

NORTH ALLEGHENY SCHOOL DISTRICT

APRIL 29, 2009 – REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

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

*Mrs. Boujoukos arrived at 7:36 p.m.

Board Absent: Mrs. Bishop

Student in Attendance: Mr. Hamm

Also in Attendance: Dr. Green, Mr. Lucas (Solicitor), Mr. Botti,
Mrs. Ed, Mr. Gaertner, Ms. Gaetano, Mr. Hopkins,
Dr. Miller, 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 29, 2009** in the **Board Room** of the **Central Administrative Offices**.

REGULAR MEETING

Mrs. Grosheider called the meeting to order at **7:31 p.m.** and all stood and recited *The Pledge of Allegiance*.

CALENDAR AND AGENDA

Mrs. Grosheider reviewed the Agenda for this meeting and the Calendar for May 2009. Prior to the May 20, 2009 Special Meeting/Work Session, the Board will have a Distinguished Achievement Awards ceremony in the Auditorium of Carson Middle School at 7:00 p.m. Also being honored at this ceremony will be the 25-year employees and the two Student Representatives.

There are no reports scheduled for tonight's meeting. At the May 20, 2009 Special Meeting/Work Session, the Board will be presented with the 2009/2010 Preliminary Budget, which will also be requested for adoption. There are no reports scheduled for May 27, 2009.

Mrs. Grosheider announced that the Board met in Executive Session at the conclusion of last week's meeting to discuss an employee matter. The Board will meet in Executive Session at the conclusion of this meeting to discuss two employee matters.

MINUTES

On motion by Mr. Hubert, seconded by Mr. Pagone, the Board approved the published minutes of the March 18, 2009 Work Session and the March 25, 2009 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: 7-Yes; 0-No. Motion Carried.

SPEAKERS ON AGENDA ITEMS

No Speakers.

VOTING ITEMS

CURRICULUM REPORT

On motion by Mrs. Ludwig, seconded by Mr. Shuckrow, the Board approved Item I as contained in the Board Folder and as listed below:

I. Adoption of Textbooks - Secondary

The Board approved the following secondary textbooks:

BUSINESS, COMPUTERS, and INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Applied Computer Keyboarding – Business, Computers, and Information Technology
South-Western Cengage Learning. Proposed for Grade 6, Keyboarding. Total of 90 books @ \$49.50 per book.

Basic Finance – An Introduction to Financial Institution, Investments & Management – Business, Computers, and Information Technology South-Western Cengage Learning. Proposed for Grades 11-12, Honors Finance and Investments. Total of 90 books @ \$134.99 per book.

Century 21 Accounting 9E – Business, Computers, and Information Technology
South-Western Cengage Learning. Proposed for Grades 10-12, Accounting 1 and 2. Total of 125 books @ \$72.50 per book.

For Information:

The total cost for the purchase of these books will be \$28,233.26 including shipping.

Roll Call Vote. Results: 7-Yes; 0-No. Motion Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

On motion by Mr. Hubert, seconded by Mr. Shuckrow, 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 2009, in the amount of \$6,894,687.29.
- B. Accounts Payable list dated April 2009, in the amount of \$207,172.66.
- C. Supplemental Capital Reserve Fund Accounts Payable list dated March 2009, in the amount of \$0.00.
- D. Supplemental Technology Fund Accounts Payable list dated March 2009, in the amount of \$9,822.20.
- E. Supplemental 2000 NASH/Newman Stadium Construction Fund Accounts Payable list dated March 2009, in the amount of \$0.00.
- F. Supplemental CMS/IMS Construction Fund Accounts Payable list dated March 2009, in the amount of \$0.00.
- G. Supplemental Cafeteria Fund Accounts Payable list dated March 2009, in the amount of \$238,652.87.

II. Budgetary Transfers

The Board approved the following budgetary transfers within the framework of the 2008-09 budget, in accordance with the provision of Section 687 of the School Laws of Pennsylvania:

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1100-300 Purch Prof & Tech Svcs Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	2800-300 Purch Prof & Tech Svcs Support Services – Central	\$ 3,138
1100-600 Supplies Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	1100-400 Purchased Property Svcs Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	\$ 1,006
2800-800 Other Objects Support Services – Central	2800-600 Supplies Support Services – Central	\$ 100

2800-800 Other Objects Support Services – Central	2300-800 Other Objects Support Services – Administration	\$ 200
2800-500 Other Purchased Svcs Support Services – Central	2800-800 Other Objects Support Services – Central	\$ 199
1300-100 Salaries Vocational Education Programs	1100-700 Property Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	\$ 68,000
2600-100 Salaries Oper & Maint of Plant Services	2800-500 Other Purchased Svcs Support Services – Central	\$ 1,150
1100-100 Salaries Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	1100-600 Supplies Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	\$ 4,000
1100-100 Salaries Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	1300-600 Supplies Vocational Education Programs	\$ 36,000
1100-100 Salaries Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	1100-600 Supplies Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	\$ 16,972
1100-100 Salaries Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	1100-600 Supplies Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	\$ 16,972
1100-100 Salaries Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	1100-600 Supplies Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	\$ 16,972
1100-100 Salaries Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	1100-600 Supplies Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	\$ 17,500
1100-100 Salaries Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	1300-700 Property Vocational Education Programs	\$ 26,000
1300-100 Salaries Vocational Education Programs	1100-700 Property Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	\$ 1,150
1100-100 Salaries Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	1100-700 Property Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	\$ 3,910
1100-100 Salaries Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	1100-600 Supplies Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	\$ 9,048
1100-100 Salaries Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	1100-600 Supplies Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	\$ 10,395

1100-100 Salaries Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	1100-600 Supplies Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	\$ 6,446
1100-100 Salaries Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	1100-600 Supplies Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	\$ 11,374
1100-100 Salaries Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	1100-600 Supplies Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	\$ 6,463
1100-100 Salaries Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	1100-600 Supplies Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	\$ 5,500
1100-100 Salaries Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	1100-600 Supplies Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	\$ 9,405

TOTAL TRANSFERS FOR THE MONTH	271,900	PERCENT OF TOTAL BUDGET	0.24%
TOTAL TRANSFERS YEAR TO DATE	424,599	PERCENT OF TOTAL BUDGET	0.37%

Roll Call Vote: Results: 7-Yes; 0-No. Motion Carried.

*** Mrs. Boujoukos arrived at this time, at 7:36 p.m.**

ADDENDUM

On motion by Mr. Hubert, seconded by Mr. Shuckrow, the Board approved the following Addendum:

I. Mercer Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 45 (GASB #45) Services Contract

The Board approved Mercer, the Human Resource Consultants contract, to provide valuation and reporting services to the North Allegheny School District in respect to the implementation of GASB #45. The cost to the District will be a one-time fee of \$10,000.

Background

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) released Statement No. 45 (GASB #45) for state and local government employers offering retiree health and other non-pension post-employment benefits (OPEB). GASB #45 generally requires government employers to account for and report the annual cost and outstanding obligations related to OPEB on an accrual, rather than pay-as-you-go, basis. This is the first time most public entities will be recording the expenses and funding information for their OPEB plans in public financial statements. This valuation will not affect the District’s budgeting or General Fund’s expenditures; it is a financial statement entry only.

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

TRANSPORTATION REPORT

Mr. Pagone reported an item 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 IV, as contained in the Board Folder and as listed below:

I. Resignations

The Board approved the following Resignations:

Margaret Begley	Goal Teacher, BWE Effective 6/12/09 17 yrs. @ NA	Retirement
Sandra Falkner	Secondary Assistant Principal's Secretary, MMS Effective 6/29/09 20 yrs. @ NA	Retirement
Kayla Hannan	Special Education Assistant, MES Effective 4/6/09	Personal Reasons
Matthew Vogel	Special Education Teacher, NASH Effective 6/12/09	Accepted Another Position

II. Appointments

The Board approved the following Appointments:

Professional

Kathleen Egnaczyk	½ Time Learning Support, MCK Effective 3/2/09 for remainder of 2008/2009 School Year Only	Per Diem Sub \$76.19/day
Kelly Wickersty	Temporary Transfer from Sub/Clerical Aide to Per Diem Sub Effective 3/31/09 for remainder of 2008/2009 School Year Only	Per Diem Sub \$75/day

Paraprofessional

Janice Huwe	Transfer from Supervisory Assistant to Special Education Assistant, MCK Effective 3/3/09 for the 2008/2009 School Year Only	\$11.58/hr. Class II-C 7 Hours/Day 187 Days/Yr.
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The Board approved the following as substitute/clerical aides at \$7.50/hr. as needed, effective April 1, 2009:

Paulette Bundick
Janet Eichner
Claire Groll
Amy Hartman
Amy Schlieper
Priya Srinivas

Classified

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TYPE OF WORK</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>START DATE</u>
Kellie Cope	IT Summer Help	\$7.50/hr.	5/18/09-8/21/09
David Duffett	IT Summer Help	\$7.75/hr.	5/18/09-8/21/09
Ian Levy	IT Summer Help	\$7.50/hr.	5/18/09-8/21/09
Rachael Napoli	IT Summer Help	\$7.50/hr.	5/18/09-8/21/09
Timothy O'Sullivan	IT Summer Help	\$7.50/hr.	5/18/09-8/21/09
Richard Gardner	From Probationary Bus Driver to Extra Board Driver	No Change	3/30/09

III. Wage Status Change

The Board approved a change from the day-to-day substitute rate to \$148.32 for Dorothy Evans, long-term sub for Joyce Hlawati, Teacher, Peebles Elementary School. The effective date for this change is March 30, 2009.

The Board approved a change from the day-to-day substitute rate to \$148.32 for Nicole Hunter, long-term sub for Leslie Garvin, Teacher, Carson Middle School. The effective date for this change is March 30, 2009.

The Board approved a change from the day-to-day substitute rate to \$148.32 for William Medwick, long-term sub for Melissa Ignatuk, Teacher, Carson Middle School/Marshall Middle School. The effective date for this change is March 30, 2009.

The Board approved a change from the day-to-day substitute rate to \$148.32 for Ann Montgomery, long-term sub for Dominic Gliozzi, Teacher, North Allegheny Senior High School. The effective date for this change is March 16, 2009.

The Board approved the following adjustment to previously approved wage for a Paraprofessional employee:

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Kathy Nicklas	1512 hrs./yr. \$25,900.56	1728 hrs./yr. \$29,600.64	7/1/08

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

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Edward Frobe	\$18.33/hr.	\$20.37/hr.	4/27/09

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

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Bernard MacDonagh	\$14.71/hr.	\$15.53/hr.	1/4/09*
Andrew Marrone	\$14.71/hr.	\$15.53/hr.	1/2/09*
Lawrence Wheeler	\$14.71/hr.	\$15.53/hr.	1/2/09*

*Anniversary Increase

IV. Child Rearing Leaves of Absence – Kelly Oates, Mary Beth Rieck

The Board approved an unpaid Child Rearing Leave of Absence for Kelly Oates, Teacher, Carson Middle School, effective for the First Semester of the 2009/2010 school year.

The Board approved an unpaid Child Rearing Leave of Absence for Mary Beth Rieck, Teacher, McKnight Elementary School, upon the exhaustion of her personal days. Her last day of work will be March 30, 2009, and her unpaid leave will be effective April 3, 2009 p.m. through June 11, 2009.

V. Leaves of Absence – Lindsay Battaglia, Jennifer Giza, Kayla Hannan, Lisa Moriconi, Joan Neuberger, Janet Slaney, David Tubridy

The Board approved an unpaid Leave of Absence for Lindsay Battaglia, Teacher, North Allegheny Intermediate School, effective April 6, 2009 through April 9, 2009.

The Board approved an unpaid Leave of Absence for Jennifer Giza, Special Education Assistant, Ingomar Elementary School, effective May 11, 2009 through May 18, 2009.

The Board approved an unpaid Leave of Absence for Kayla Hannan, Special Education Assistant, Marshall Elementary School, effective March 27, 2009 through April 3, 2009.

The Board approved an unpaid Leave of Absence for Janet Slaney, Bus Driver, Transportation Department, effective March 24, 2009 through March 27, 2009.

The Board approved an unpaid Leave of Absence for David Tubridy, Bus Driver, Transportation Department, effective May 11, 2009 through May 15, 2009.

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

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Lisa Moriconi	Unpaid Leave: 4/20/09-5/29/09	Unpaid Leave: 4/17/09-5/29/09
Joan Neuberger	Unpaid Leave: 5/11/09-5/15/09	Unpaid Leave: 4/27/09-5/1/09

VI. Honoraria

The Board approved the following Honoraria Applications:

		<u>Submitted</u>	
Arlene Barbus	Summer Mathematics Placement Exams	3/24/09	\$ 100.00
Robert Bell	“ “	3/24/09	\$ 750.00
Karyn Dobda	“ “	3/24/09	\$ 200.00
Kathleen Holland	“ “	3/24/09	\$ 200.00
Michael McConegly	“ “	3/24/09	\$ 200.00
Susan Bentz	National Academic League	3/31/09	\$ 500.00
Cris Ruffolo	“ “	3/31/09	\$ 500.00

TOTAL HONORARIA 2008/2009 EXPENDITURES THRU 04/29/09 \$71,250.00

VII. Recognition for Additional Education

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

Tammy Andreyko

Note: All Educational Incentive Awards are one-time payments and are not added to base salary.

VIII. Supplemental Contracts

The Board approved the following Supplemental Contracts:

Pool Personnel

*Erin Bishop	Lifeguard	\$7.15/hr.
*Matt Buerger	“	\$7.15/hr.
*Veronica Cwalina	“	\$7.15/hr.
*Allie Pennetti	“	\$7.15/hr.
*Kelsey Smith	“	\$7.15/hr.
*David Songer	“	\$7.15/hr.

The Board approved the following adjustment to previously approved Supplemental Contract:

*Patrick Sullivan	Head Middle School Coach Softball White	<u>From</u> \$2,091.00	<u>To</u> \$1,062.10
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* Not a District Employee

¹ 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:

Deborah Sagan	Secondary School Counselor, NAI Effective 6/12/09 19 yrs. @ NA	Retirement
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II. Appointments

The Board approved the following Appointments:

Confidential

Gretchen Cetti	Accounting & Budget Specialist, CAO Effective 5/18/09 (replaces K. Lewetag)	\$42,200/yr. Prorated
Keith Ruiz	Network/Systems Technician I, CAO Effective 05/18/09	\$45,200/yr. Prorated

Classified

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TYPE OF WORK</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>START DATE</u>
Benjamin Botti	Summer Help, IMS	\$8.50/hr.	5/4/09
Chris Boujoukos	Summer Help, MCK	\$8.50/hr.	5/4/09
Sean Clark	Summer Help, MMS	\$8.50/hr.	5/4/09
Shawn Davis	Summer Help, CMS	\$8.50/hr.	5/4/09
Matt Dunn	Summer Help, MAINT	\$8.50/hr.	5/4/09
Kevin Dyer	Summer Help, IMS	\$8.50/hr.	5/4/09
Spencer Faruquee	Summer Help, MCK	\$8.50/hr.	5/4/09
Marla Frey	Summer Help, MMS	\$8.50/hr.	5/4/09
Chris Hey	Summer Help, CMS	\$8.50/hr.	5/4/09
Tim Hubert	Summer Help, MES	\$8.50/hr.	5/4/09
Jake Johnson	Summer Help, MAINT	\$8.50/hr.	5/4/09
Chris Jestor	Summer Help, MAINT	\$8.50/hr.	5/4/09
Andrew Karki	Summer Help, BWE	\$8.50/hr.	5/4/09
Zach Liberto	Summer Help, NAI	\$8.50/hr.	5/4/09
Evan D. Malchano	Summer Help, NASH	\$8.50/hr.	5/4/09
Ian McFarlane	Summer Help, CMS	\$8.50/hr.	5/4/09
Greg Mell	Summer Help, MES	\$8.50/hr.	5/4/09
Jarret Moots	Summer Help, NASH	\$8.50/hr.	5/4/09
Sean Neely	Summer Help, MCK	\$8.50/hr.	5/4/09
Steve Nicklas	Summer Help, NASH	\$8.50/hr.	5/4/09
Ian Payling	Summer Help, NAI	\$8.50/hr.	5/4/09
Stephen Wize	Summer Help, MES	\$8.50/hr.	5/4/09
Gregory Zick	Summer Help, CMS	\$8.50/hr.	5/4/09
Nathan Zunic	Summer Help, NAI	\$8.50/hr.	5/4/09

III. Wage Status Change

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

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Edward Frobe*	\$18.33	\$20.37/hr.	4/27/09

*Anniversary Increase

The Board approved the following adjustment to previously submitted Transportation Employee:

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Bernard MacDonagh	Effective 1/4/09	Effective 1/2/09

IV. Leave of Absence – Caroline Kopar

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

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Caroline Kopar	Unpaid Leave: 05/14/09-05/22/09	Unpaid Leave: 05/19/09-05/22/09

Roll Call Vote. Results: 8-Yes, with an abstention to Item II, Classified Appointments in the Addendum by Mr. Hubert (for his nephew) and by Mrs. Boujoukos (for her son); 0-No. Motion Carried.

PROPERTY AND SUPPLIES REPORT

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

I. Allegheny Intermediate Unit DART Program Lease Agreement

The Board approved the Lease Agreement from the Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU) to provide a classroom space at Bradford Woods Elementary School for the DART Program from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. The existing lease for the DART program at Peebles Elementary School will be extended for two months until the end of August 2009. The AIU 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 agreement will be attached to the Official Minutes.

II. Landscape Improvements at the Cafeteria Entrance at NAI

The Board approved a donation for the work that will be done as part of the Eagle Scout Project by Eric Gaertner, Troop 335, for the improvements to the area outside the Cafeteria Entrance at NAI.

For Information

This project will include the installation of shrubs, a gravel surface, four benches and two picnic tables in an area of 32' by 39' outside of the Cafeteria Entrance. The cost for this work will be approximately \$2,700.00. This project will be supported by the NAI Principal Advisory Committee and donations that Mr. Gaertner is soliciting for this project.

III. NAI Freezer Replacement and Loading Dock Reconfiguration

The Board approved that the base bid and alternate for the Replacement of the Freezer and Reconfiguration of the Loading Dock at NAI be awarded to R. A. Glancy & Sons for \$203,940.00 as the lowest responsible bidder meeting the specifications for this work.

For Information

This project involves the replacement of the Freezer that was installed in 1968 and reconfiguration of the Loading Dock area at NAI. This project was included in the 2009/10 Capital Funding Plan.

IV. Ingomar Elementary Roof Replacement

The Board approved the base bid and associated unit price from Stringert, Inc. for \$399,607.00 as the lowest responsible bidder for the replacement of the roof at Ingomar Elementary School.

For Information

This project was included in the 2009/10 Capital Funding Plan.

V. Paving Replacement at Bradford Woods Elementary and Marshall Middle Schools

The Board approved the bid and alternates 1, 2, 3 & 4 and the unit prices for bituminous driveway and parking paving and concrete deep curb from East Coast Paving and Seal Coating, Inc. for \$437,041.16 as the lowest responsible bidder meeting the specifications for the paving replacement at Bradford Woods Elementary and the Auditorium Parking Lot at Marshall Middle Schools.

For Information

This project will include the removal and replacement of the driveway and parking lot areas at Bradford Wood Elementary School and the Auditorium parking lot at Marshall Middle School. This project was included in the 2009/10 Capital Funding Plan.

VI. Paving and Sidewalk Replacement at NAI

The Board approved the base bid and alternates 2, 3 and 4 and the associated unit prices from Amity Asphalt Paving, Inc. for \$293,650.00 as the lowest responsible bidder meeting the specifications for the Paving and Sidewalk Replacement at NAI.

For Information

This project will include the removal and replacement of the driveway from Cumberland Road back to the Transportation Building. This project also includes the replacement of the sidewalks from the Auditorium entrance back to the rear of the building. This project was included in the 2009/10 Capital Funding Plan.

VII. 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 435 HP desktop computers, 320 HP laptop computers, 12 iMac computers, and 6 mobile lab carts at a cost of \$156,272.88 per year. The computers will be financed through Hewlett Packard Financial Services. The new agreement will commence on July 1, 2009. 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.

VIII. Donation – Bookflix Membership

The Board approved a donation of a 15-month membership to Bookflix for Marshall Elementary School from the Marshall Elementary School Parent Faculty Association. Bookflix is a web-based literacy resource for students in grades K-3. The value of this donation is \$1,049.00.

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

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

SPECIAL EDUCATION AND PUPIL SERVICES REPORT

On motion by Mrs. Boujoukos, seconded by Mr. Shuckrow, the Board approved the following item as contained in the Board Folder and as listed below:

I. Agreement Between North Allegheny School District and Wesley Spectrum Academy

The Board approved the Contractual Enrollment Agreement for services provided by Wesley Spectrum Academy for one student from the North Allegheny School District for the period beginning April 1, 2009 through the remainder of the 2008/2009 school year. Wesley Spectrum Academy will bill North Allegheny School District a rate of \$5,680.00 for full-time tuition and a \$200.00 Matriculation fee.

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

STUDENT ACTIVITIES REPORT

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

I. NAI History Students – Washington, D.C.

The Board approved for the North Allegheny Intermediate History students to travel to Washington, D.C. on **Friday, May 15, 2009** to participate in the “The American History Experience.” A total of **43 students** will be participating in this trip.

II. NAI Student Council Retreat – Clarion University, Clarion, Pennsylvania

The Board approved for the NAI Student Council students to travel to Clarion University in Clarion, Pennsylvania from **Friday, June 5, 2009 (after school) through Sunday, June 7, 2009** to participate in a retreat. Approximately **30-40 students** will be participating in this trip.

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

Mr. Hamm reported that NAI will be having their Student Council Debate on April 30 before their election. The NASH Student Council election is also on April 30. The NAI and NASH Orchestra Concerts are April 30 at NASH. The Chorus Concerts for both buildings will be held on May 7. NAI Band Concert is May 11 and NASH Band Concert is May 12. Mr. Hamm also reported that Senior Banquet took place last Friday on the Gateway Clipper and was a huge success. Junior Prom and the Semi and the Senior Prom will take place on Saturdays in May.

Mrs. Grosheider said May will be a very busy month and she encouraged everyone to attend the many musical performances or the Art Show at NASH because they are outstanding events.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

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

I. Professional Seminar Requests

The Board approved the following professional seminar requests:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Conference</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Maureen Grosheider	2009 Legislative Advocacy Conference Sponsor: PSBA Harrisburg, PA	4/26-4/27/2009	\$ 720.00
Joann Urbaniak	National Euro-Challenge Competition Sponsor: Moody's Foundation/New York Federal Reserve Bank New York, NY	4/28-4/30/2009	\$ 617.00
Joy Ed	Safe Schools Conference Sponsor: PDE & PA State Police Harrisburg, PA	5/4-5/6/2009	\$ 869.58
Colleen Casey	Schoolwires Training	5/11-5/13/2009	\$ 311.96
Maureen Dominick	Sponsor: Schoolwires, Inc.		\$ 511.96
Joy Ed	State College, PA		\$ 311.96
Sean Flaherty			\$ 511.96
Bob Tozier			\$ 311.96
Rob Hetzel	Certified Pool Operator/Pesticide Applicator License Sponsor: B&R Pools and Swim Shop Pittsburgh, PA	5/12-5/13/2009 5/18/2009	\$ 275.00

Roll Call Vote. Results: 8-Yes, with an abstentions by Mrs. Grosheider to her own expenses; 0-No. Motion Carried.

Additional Comments

Dr. Green added to this report that Ms. Tammy Andreyko, Principal at Ingomar Middle School, has been selected as the recipient of the 2009 Pennsylvania Association of Elementary and Secondary School Principals (PAESSP) Middle Level Principal of the Year. As a result, she will now represent the state of Pennsylvania in the 2009 National Middle Level Principal of the Year competition. This is the second year in a row the one of our Middle School Principals has held this honor. Last year, Dr. Brian Miller was Middle School Principal of the Year. The District wishes her all the best as she goes on to the national competition.

LEGAL COUNCIL REPORT

Mr. Lucas had a written report that he distributed to the Board. He also said that he had good news to report. A decision has been made in the Clifton Case, which was the lawsuit brought against Allegheny County concerning the base year system of property tax assessments. The Supreme Court has upheld Judge Wettick and the Court of Common Pleas and held the base year system as being unconstitutional. It does not appear that there will be any rolling back of taxes, but it is expected that by about 2012, the results of a new assessment may be put into place. At this time, it is not recommended that the District should do anything differently in respect to the appeals currently on record.

REPORTS BY THE BOARD**A.W. BEATTIE CAREER CENTER**

Mr. Schwartzmier reported that the groundbreaking for the new construction project will be held on May 7 at 3:00 p.m. Those who may wish to attend should RSVP to Beattie, due to potential parking constraints. At the last meeting, the budget for the upcoming year was presented and costs remained static. He also reported that Pine-Richland had applied for some of the stimulus funds to offset a portion of the Beattie expansion cost and they were told that they had a probability of acquiring funds that they could apply to this year's Beattie assessment for the project. Mr. Hopkins said he will research this also.

Mrs. Ludwig mentioned at the last meeting there was also a robotics demonstration. In discussions with the teachers after the meeting, Mrs. Ludwig said she was really amazed that many of the Beattie students go directly to schools like CMU and Pitt and she wants the students to understand that you can go to Beattie and attend outstanding colleges.

NORTH ALLEGHENY FOUNDATION

Mr. Shuckrow did not attend the last meeting but said there was one grant approved at the last meeting. He reminded everyone about the upcoming Golf Outing on June 15, 2009 at Diamond Run Golf Club. There are 72 golfers needed and, to date, there are 34 golfers who are signed up for it.

Mr. Cunningham urged the Board and community to support this worthy cause. Maiello, Brungo & Maiello will be the Title Sponsor once again for the Golf Outing. Tickets for the raffle of the Marc-Andre Fleury Hockey Stick are available from Trustees or at the Central Office. Mr. Cunningham also mentioned the Foundation's Newsletter, *News to Know*, and said that it is a well-documented newsletter highlighting their activities.

HALL OF FAME

Mr. Schwartzmier reported that the meeting scheduled for last Monday was cancelled and will be rescheduled soon.

SUMMER RECREATION

Mr. Pagone reported that registrations for the summer program are underway. Interested parties should check the website. Ads are also running on NATV..

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Mr. Shuckrow reported on the following:

- The State has announced that about \$770M will be available for schools from gaming revenue, but there is no word as to how this will be allocated per district.
- A bill including food allergy reaction management practices is being considered.
- The Department of Education clarified the background checks that are required for contract employees that may have contact with students.
- A letter from this Board opposing the compromise struck between the Department of Education and the PSBA Executive Board on the topic of the Keystone Exams did go out to Senator Jane Orié and the Executive Board of the PSBA.

Mrs. Grosheider commented on this letter:

- Mrs. Grosheider received a call from the Executive Director of the PSBA in response, who tried to explain their rationale. Apparently it is the PSBA Board's understanding that the PA Department of Education has the ability at any time to mandate graduation competency assessments, without further legislative support. It was PSBA's hope that, in striking a compromise, they could somehow salvage some local control on this issue. She indicated to him that she does not have much confidence in the effectiveness of their action and that the NASD Board will continue to advocate strongly against GCA's.
- Mrs. Grosheider also attended a conference for legislative coordinators of PSBA over the weekend as a voting member. One objective of the meeting was to narrow down the 57 priorities identified by school districts across the state to the three top items in which PSBA will invest their lobbying efforts over the next year. The top three items identified are:
 - pension legislation reform;
 - work against the GCA's; and
 - additional special education funding.
- Senator Jeffrey Piccola spoke at this conference in favor of GCA's and did not seem to fully understand what high performing districts are actively doing to identify students who are not succeeding and to help them improve. He did not seem to understand the impact in terms of loss of instructional time of the 12 days of testing in the month of April 2010 that will be required to administer the PSSA exams. Mrs. Grosheider suggested that the District may

continue to look for ways to better inform Senator Piccola on these issues. She also encouraged the District to put continued effort behind the Ori/Saylor bill on GCA's.

Dr. Green announced that the May SPLC meeting will be dedicated to legislative issues and that the SPLC representatives have in the past been very effective in joining with the District as advocates on educational issues of importance by writing to various state representatives. She will share updates with them in May.

Mrs. Grosheider also heard updates at this legislative conference on the status of the distribution of the federal stimulus monies. Although the federal government has said that this money is to be distributed on top of what the state promised to provide to school districts from their own budgets, they are aware that there is some movement afoot to replace state funds that would have been allocated to districts with federal monies. It was also indicated that the state budget will probably not be passed by June 30.

Dr. Green mentioned that she and Barb Hutchinson were in Washington, DC recently where they met with senior education department officials. There they also heard that states cannot legally do what they are attempting to do in the pass-through of the federal stimulus funds. The federal government is attempting to put some regulations in place to prevent these efforts at the state level.

SPEAKERS

No Speakers.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Grosheider adjourned the meeting at **8:34 p.m.** The Board met in Executive Session at the conclusion of the meeting to discuss two employee matters.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Mary Ryan, Secretary
North Allegheny School Board