpaid Leave: 2/25/08-3/14/08

**VII. Honoraria**

The Board approved the following Honoraria Applications:

		<u>Submitted</u>	
*Jeffrey Kiser	National Academic League Commissioner	3/27/08	\$ 600.00
<sup>1</sup> Patrick Niven	Pittsburgh Regional Science Fair	4/01/08	\$ 250.00
<sup>1</sup> Bernie Fontana	“ ”	4/01/08	\$ 250.00
<sup>1</sup> Joe Harvey	“ ”	4/01/08	\$ 250.00

**TOTAL HONORARIA 2007/2008 EXPENDITURES THRU 4/23/08 \$55,740.00**

<sup>1</sup> Work completed 4/4/08.

**VIII. Supplemental Contracts**

The Board approved the following Supplemental Contracts:

Pool Personnel

*Ryan Allen	Lifeguard		\$7.15/hr.
*Austen Ashworth	“	“	\$7.15/hr.
*Alysee Berry	“	“	\$7.15/hr.
*Kostya Borisor	“	“	\$7.15/hr.
*Jonathan Buerger	“	“	\$7.15/hr.
*Cameron Flayer	“	“	\$7.15/hr.
*Jen Graham	“	“	\$7.15/hr.
*Mary Krepp	“	“	\$7.15/hr.
*Lauren Maceikis	“	“	\$7.15/hr.
*Carl Makkar	“	“	\$7.15/hr.
*Christopher Scioscia	“	“	\$7.15/hr.
*Elyse Stepnick	“	“	\$7.15/hr.

The Board approved the following cancellations of previously approved Supplemental Contracts:

- <sup>1</sup>\*Omar Ayyash(s)                      Assistant Forensics Coach
- <sup>1</sup>\*Brian Draa(s)                         Assistant Forensics Coach

- \* Not a District Employee
- <sup>1</sup> First Time Supplemental Contract Holder in this position
- (s) One contract shared by more than one person

**ADDENDUM**

**I. Resignation**

The Board approved the following Resignation:

James Brosenitsch	Regular Lead Custodian, NASH	Personal
	Effective 4/10/08	Reasons

**II. Wage Status Changes**

The Board approved a change from the day-to-day substitute rate to \$151.32 for Stephanie Conrad, long term sub for Mary Beth Rieck, Teacher, McKnight Elementary School. The effective date for this change is April 7, 2008.

The Board approved a change from the day-to-day substitute rate to \$147.25 for Carly Kalkstein, long term sub for Angela Ewing, Teacher, Carson Middle School. The effective date for this change is March 25, 2008.

**III. Recognition for Additional Education**

The following Administrative employee has successfully completed Masters Programs or nine credit increments above the Masters Degree since July 1, 1996. Therefore, the Administration recommends approval of a \$2,000 Educational Incentive Award to be paid to:

Tracie Michalowski

Note: This award is a one-time payment and is not added to base salary.

Before voting, Mr. Cunningham made a special note that Dr. Alice Hirsch, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, is retiring in June and said that her five years here at North Allegheny have been remarkable. Mr. Cunningham also thanked all the other people who were retiring for their many years of service and said that the impact on our children is immeasurable.

Mrs. Boujoukos commented that she is delighted to see one of our newer Assistant Principals continuing with her education and congratulated Traci Michalowski for taking advantage of this program, which directly impacts the students.

**Roll Call Vote. Results: 8-Yes; 0-No. Motion Carried.**

**PROPERTY AND SUPPLIES REPORT**

Prior to taking action on the items in the Property and Supplies Report, the Board heard a presentation by Mr. Gaertner on the Franklin Elementary and Peebles Elementary Roof Replacement Project. He gave an overview of the bidding process and discussed the funding of each project.

Mr. Gaertner also informed the Board that the turf project for the Newman Stadium is currently on hold due to the fact that the bids that were received were not as anticipated. The RFP will be re-issued and the Administration hopes to bring this back to the Board soon so that the work can be done this summer.

**On motion by Mr. Schwartzmier, seconded by Mr. Shuckrow,** the Board approved Items I through VI, and Addendum I and Addendum II, as contained in the Board Folder and as listed below:

**I. Bid Rejection - Replace Turf and Repair the Track at Newman Stadium**

The Board approved that the bids for the replacement of the turf and repairs to the track be rejected.

**For Information**

The specifications for this project will be modified and this work will be rebid for award in May.

**II Franklin Elementary Roof Replacement**

The Board approved the bid from the following bidders as the lowest responsible bidders for the Replacement of the Roof at Franklin Elementary School:

**Roofing Contractor**

Miller-Thomas-Gyekis, Inc - \$ 374,515.00

**Plumbing Contractor**

M&M Mechanical Systems, Inc. - \$ 29,415.00

**For Information**

This project was included in the 2008/09 Capital Funding Plan.

**III. Peebles Elementary Roof Replacement**

The Board approved the bid from the following bidders as the lowest responsible bidders for the Replacement of the Roof at Peebles Elementary School.

**Roofing Contractor**

Alex Roofing Construction Company, Inc. - \$ 538,000.00

**Plumbing Contractor**

Mongiovi & Son Plumbing L.P. - \$ 21,800.00

**For Information**

This project was included in the 2008/09 Capital Funding Plan.

**IV. Submission of PDE Form 3074(a) for Replacement of the Energy Management and Control Systems at Bradford Woods, Marshall Elementary and Marshall Middle Schools**

The Board approved and submitted form PDE-3074(a), SELF CERTIFICATION APPLICATION FOR NON-REIMBURSABLE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT, SUBJECT TO ADVERTISING OR BIDDING REQUIREMENTS, to the Pennsylvania Department of Educations for the Replacement of the Energy Management and Control Systems at Bradford Woods, Marshall Elementary and Marshall Middle Schools.

**For Information**

This form must be completed by the District and submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Education by the District for its review and approval as a non-reimbursable project that is being done by the District.

The completed form will be attached to the Official Minutes.

**V. Allegheny Intermediate Unit DART Program Lease Agreement**

The Board accepted the Lease Agreements from the Allegheny Intermediate Unit (A.I.U.) to provide a classroom space at Bradford Woods and Peebles Elementary Schools for the DART Program from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. The A.I.U. agrees to compensate the District as indicated below for the use of this space.

<u>School</u>	<u>Monthly Payment</u>
Bradford Woods	\$ 985.86
Peebles	\$ 874.52

**For Information**

The Allegheny Intermediate Unit has utilized Bradford Woods and Peebles Elementary Schools for this program for several years.

The complete agreements will be attached to the Official Minutes.

**VI. NAI Locker Replacement Consultant**

The Board accepted the proposal from Edward Meinert Architect with a cost of \$2,000 to prepare the necessary plans and specifications and provide the necessary construction oversight services for the first phase of the replacement of the lockers at NAI. Any additional services shall be in accordance with the hourly rates that were submitted with the proposal.

**For Information**

The 2008/09 Capital Funding Plan included \$35,000 for the first phase of the replacement of the lockers at NAI.

**ADDENDUM I**

**I. Computer Lease**

The Board approved a new lease-to-own agreement for computers. The new lease will be four (4) years in length and will contain 475 HP computers with 17” monitors, 138 HP laptop computers, and 12 MacBooks at a cost of \$138,785 per year. The computers will be financed through Laurel Capital Corporation. The new agreement will commence on July 1, 2008. There will be a \$1.00 buyout at the end of the four year agreement at which time the District will own said equipment.

This agreement is contingent upon execution of a lease agreement acceptable to the Solicitor.

**ADDENDUM II**

**I. Transportation District Property**

The Board approved the Third Amendment to Agreement of Sale for the Transportation District Property.

The agreement will be attached to the Official Minutes.

Before voting, Mr. Botti explained that for the Transportation District Property, this is the Third Amendment for the Sales Agreement, which is another extension to Due Diligence. This particular extension deals with two items. One is the GEO Technical Soil Testing and the second is the finalization of the Partition Hearing that they had for the Coyne Property. This extension will run through May 15, 2008.

**Roll Call Vote. Results: 8-Yes; 0-No. Motion Carried.**

**SPECIAL EDUCATION AND PUPIL SERVICES REPORT**

Mrs. Boujoukos reported an item for information only in the regular report, but there was an Addendum for Board action.

**ADDENDUM**

**I. Agreement Between the North Allegheny School District and the Allegheny Intermediate Unit**

**On motion by Mrs. Boujoukos, seconded by Mrs. Grosheider,** the Board approved the Educational Services Agreement between the North Allegheny School District and the Allegheny Intermediate Unit for the provision of education services for the entire 2008/2009 school year. The Allegheny Intermediate Unit shall provide and operate for the benefit of students assigned by the District special education service and programs delineated in the Allegheny Intermediate Unit Special Education Plan submitted to and approved by the Department of Education.

**Roll Call Vote. Results: 8-Yes; 0-No. Motion Carried.**

**STUDENT ACTIVITIES REPORT**

**On motion by Mr. Schwartzmier, seconded by Mrs. Grosheider,** the Board approved Items I through IV, as contained in the Board Folder and as listed below:

**I. Marshall Middle School – GOAL Students – Washington, D.C. and Williamsburg, Virginia**

The Board approved for the GOAL students of Marshall Middle School to travel to Washington D.C. and Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia from **Friday, May 2 through Monday, May 5, 2008** to tour museums, visit monuments and experience colonial history in a colonial era town. Approximately **75-80 students** will be participating in this trip.

**II. NAI History Students – American History Experience – Washington, D.C.**

The Board approved for the History students from NAI to travel to Washington, D.C. on **Friday, May 16, 2008** to participate in a tour of Washington, D.C. and have an American History Experience. Approximately **100 students** will be participating in this trip.

**III. Marshall Middle School GOAL Students – Challenger Space Center – Wheeling, West Virginia**

The Board approved for the GOAL students at Marshall Middle School to travel to Wheeling, West Virginia on **Wednesday, May 21, 2008** to participate in a “Rendezvous with a Comet” at the Challenger Space Center. A total of **35 students** will be participating in this trip.

**IV. Fifth Grade Students – McKnight Elementary School – Cleveland Zoo – Cleveland, Ohio**

The Board approved for the Fifth Grade students at McKnight Elementary School to travel to Cleveland, Ohio to visit and experience the Cleveland Zoo and Rainforest Center, on **Tuesday, June 3, 2008**. There will be **131 students** participating in this trip.

**Roll Call Vote. Results: 8-Yes; 0-No. Motion Carried.**

Mr. Hackett reported that the Battle of the Bands was a successful event. Next Thursday is the Annual Dodge Ball Tournament, proceeds of which will support the African Country of Darfur. Mr. Hackett also gave invitations to the School Board for a dinner sponsored by the Principals’ Advisory Committee on May 28.

Mrs. Bishop said the dinner is always a great event and an opportunity for the Board to have interaction with the students at NAI.

Ms. Czerniewski reported that Junior Prom is on May 3 from 7:30-11:00 p.m. Senior Prom is on May 24 at the Omni William Penn, and After-Prom is at NASH until 5:00 a.m. The Senior Citizens Prom is May 9. Student Council is having elections this week for NASH to elect new officers for the coming year. On Friday, there are five members of DECA that will be traveling to the National Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, and Lisa is happy to be one of them.

Mrs. Bishop reminded everyone that if they have any spare time to contribute for the decorations for the Post Prom, any help would be greatly appreciated. The theme is "A Night on the Town."

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**On motion by Mrs. Boujoukos, seconded by Mrs. Grosheider,** the Board approved Item I and II as contained in the Board Folder and as listed below:

#### **I. Professional Seminar Requests**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Conference</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
David Woten	Pennsylvania Music Educators Association State Conference Sponsor: PMEA Hershey, PA	4/17/2008	\$ 437.83
David Hawbaker	Regional Arts Education Day	4/28/2008	\$ 55.00
Marjorie Jester	Sponsor: Arts Education		\$ 73.18
Jim Reinhard	Collaborative		\$ 65.00
Kathleen Slowik	Pittsburgh, PA		\$ 65.00
David Woten	National Teacher of the Year Program Sponsor: National Teacher of the Year & Council of Chief State School Officers Washington, DC	4/28-5/2/2008	\$ 1,448.14
Ryan Lundy	Connecting Boys to Books Practical Activities & Strategies That Engage Boys in Literacy Sponsor: Bureau of Education & Research Coraopolis, PA	5/2/2008	\$ 195.00
Joy Ed	Safe Schools Conference Sponsor: PDE & PA State Police Harrisburg, PA	5/5-5/7/2008	\$ 834.62
Bill Jorden	2008 Pennsylvania Council of Teachers of Mathematics Invitational Mathematics Contest Sponsor: Pennsylvania Teachers of Mathematics Shippensburg, PA	5/18-5/19/2008	\$ 554.00

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Diana Berendowski	Schoolground Habitat Enhancement;	5/22/2008	\$ 50.00
Linda Ferguson	Restoration Symposium 6 Sponsor: Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania Pittsburgh, PA		\$ 50.00
David Morris	Advanced Placement Summer Institutes 2008 Sponsor: Allegheny College Meadville, PA	7/14-7/18/2008	\$ 1,132.13

## II. Small Games of Chance – North Allegheny Foundation

The Board approved recognition of the North Allegheny Foundation as a non-profit civic and/or service association under the Local Options Small Games of Chance Act and in compliance with Board Policy #8360.

### For Information

Information required by Board Policy #8360 has been filed with the School Board Office.

**Roll Call Vote. Results: 8-Yes; 0-No. Motion Carried.**

Dr. Green reported that the item for information only is a First Reading of revised Board Policy #2520, North Allegheny Grievance Procedure for Processing Section 504 and ADA Complaints. This policy will be requested for approval next month.

Dr. Green thanked the staff for all their work as tomorrow is Staff Appreciation Day and we are so fortunate to have staff who cares about our schools, the community and our children. Their efforts are appreciated.

## LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

Mr. Maiello submitted a check for \$134,535 and a written report to the Board.

## REPORTS BY THE BOARD

### A.W. Beattie Career Center

Mr. Schwartzmier said that there is much activity going on at Beattie as the construction/renovation project is gearing up. They have met on financing of the project and have interviewed bond underwriters. They have interviewed potential project management firms. In addition, it is budget time at Beattie and those figures will be coming to NASD soon. This is scheduled to be voted on in May.

Mr. Shuckrow thanked Mr. Schwartzmier and Mrs. Ludwig for their expertise and insight and long hours dedicated to this project.

Mrs. Bishop commented on the field trip that Mr. Schwartzmier took with the some of the Beattie Board and staff members to the Lehigh Career Center in eastern PA, which is a state-of-the-art facility that will help Beattie with their design phase, and she thanked him for giving up a weekend to do this.

### **North Allegheny Foundation**

Mr. Cunningham reported that the Foundation met on April 8, 2008 and their main topic of discussion was their 2008 Golf Outing on June 16 at Shannopin Country Club. He reminded everyone that the Foundation exists only on charitable contributions and no money comes from the School District. The Foundation supports educational opportunities at North Allegheny. He also emphasized the opportunity to be involved in the raffle of the Evgeni Malkin Penguins jersey. Tickets are \$10 or 3 for \$20 and can be purchased by contacting Anna Marie Breaux at (724) 935-9401.

### **Summer Recreation**

Mrs. Bishop reported that the program is ready to go and it is a wonderful opportunity for the kids to participate in games, arts and crafts, and other activities. Residents should get their registrations in as soon as possible.

### **Hall of Fame**

Mr. Schwartzmier reported that the ballots for this year's Hall of Fame roster will be mailed on Thursday, April 25, and will be due back to the Athletic Department on Friday, May 2. They will meet again sometime after the ballots are returned.

### **Legislative Report**

Mr. Shuckrow submitted the following items for consideration.

1. **Earned Income Tax (SB 1063).** The Senate Appropriations Committee approved the bill which would amend the Local Tax Enabling Act to require the consolidated collection of earned income tax on a county-wide basis except Philadelphia. Each countywide tax collection district would be governed by a tax collection committee that oversees the tax collection. Each political subdivision within a particular taxing district is entitled to appoint one voting delegate and one or more alternatives. The voting rights would be weighted 50% by proportional population and 50% by tax revenues collected. The Bill is next expected to go to the Senate for a full vote.
2. **Act 1 "Tax Relief".** The State announced that there will be \$800 million available this year under the provisions of Act 1 of 2006. According to the State the relief will reduce annual statewide property taxes by an average of \$169 per household across the state. The reduction for particular taxpayers will be shown on the tax bill that school districts issue this summer. The amount of "relief" will vary for each district and the Department of Education will notify each district of the specific level of tax relief in early May.

3. **Graduation Competency Assessments (GCA's).** House Bill 2452 would prevent the State Board of Education from adopting any regulation dealing with graduation requirements unless given express authority to do so by the General Assembly. The Bill would also prevent any state funds from being expended toward the GCA's unless express authority is granted by the General Assembly. The key is that the bill would apply retroactively to January 1, 2008. The action of the State Board relating to GCA's was on January 17, 2008.
4. **Charter Renewals.** HB 1833, a bill that would have provided for additional causes for non-renewal or termination of charter schools relating to student achievement results was not approved by the House Education Committee.
5. **State Board of Education.** The Senate confirmed 12 new members of the State Board of Education. I note that of the twelve members of the Board, none are from Allegheny County and only one is from a Pittsburgh MSA County and that individual is from Slippery Rock in northern Butler County.
6. **FERPA Student Privacy Rules.** The U.S. Department of Education has proposed changes to FERPA regulations. These may bear some input from our Administration as to whether any advocacy on our part is warranted.
7. **Other Issues to Discuss for Possible Advocacy.** Senate Bill 446 (Cyber Charter Tuition Cost) and Proposed Amendments to Chapter 16 (Gifted) caseload requirements.

The Board had some discussion regarding possible advocacy on some of this pending legislation, especially the Earned Income Tax Bill and Cyber Charter Tuition Cost Bill. Mrs. Grosheider commented on a countywide assessment concerning the Earned Income Tax Bill and said that it will likely mean that the City of Pittsburgh will be in control and it will create a huge problem for us. Mrs. Bishop asked if Mr. Shuckrow and Mrs. Grosheider would be willing, on behalf of the Board, to draft a letter to Senator Orié expressing our concerns over this and perhaps make some suggestions. They were agreeable to this because it is something that needs to be moved on quickly

Mrs. Bishop said she is concerned with the Cyber Charter School Bill because we had made the assumption in our Preliminary Budget calculations that this legislation would pass and the tuition would be reduced for us for the Cyber Charter Schools. If it does not pass, we will have to adjust our Preliminary Budget numbers. Mrs. Bishop suggested that she and Mr. Shuckrow could craft a letter on that bill also to send to our legislators.

Dr. Green also provided an update on legislation she had been advocating against earlier in the year because it would directly impact Access Funds. The NASD had provided input to Congressman Altmire's office, explaining how and why this would be detrimental to the District. That legislation did pass. However, the Congressman's office notified Dr. Green very recently that the Congressman is now sponsoring legislation to limit the implementation of this new law. Dr. Green appreciated being informed of this development and is hopeful that this action will be effective in making these funds available to the District for at least a while longer.

Mr. Hubert reported that the PSBA Labor Relations Committee Task Force will meet next week as they continue their discussions on strikes in the state.

Mrs. Grosheider also noted that today the media reported that Secretary Spellings has taken action to implement some Executive Orders in regard to the *No Child Left Behind* Legislation, to be effective in November 2008. She recommended that the District watch these developments carefully.

**Congratulations**

Mrs. Bishop congratulated all the teachers who have been honored in the Teacher Excellence Program and noted that several Board members will be attending the Celebration of Excellence at the Carnegie Music Hall tomorrow evening that will announce the winners in the program.

**SPEAKERS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

No Speakers.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Bishop adjourned the meeting at **9:00 p.m.** The Board met in Executive Session following the meeting to discuss a contract matter and a litigation matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Mary Ryan, Secretary  
North Allegheny School Board