

NORTH ALLEGHENY SCHOOL DISTRICT

FEBRUARY 25, 2009 – REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

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

Board Absent: None.

Students in Attendance: Mr. Hamm; Ms. Peng

Also in Attendance: Dr. Green, Mr. Maiello (Solicitor), Mr. Botti,
Mr. Devlin, Mrs. Ed, Mr. Gaertner, Ms. Gaetano,
Mr. Hopkins, Dr. Miller, Dr. Steinhauer, Dr. Stropkaj,
Dr. Wheat, Mrs. Ryan (Secretary)

MST in Attendance: Mrs. Katherine Jenkins – Principal, Carson Middle School
Dr. Steve Duchi - Acting Asst. Principal, Carson Middle School
Mrs. Cynthia Stewart – Coordinator of Staff Development and
Strategic Planning

The Board of School Directors of the North Allegheny School District convened for a **Regular Meeting** on **Wednesday, February 25, 2009** in the **Board Room** of the **Central Administrative Offices**.

REGULAR MEETING

Mrs. Grosheider called the meeting to order at **7:30 p.m.** and all stood and recited *The Pledge of Allegiance*.

Mrs. Grosheider announced that prior to the meeting, the Board met in Executive Session to interview a candidate for an Administrative position. She announced that the Board did not meet in Executive Session at the conclusion of last week's meeting. The Board will meet in Executive Session at the conclusion of this meeting to discuss a couple of litigation matters.

CALENDAR AND AGENDA

Mrs. Grosheider reviewed the Agenda for this meeting and the Calendar for March 2009. At the March 18, 2009 Work Session, the Diversity Report will be presented. There are no reports scheduled for March 25, 2009.

RECOGNITION

Mrs. Grosheider made note of the fact that this meeting was the last Board meeting that **Mr. Bob Devlin** would be attending as a member of the North Allegheny staff. She said that most of the people employed in the District cannot imagine North Allegheny without Bob Devlin because he was their first impression as they pondered working for the District. He not only hired most of the people, but he negotiated all of the collective bargaining agreements that we currently have in place. He has grace and class and is the consummate professional. Bob has left an enduring and exceptional legacy at North Allegheny, and the Board is enormously grateful.

Mr. Devlin received a standing ovation from all in attendance.

Mr. Devlin thanked Mrs. Grosheider for her kind words and said that North Allegheny has given him a wonderful career and a wonderful life for himself and his family.

Dr. Green added her thanks and detailed the tremendous contributions Bob has made to her during her seven years here at the District and said that Mr. Devlin has been her right-hand, trusted ally, and his involvement has made a significant difference in her career and her life. Dr. Green encouraged him to remain closely connected to the District.

VOTING ITEM

Mrs. Grosheider asked for the Board's indulgence to take a voting item out of order.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

ADDENDUM

I. Assistant Principal – Carson Middle School

A motion was made by Mrs. Boujoukos, seconded by Mrs. Bishop, of the appointment of **Michael L. Pasquinelli** to the position of Assistant Principal, Carson Middle School, at an annual salary of \$88,000, prorated due to date of hire. The salary will be adjusted annually in accordance with the Administrative Compensation and Performance Plan. The effective date of the hiring shall be determined upon the release by Mr. Pasquinelli's current district.

Mr. Pasquinelli most recently was employed by the Gateway School District as Principal of Moss Side Elementary School and previously as Assistant Principal of Gateway High School. For three and a half years, he served as an Assistant Middle School Principal in Coconut Creek and Pompano Beach, Florida. Prior to becoming an administrator, he taught mathematics for 10 years in Maryland and Florida. Mr. Pasquinelli has his B.S. in Mathematics Education from the University of Pittsburgh and his M.S. in Educational Leadership from the Fort Lauderdale Campus of Nova Southeastern University. He is currently enrolled in the doctoral program in School Leadership at the University of Pittsburgh. He is certified in Mathematics and as a K-12 Principal.

Mr. Pasquinelli was welcomed to the staff and received a round of applause.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Mrs. Grosheider made an announcement on behalf of Mr. Pagone regarding the seventh annual McKnight Madness Fundraiser that will be held on Friday, March 27 at NAI. Activities will include a Transportation/Purchasing/Facilities Parent/Child Basketball game at 6 PM in the main gym, a McKnight faculty vs. McKnight parents Basketball game at 7 PM in the main gym, and a wrap-up concert by *In Transit* in the auditorium (www.intransitband.com). Tickets are \$10 for a family of four. The goal of this charity event is to fund three Make-A-Wish 'wishes.' Raffle tickets (\$10/each) for additional prizes such as Steelers items will also be available.

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

Dr. Green introduced the report and emphasized how proud she is of the richness of the information it contains. She said that the Strategic Plan is the driving force of all that we do in the District.

The report was presented by **Dr. Brian Miller**, **Dr. Timothy Steinhauer**, and **Dr. William Stropkaj**. This report summarized the work accomplished across the District in response to the six Strategies established by our current Strategic Plan.

The six Strategies are:

1. We will enhance the sense of community District-wide.
2. We will deliver and continuously improve a comprehensive, sequential and challenging curriculum that meets the needs of all students enhance by a full range of co-curricular and extra curricular activities.
3. We will implement evolving best practices and ensure accountability in all aspects of District operations.
4. We will foster a safe, caring and positive environment that encourages responsible decision-making.
5. We will focus on being one of the top 100 school districts in the nation.
6. We will integrate advanced technology into all areas of the School District where appropriate.

There were twenty-four related End Results identified. In addition to the work on the identified End Results, the report also included descriptions of Value-Added Initiatives relative to each Strategy that were completed or are in process.

Questions from the Board

Mr. Shuckrow asked if the changes that were made with NATV have resulted in more people watching.

Mr. Botti said viewership has improved because we now have four cable networks within the District.

Mr. Shuckrow asked about the timeframe for getting our new website up and running.

Mr. Botti said the process is in the infancy stage but the beginning training sessions are scheduled next week and the whole process will probably be completed within the next 12 months, or sooner. A whole new website is being built and that is what will be showcased.

Mrs. Boujoukos asked if all the teachers are using eSembler and the response was that they all are. She asked if the Board will see the outcome of the work of the Drug and Alcohol Prevention Program by the committee overseeing that program.

Dr. Wheat said that that is one of the Strategic Plan Outcomes and the recommendations will be submitted to Dr. Green and Dr. Green will share those results with the Board.

Mrs. Boujoukos commented on Strategy #4, Safe and Caring Environment, and reiterated that the most important thing is for the kids to feel connected in the schools. Anything that we can help them to feel connected to concerning some aspect of school, academics, athletics, or arts, is going to eliminate problems later on. Some students fall into risky behaviors when they do not feel safe and connected. She thinks the District does a tremendous job in getting kids involved in many initiatives.

Dr. Wheat said there are over 500 activities identified throughout the District that are extracurricular and co-curricular.

Mrs. Bishop pointed out that our Strategic Plan does not just sit on a shelf but it guides everything that we do. She thanked the presenters as well as Mrs. Cindy Stewart who was sitting in the audience and who had done a tremendous amount of work on the Strategic Plan. Mrs. Bishop asked if the Strategic Plan will be discussed at other meetings throughout the District.

Dr. Green said it could be adapted for that purpose because it was written to be linked to what is going on in the District.

Mr. Pagone suggested that the new website be expedited to be completed sooner than the proposed 12 months' timeline. He thinks the same for technology in the classroom. With regards to Strategy #4, Safe and Caring Environment, he would like to see us hire a School Resource Officer for NASH, or possibly NASH and NAI. He said there are grant monies out there for this purpose and it would be a great addition to the District based on our size.

Mrs. Ludwig had a question that she said did not need to be answered right away but one that she would like an answer. She said that we are doing an outstanding job and our vision has grown tremendously over the last 7-10 years. But the Board is only as good as the information that they get from the Administrative Team. At some point, she would like some input on the Administrator's vision of where they would like to see us five years from now—where they would like us to go and what they see for our kids. She said it was a difficult question but wants to hear above and beyond what is in the Strategic Plan, like a think-tank.

Dr. Green said one of things we need to look at is technology and it is what we need to focus on. That is a major component of where we need to go as a School District.

Mrs. Bishop said we need to prioritize NAI regarding technology and commit resources to bringing NAI up to speed.

Mrs. Grosheider said that she, too, agrees with the important component that technology plays in our District. It needs to be addressed aggressively.

Mrs. Grosheider thanked Dr. Green and the staff members for the report. She also thanked Mrs. Stewart for her work on the Strategic Plan.

MINUTES

On motion by Mr. Hubert, seconded by Mrs. Boujoukos, the Board approved the published minutes of the January 21, 2009 Work Session and the January 28, 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: 9-Yes, with an abstention by Mr. Shuckrow to the Minutes of January 21, 2009 and an abstention by Mrs. Bishop to the Minutes of January 28, 2009; 0-No. Motion Carried.

SPEAKERS ON AGENDA ITEMS

No Speakers.

VOTING ITEMS

FINANCIAL REPORT

On motion by Mrs. Bishop, seconded Mr. Shuckrow, the Board approved Items I through VI 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 January 2009, in the amount of \$10,996,320.29.
- B. Accounts Payable list dated February 2009, in the amount of \$212,249.37.
- C. Supplemental Capital Reserve Fund Accounts Payable list dated January 2009, in the amount of \$0.00.

- D. Supplemental Technology Fund Accounts Payable list dated January 2009, in the amount of \$5,588.50.
- E. Supplemental 2000 NASH/Newman Stadium Construction Fund Accounts Payable list dated January 2009, in the amount of \$45,864.93.
- F. Supplemental CMS/IMS Construction Fund Accounts Payable list dated January 2009, in the amount of \$8,230.00.
- G. Supplemental Cafeteria Fund Accounts Payable list dated January 2009, in the amount of \$3,117.00.

II. Collateral Security Reports - Depositories

The Board approved the collateral securities reports submitted by PNC Bank and Citizens Bank for the quarter ended December 31, 2008.

III. Student Activities Accounts Expenditures

The Board approved acknowledgement of the Student Activities expenditure listings for the months of October through December 2008.

IV. Audit Settlement and Release Agreement

The Board approved the Settlement Agreement resolution with the Pennsylvania Department of Education, as negotiated by the Solicitor, in regards to the District's Certification Audit Appeal.

**V. The Information Exchange Program
(Personal Income Tax)**

The Board authorized the filing of an application to secure the Pennsylvania Personal Income Tax Data for the year 2007, and further authorized duly elected officers and administrators to execute the following required forms: (1) Information Request Authorization; (2) Section 356 Agreement and (3) Memorandum of Understanding.

For Information: Use of this data is restricted to earned income tax collectors and the school official directly involved in earned income tax collection.

VI. Budgetary Transfers

The Board approved the following budgetary transfers within the framework of the 2008-2009 budget, in accordance with the provision of Section 687 of the School Laws of Pennsylvania:

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	
2300-100 Salaries Support Svcs - Administrative	2800-800 Other Objects Support Services - Central	\$ 449	
2300-100 Salaries Support Svcs - Administrative	2800-500 Other Purchased Svcs Support Services - Central	\$ 1,027	
1100-600 Supplies Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	2200-500 Other Purchased Svcs Support Svcs – Instructional Staff	\$ 650	
1100-600 Supplies Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	2200-800 Other Objects Support Svcs – Instructional Staff	\$ 200	
TOTAL TRANSFERS FOR THE MONTH	2,326	PERCENT OF TOTAL BUDGET	0.00%
TOTAL TRANSFERS YEAR TO DATE	32,528	PERCENT OF TOTAL BUDGET	0.03%

Roll Call Vote: Results: 9-Yes; 0-No. Motion Carried.

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

On motion by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mrs. Boujoukos, the Board approved Items I through 10, and the Addendum, Items I through 6, as contained in the Board Folder and as listed below:

I. Resignations

The Board approved the following Resignations:

George Balkovitz	Utility Custodian, IMS Effective 01/23/09	Accepted Another Position
Nancy Douglas	Extra Board Driver, Transportation Effective 01/23/09	Personal Reasons
Barb Hutchinson	Social Studies, MMS Effective 06/12/09 23 yrs. @ NA	Retirement
Darlane Mannka	Elementary Principal Secretary, MES Effective 06/26/09 22 yrs. @ NA	Retirement

Virginia Musher	Facilities Secretary, Facilities Effective 06/30/09 21 yrs. @ NA	Retirement
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II. Appointments

The Board approved the following Appointments:

Professional

Jacqueline Casey	Temporary Transfer from Nurse Assistant, MES to School Nurse, MES Effective 01/26/09	Per Diem Sub \$148.33/day
Judith Catanzaro	Temporary Transfer from Computer Instruction Asst., NASH to Social Studies Teacher, MMS Effective 01/26/09 for remainder of 2008/2009 School Year Only	Sub Form Step 1 Col. A Sub Rate \$28,924 (Prorated)

The Board approved the following adjustment to previously approved Appointment:

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Shannon Connor	Effective 01/26/09	Effective 02/16/09

Paraprofessional

Marjorie Divosevic	Special Education Assistant, PES Effective 02/17/09	\$11.58/hr. Class II-C 7 Hours/Day 187 Days/Yr.
Lisa Fuhrman	Special Education Assistant, PES Effective 02/17/09	\$11.58/hr. Class II-C 7 Hours/Day 187 Days/Yr.
Cathy Heintz	Temporary Transfer from Supervisory Assistant, FES to Instructional Assistant, FES Effective 02/02/09	\$13.04/hr. Class III 6 Hours/Day 187 Days/Yr.
Leigh Jurecko	Special Education Assistant, MCK Effective 02/17/09 (Through end of 2008-2009 School Year only)	\$11.58/hr. Class II-C 7 Hours/Day 187 Days/Yr.

Neetu Narain	Supervisory Assistant, FES Effective 02/02/09 (Temporary Position)	\$11.51/hr. Class III 4 Hours/Day 187 Days/Yr.
Stefanie Woods	Special Education Assistant, MCK Effective 02/17/09	\$11.58/hr. Class II-C 7 Hours/Day 187 Days/Yr.

The Board approved the following adjustment to previously approved Appointment:

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Karen Tobias	Computer Instruction Assistant, BWE Effective 01/26/09	Computer Instruction Assistant, NASH Effective 1/27/09

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

Grace A. Engel
Karen Savitz
Colleen Woods

Classified

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TYPE OF WORK</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>START DATE</u>
Kimberli Hay	From Extra Board Driver to Substitute Bus Driver	No Change	01/26/09
Robert Wolfe	PM Employee (4 Hours Per Day)	\$19.62/hr.	02/09/09
	Body Shop Employee (4 Hours Per Day)	\$15.73/hr.	02/09/09

III. Wage Status Change

The Board approved a wage increase for the following Paraprofessional Employee (this increase is based on anniversary date of hire):

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Angela Thieret	\$13.12/hr.	\$15.44/hr.	03/01/09

IV. Professional Contracts

The following temporary professional employees have taught and/or served as an Administrator in the North Allegheny School District for a period of three years and have received a final rating of SATISFACTORY and meeting all requirements as set forth in

Article XI, section 108 of the PA Public School Code, are entitled to tenured contract as provided for professional employees:

Jennifer Channel
Kristen Silbaugh

V. Child Rearing Leave of Absence – Debra Wygant

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

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Debra Wygant	Last Day of Work: 01/29/09	Last Day of Work: 01/26/09
	Unpaid Leave: 02/06/09-06/12/09	Unpaid Leave: 02/04/09(P.M.)-06/12/09

VI. Leaves of Absence – Carolyn Burwinkel, Mary Ann Dunkin, Susan Eckert, Polly Ferringer, Richard Frankenstein, Kayla Hannan, Mary Walter

The Board approved an unpaid Leave of Absence for Carolyn Burwinkel, Special Education Assistant, Marshall Middle School, effective April 15, 2009 through April 17, 2009.

The Board approved an unpaid Leave of Absence for Mary Ann Dunkin, Supervisory Assistant, Marshall Elementary School, effective May 27, 2009 through June 02, 2009.

The Board approved an unpaid Leave of Absence for Susan Eckert, Bus Driver, Transportation Department, effective February 12, 2009 through February 18, 2009.

The Board approved an unpaid Leave of Absence for Polly Ferringer, Teacher, Carson Middle School, effective March 02, 2009 through March 06, 2009.

The Board approved an unpaid Medical Leave of Absence for Richard Frankenstein, Regular Lead Custodian, Marshall Elementary School, effective February 18, 2009 through March 31, 2009.

The Board approved an unpaid Leave of Absence for Kayla Hannan, Special Education Assistant, Marshall Elementary School, effective February 02, 2009 through February 04, 2009.

The Board approved an unpaid Leave of Absence for Mary Walter, Instructional Assistant, Peebles Elementary School, effective March 13, 2009 through March 17, 2009.

VII. Sabbatical/Travel Leaves of Absence – Tammy Andreyko, Erika Jani, Patti Wright

The Board approved a Sabbatical Leave of Absence for Tammy Andreyko, Principal, Ingomar Middle School, effective for the First Semester of the 2009/2010 School Year for the purpose of education.

The Board approved a Sabbatical Leave of Absence for Erika Jani, Teacher, Marshall Middle School, effective for the 2009/2010 School Year for the purpose of education.

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

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Patti Wright	2008/2009 School Year	1 st Semester 2008/2009 School Year

VIII. Recognition of Additional Education

The following Administrative employee has successfully completed a Masters Program 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:

John DeMann

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

IX. Honoraria

The Board approved the following Honoraria Application:

		<u>Submitted</u>	
*Jeffrey Kiser	National Academic League	02/06/09	\$ 600.00

TOTAL HONORARIA 2008/2009 EXPENDITURES THRU 02/25/09 \$62,150.00

X. Supplemental Contracts

The Board approved the following Supplemental Contracts:

¹ Ryan Gabos	Spring Intramurals-IMS Wiffle Ball	\$ 776.00
¹ David Winkworth	Spring Intramurals-IMS Street Hockey	\$ 776.00
¹ Shannon Connor	Middle School Girls' Lacrosse	\$2,000.00
Bryan Kiggins(s)	Spring Play Director/Technical, NAI	\$2,838.00
Diane Feliciani(s)	Spring Play Director, NAI	\$2,546.00
Dana Nagle	Assistant Student Council, NASH	\$ 965.00

*Dave Patterson(s)	Spring Musical Technical Director/ Lighting	\$1,000.00
¹ *Charles Caldwell	Basketball-CMS 7 th Grade Head Coach(M)	\$1,950.00
*Heidi Miller(s)	NA Black Volleyball Head Coach	\$1,600.00
¹ Kristi Butterini(s)	NA Black Volleyball Head Coach	\$1,600.00
*Michael Bergen	Crew – Boys Head Coach	\$2,560.00
*Michael Bergen	Crew – Girls Head Coach	\$2,560.00
Kelly Klinefelter	Special Area Facilitator – Reading	\$2,000.00

Pool Personnel

Kevin Cope	Life Guard	\$7.15/hr.
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The Board approved the following cancellations of Supplemental Contracts:

James Brunetti	Spring Intramurals-IMS Wiffle Ball
James Brunetti	Spring Intramurals-IMS Street Hockey

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

*Aaron Terracio	NASH-Assistant Forensics Coach	<u>From</u> \$1,150.00	<u>To</u> \$575.00
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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:

John Titus	Extra Board Bus Driver, Transportation Effective 02/17/09	Personal Reasons
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II. Wage Status Change

The Board approved a change from the day-to-day substitute rate to \$152.39 for Meghan Coughlin, long-term sub for Ashley Miko, Teacher, Bradford Woods Elementary School. The effective date for this change is February 02, 2009.

III. Leaves of Absence – Richard Cercone, Jamie Heintz, Linda LeDonne, Richard Frankenstein

The Board approved an unpaid Medical Leave of Absence for Richard Cercone, Bus Driver, Transportation Department, effective February 19, 2009 through February 28, 2009.

The Board approved an unpaid Leave of Absence for Jamie Heintz, Special Education Assistant, Franklin and Ingomar Elementary Schools, effective April 03, 2009 through April 08, 2009.

The Board approved an unpaid Leave of Absence for Linda LeDonne, Teacher, Carson Middle School, effective March 30, 2009 through April 03, 2009.

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

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Richard Frankenstein	Unpaid Leave: 02/18/09-03/31/09	Unpaid Leave: 02/18/09-02/28/09

IV. Sabbatical Leaves of Absence – Barbara Klaus, Lisa Weet

The Board approved a Sabbatical Leave of Absence for Barbara Klaus, School Psychologist, Central Office Administration, effective for the 2009/2010 School Year for the purpose of health restoration.

The Board approved a Sabbatical Leave of Absence for Lisa Weet, Teacher, North Allegheny Senior High School, effective for the 2009/2010 School Year for the purpose of professional development.

V. Honoraria

The Board approved the following Honoraria Application:

		<u>Submitted</u>	
L. Michelle Backauskas	NAL Team – IMS	02/18/09	\$ 500.00

TOTAL HONORARIA 2008/2009 EXPENDITURES THRU 02/25/09 \$62,650.00

VI. Supplemental Contracts

The Board approved the following Supplemental Contracts:

¹ * Adam Philipp	Junior Varsity Baseball Assistant Coach	Volunteer
¹ * Jeff Sansonetti	Freshman Baseball Assistant Coach	Volunteer

^{1*} John Vesci	IMS Baseball Assistant Coach	Volunteer
¹ Steven Zurbach	IMS Baseball Assistant Coach	Volunteer

* Not a District Employee

¹ First Time Supplemental Contract Holder in this position

(s) One contract shared by more than one person

Roll Call Vote. Results: 9-Yes; 0-No. Motion Carried.

PROPERTY AND SUPPLIES REPORT

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

I. Donation – Computer Equipment

The Board approved a donation for two projectors and two promethean boards, including cables and installation, for Ingomar Elementary School from the Ingomar PTO. The value of this donation is \$5,569.30.

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

II. Ingomar and Marshall Middle Schools Exterior Security Camera Installation and NAI Replacement of the Emergency Generator and Transfer Switch Consultant

The Board approved the proposal from Tower Engineering for a cost of \$18,200 to prepare the necessary plans and specifications and provide the necessary construction oversight services for the installation of exterior security cameras at this IMS and MMS and to replace the emergency generator and transfer switch at NAI.

For Information

These projects were included in the 2009/10 Capital Funding Plan. The installation of the exterior security cameras was budgeted at \$25,000 for each school and the replacement of the emergency generator and transfer switch at NAI was budgeted at \$75,000. Any additional services required shall be done in accordance with the hourly rates provided with their proposal.

III. Ingomar Elementary School Roof Replacement Consultant

The Board approved the proposal from Edward Meinert Architect for a cost of \$26,691 to prepare the necessary plans and specifications and provide the necessary construction oversight services for the replacement of the rubber roof at Ingomar Elementary School that was installed in 1990. Asbestos testing and asbestos monitoring services during construction and any additional asbestos testing shall be in accordance with the unit prices submitted with the proposal.

For Information

The 2009/10 Capital Funding Plan included \$800,000 for the replacement of the roof at this school.

IV. Bradford Woods Elementary, Marshall Middle and North Allegheny Intermediate High Schools Paving Replacement Consultant

The Board approved the proposal from Chamber Design Associates for a cost of \$29,000 to prepare the necessary plans and specifications and provide the necessary construction oversight services for the replacement of the driveway and/or parking lot paving at these sites.

For Information

These projects were included in the 2009/10 Capital Funding Plan with the following estimated costs; BWE for \$225,000, MMS Auditorium Parking Lot for \$200,000 and NAI for \$325,000 Any additional services required shall be done in accordance with the hourly rates provided with their proposal.

ADDENDUM

I. Fourth Amendment to Agreement between North Allegheny School District and Adventure Development LLC

The Board approved the Fourth Amendment to Agreement of Sale and Purchase between North Allegheny School District and AdVenture Development LLC. This agreement extends the closing date for the Transportation District property by ninety (90) days to April 8, 2009.

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

Roll Call Vote. Results: 9-Yes; 0-No. Motion Carried.

SPECIAL EDUCATION AND PUPIL SERVICES REPORT

The Board acknowledged the following student teaching requests:

I. Student Teaching Requests – Special Education

The following students have requested placement in the North Allegheny School District Special Education classrooms during the second semester of the 2008-2009 school year.

<u>STUDENT TEACHER</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>SUPERVISING TEACHER</u>
Darlene Morgan LaRoche College	4/06/09 – 5/22/09	Sandra Stein/Doug Brinkley NAI
Adalie Ecker LaRoche College	4/06/09 – 5/22/09	Scott Oldham Marshall Elementary School
Kelly Fernandez LaRoche College	4/06/09 – 5/22/09	Beth Ann Hefner Ingomar Middle School
Brittany Bisceglia LaRoche College	4/06/09 – 5/22/09	Karen Jones Ingomar Middle School
Amanda Krepp LaRoche College	4/06/09 – 5/22/09	Angela Ewing Carson Middle School

ADDENDUM

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 02/17/2009 through the remainder of the 2008/2009 school year. Wesley Spectrum Academy will bill North Allegheny School District a rate of \$11,358.00.

Roll Call Vote. Results: 9-Yes; 0-No. Motion Carried.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES REPORT

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

I. Waiver of Board Policy #3330 – Student Field Trips

The Board approved waiver of Board Policy #3330 and approval of the students attending the State FBLA Leadership Conference in Hershey, PA, (listed below) during the period of March 30, March 31, and April 1, 2009. The students will be missing three (3) consecutive days of school.

II. North Allegheny FBLA Students – State FBLA Leadership Conference – Hershey, Pennsylvania

The Board approved for the North Allegheny FBLA students to travel to Hershey, Pennsylvania from **Monday, March 30, 2009 through Wednesday, April 1, 2009**, to participate in the State FBLA Leadership Conference. Approximately **28 students** will be participating in this trip.

Roll Call Vote. Results: 9-Yes; 0-No. Motion Carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

On motion by Mrs. Boujoukos, seconded by Mr. Hubert, the Board approved Items I and II 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>
Frances Hawbaker	Curriculum Site Visit to Naperville 203 North High School Host: Naperville School District Naperville, IL	2/26- 2/27/2009	\$ 105.20
Katherine Jenkins Tawnia St. Amant	Pennsylvania Middle School Association Professional Development Institute Sponsor: PMSA Harrisburg, PA	3/1/-3/3/2009	\$ 409.00 \$ 300.00
Len Fritsch Paul Pokorny	One Day Conference Sponsor: PA Turfgrass Council Pittsburgh, PA	3/4/2009	\$ 85.00 \$ 75.00
Matt McCusker Ed Roman Lynn Roman Dave Schmidt	Curriculum Site Visit Host: Neshaminy School District and West Babylon School District Langhorne, PA and West Babylon, NY	3/8-3/10/2009	\$ 70.00 \$ 70.00 \$ 1,080.30* \$ 70.00
Dana Deily	Supercharge Your Guided Reading Instruction Sponsor: AIU3 Pittsburgh, PA	3/10/2009	\$ 199.00

Rob Hetzel	1 Day Contractor/Supervisor Refresher Course Sponsor: Center for Environmental and Occupational Training, Inc. Pittsburgh, PA	3/11/2009	\$ 110.00
Sherri Ludwig	Attendance/Child Accounting Professional Association – Spring Conference Sponsor: Attendance/Child Accounting Professional Association Hershey, PA	3/18- 3/20/2009	\$ 920.30
Pattie Karki Darlene Krey	Pennsylvania Association of School Nurses and Practitioners Annual Education Conference Sponsor: PASNAP State College, PA	3/20- 3/22/2009	\$ 448.00 \$ 533.23
Lindsey Battaglia Pete Martorelli Chris Sestili	Pennsylvania Future Business Leaders of America – States Sponsor: PA – FBLA Hershey, PA	3/30-4/1/2009	\$ 502.00 \$ 354.00 \$ 354.00
Dave DeGregorio Christopher Jackson Brenda Laughrey David Schmidt Linda Similo Eric Wanner	2009 American Alliance for Health and Physical Education Convention Sponsor: American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance Tampa, FL	4/1-4/4/2009	\$ 459.20* \$ 1,239.20* \$ 459.20* \$ 1,239.20* \$ 1,239.20* \$ 459.20*
Barbara Hoffman Jane Young	Pennsylvania Association of Family and Consumer Sciences 86 th Annual Conference Sponsor: Pennsylvania Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Malvern, PA	4/16- 4/18/2009	\$ 395.00 \$ 1,049.00

*PEP Grant

II. Second Reading and Request for Adoption of Revised Board Policy #4000 – Child Abuse and/or Neglect

In accordance with Board Policy #1710, the Board approved adoption of the attached revised Board Policy #4000, Child Abuse and/or Neglect.

Board Policy #4000 is attached to the end of these Minutes.

Roll Call Vote. Results: 9-Yes; 0-No. Motion Carried.

Additional Good News

Dr. Green commended Dr. Brian Miller, Dr. Timothy Steinhauer and Mr. David Woten who joined her for their presentation on the topic “Magic in the Middle School Model,” which was made at the AASA National Conference in San Francisco, which was very well-attended and well-received.

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

Mr. Maiello provided a written report to the Board.

REPORTS BY THE BOARD

A.W. Beattie Career Center

Mr. Schwartzmier, is now heading up the Building and Grounds Committee at Beattie and they will begin meeting twice a month, in addition to the regular Beattie meeting. He reported on the planned construction project and they are expecting that all bids will be in around the first of April, with a tentative ground-breaking date of May 5, 2009. He brought back information about a new WIFI system that is reputed to be much more efficient than what is currently in use in most buildings. He will share this with the North Allegheny IT Department.

North Allegheny Foundation

Mr. Shuckrow reported that a rubric is being developed for the evaluation of grants, which he feels will be helpful to both those who are developing grants and to the Trustees as they review them. He also reported that the Foundation has lost some investment dollars due to the economic situation. They have pulled 30% of money that was invested and put the money into a safer bond fund. This makes the Golf Outing more important to them than ever this year. At Diamond Run, where the event is being held on June 15, they will be required to pay for 72 golfers, whether that number of golfers play or not. He urged the Board to help the Foundation recruit participants. People who do not wish to golf, may attend the dinner. Once again, Maiello, Brungo & Maiello will be the Title Sponsor, and he thanked them for their support.

Hall of Fame

Mr. Schwartzmier reported that the committee met in January to review the last banquet and to clean up loose ends.

Legislative Report

Mr. Shuckrow filed this report for the month:

1. **American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Stimulus Package).** President Obama signed the Stimulus Package into law. Of the \$787 billion in the law, \$115 billion goes to education. Directly, it is estimated that North Allegheny will receive \$1.6 million from the package which will be for IDEA-Part B and will be in addition to the amount that would be provided under a separate FY 2009 appropriations measure. The specific allocations for school infrastructure were not included in the final act but there is the ability for states to use “state stabilization funds” for school infrastructure needs. The state stabilization program is new. Pennsylvania is estimated to receive \$1.9 billion in “state stabilization funds,” a newly-created program. The Act also contains funding for school districts that would reward teacher excellence and increase teacher professional development opportunities. Additionally, the maximum Pell Grant scholarship will increase by \$500 to \$5,350 for 2009-10 and to \$5,500 for 2010-11.
2. **PSERS Pension Issues.** The Board received in its take home materials an article about the loss in value to the PSERS investments as a result of the economic downturn. PSERS reported a 29.7% loss in the value of its investments by the end of 2008. PSERS currently estimates that there is a potential that the employer contribution rate could rise to 28% or more by 2012-13. The rate for 2009-10 is 4.78%.
3. **GCA’s.** Senator Orie recently issued a news release opposing GCA’s and the actions of the Department of Education to move forward on these tests while the one-year moratorium remains in effect. Meanwhile, the State Board of Education is continuing to conduct hearings on the GCA’s. The closest upcoming hearing is in Grove City on March 3, 2009 at 10:00 AM.
4. **Special Education Costing Out Study.** A study was released which had been commissioned by various special education advocates. The study is called “Costing Out the Resources for Special Education in Pennsylvania.” The same firm that authored the costing-out study commissioned by the General Assembly in 2007 authored this report. Based on my review of the results it appears that according to the analysis used in this study, North Allegheny is adequately funding special education.
5. The **State Legislature** is in recess until March 9.

PSBA Report

Mrs. Bishop added that there is a new initiative called FREE (Focusing Resources on Education Expenses) created to move some legislation forward on the topic of the GCA's. Representative Karen Beyer is again going to be reintroducing her legislation on Cyber Charter School funding. Mrs. Bishop commended Senator Orié's efforts to stave off the GCA's. PSBA has also created a task force to study the improvement of communications. There will be a restructuring of the organization to address this issue.

Summer Recreation

Mr. Pagone noted that at the February 12, 2009 meeting, it was decided that the program will be eliminating two sites for Summer Rec this year—Bradford Woods and Warrendale Park. This information will be included in upcoming communications.

SPEAKERS

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Grosheider adjourned the meeting at **9:29 p.m.** The Board met in Executive Session at the conclusion of the meeting to discuss a couple of litigation matters.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Mary Ryan, Secretary
North Allegheny School Board