

*NORTH ALLEGHENY SCHOOL DISTRICT*

***MARCH 25, 2009 – REGULAR MEETING***

*MINUTES*

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

Board Absent: Mrs. Boujoukos, Mr. Schwartzmier

Student in Attendance: Ms. Peng

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, March 25, 2009** in the **Board Room** of the **Central Administrative Offices**.

**REGULAR MEETING**

**Mrs. Grosheider** called the meeting to order at **7:32 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 April 2009. Prior to the April 22, 2009 Work Session, the Board will have a Distinguished Achievement Awards ceremony in the Board Room at 7:00 p.m. There are no reports scheduled for April.

**Announcements**

Tomorrow evening, March 26, 2009, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Carson Middle School in the foyer there will be an **ESL** (English as a Second Language) **Family Night**. It is a very nice event that is being planned with food, entertainment, and an opportunity to meet the teachers and students. Everyone is welcome to attend.

On Friday evening, March 27, 2009, there will be a **Make-A-Wish** event at NAI. It will begin with a basketball game at 6:00 p.m. featuring Transportation/Purchasing vs. Maintenance/Facilities. The McKnight Staff vs. McKnight Parents will take place at 7:00 p.m. Afterwards there will be a concert in the Auditorium by “Intransit.” Mr. Pagone explained that their goal is to grant three “wishes,” which is \$10,500. Raffle tickets are available from Mr. Pagone.

**Mrs. Grosheider** also announced that the Board did not meet in Executive Session at the conclusion of last week’s meeting but they will be meeting in Executive Session at the conclusion of this meeting to discuss a personnel matter and to discuss a student matter.

**MINUTES**

**On motion by Mr. Hubert, seconded by Mrs. Bishop**, the Board approved the published minutes of the February 18, 2009 Work Session and the February 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: 9-Yes, with an abstention by Mr. Pagone to the Minutes of February 18, 2009; 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. NASH Fall Play – *Rabbit Hole***

The Board approved the NASH fall play, *Rabbit Hole*, to be presented in the NASH Auditorium.

**For Information**

This play was reviewed by the NASH Play Selection Committee that is made up of staff, parents, and Board Members and was unanimously approved. This play will provide over 10 students an opportunity to participate as cast members and a stage crew of over 10 students.

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

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**On motion by Mrs. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Shuckrow,** the Board approved Items I through III 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 February 2009, in the amount of \$7,998,733.64.
- B. Accounts Payable list dated March 2009, in the amount of \$169,151.24.
- C. Supplemental Capital Reserve Fund Accounts Payable list dated February 2009, in the amount of \$30,704.00.
- D. Supplemental Technology Fund Accounts Payable list dated February 2009, in the amount of \$2,205.00.
- E. Supplemental 2000 NASH/Newman Stadium Construction Fund Accounts Payable list dated February 2009, in the amount of \$28,413.00.
- F. Supplemental CMS/IMS Construction Fund Accounts Payable list dated February 2009, in the amount of \$602.00.
- G. Supplemental Cafeteria Fund Accounts Payable list dated February 2009, in the amount of \$444,427.31.

**II. AIU Program of Services Budget**

The Board approved the proposed 2009/2010 Allegheny Intermediate Unit Program of Services Budget as presented. The Budget totals \$3,807,900 and reflects a 0% increase in the total district allocation.

**III. 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>
2800-500 Other Purchased Svcs Support Services – Central	2800-600 Supplies Support Services - Central	\$ 300.00

2200-500 Other Purchased Services Support Services – Instructional Staff	2200-800 Other Objects Support Services – Instructional Staff	\$	15.00
2600-600 Supplies Operation & Maintenance of Plant Svcs	1100-400 Purchased Property Services Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	\$	256.00
2800-100 Salaries Support Services – Central	2800-300 Purch Prof & Tech Svcs Support Services - Central	\$119,600.00	
TOTAL TRANSFERS FOR THE MONTH	120,171	PERCENT OF TOTAL BUDGET	0.10%
TOTAL TRANSFERS YEAR TO DATE	152,699	PERCENT OF TOTAL BUDGET	0.13%

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

### **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 V, as contained in the Board Folder and as listed below:

#### **I. Resignations**

The Board approved the following Resignations:

Jerome Beamon	Extra Board Bus Driver, Transportation Effective 03/06/09	Personal Reasons
Jason LeClaire	Utility Custodian, Facilities Effective 03/27/09	Personal Reasons
Marian Metro	Special Education Assistant, MCK Effective 02/25/09	Personal Reasons
Harry Price	Substitute Bus Driver, Transportation Effective 02/27/09	Personal Reasons
Robert Ralcewicz	PM Mechanic, Transportation Effective 04/17/09	Personal Reasons
Jennifer Ross	Elementary School Counselor, FES/IES Effective 06/12/09	Personal Reasons
Richard Shannon	Custodian, Facilities Effective 06/29/09 16 yrs. @ NA	Retirement

Susan Sweeney	Secretary, Athletic Department Effective 08/14/09 21 yrs. @ NA	Retirement
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The Board approved the following adjustment to previously approved Retirement:

Virginia Musher	<u>From</u> Effective 06/30/09	<u>To</u> Effective 06/29/09
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**II. Appointments**

The Board approved the following Appointments:

**Professional**

Susan Rusnak	Physics, NASH Effective 03/09/09 for remainder of 2008/2009 School Year Only	Per Diem Sub \$152.39/day
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Sara Watkins	PT Learning Support, MMS Effective 10/06/08	Prof Contract Step 2 Col. A \$22,258
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**Paraprofessional**

Renee Troia	Facilities Secretary, Facilities Effective 03/26/09	\$12.85/hr. Class I-B 8 Hours/Day 260 Days/Yr.
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The Board approved the following as substitute/clerical aides at \$7.50/hr. as needed, effective March 01, 2009:

Annette Exley  
Joan Huber  
Nancy Nysewander

**Classified**

<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>TYPE OF WORK</u></b>	<b><u>SALARY</u></b>	<b><u>START DATE</u></b>
Judy Callaghan	Probationary Bus Driver	\$13.86/hr.	03/11/09
Alex Felkar	Probationary Bus Driver	\$13.86/hr.	03/05/09
James Ross	From Probationary Bus Driver to Extra Board Driver	No Change	02/20/09
Richard Rostek	Probationary Bus Driver	\$13.86/hr.	02/23/09

**III. Wage Status Changes**

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

	<b><u>From</u></b>	<b><u>To</u></b>	<b><u>Effective Date</u></b>
Carol Davis	\$13.12/hr.	\$15.44/hr.	03/29/09
Mary Marous	\$16.46/hr.	\$19.37/hr.	04/05/09

**IV. Leaves of Absence – Donald Bevan, Jennifer Dietz, Mary Hritz, Sandra Jugus, Joan Neuberger, Robert Ralcewicz, Susan Sateriale, Richard Frankenstein**

The Board approved an unpaid Leave of Absence for Donald Bevan, Bus Driver, Transportation Department, effective May 14, 2009 through May 18, 2009.

The Board approved an unpaid Leave of Absence for Jennifer Dietz, Teacher, North Allegheny Senior High School, effective August 24, 2009 through December 18, 2009.

The Board approved an unpaid Leave of Absence for Mary Hritz, Teacher, Marshall Elementary School, effective March 30, 2009 through April 01, 2009.

The Board approved an unpaid Leave of Absence for Sandra Jagus, Special Education Assistant, Peebles Elementary School, effective April 22, 2009 through April 29, 2009.

The Board approved an unpaid Leave of Absence for Joan Neuberger, Teacher, Franklin Elementary School, effective May 11, 2009 through May 15, 2009.

The Board approved an unpaid Leave of Absence for Robert Ralcewicz, Mechanic, Transportation Department, effective March 16, 2009 through April 16, 2009.

The Board approved an unpaid Leave of Absence for Susan Sateriale, Special Education Assistant, McKnight Elementary School, effective February 24, 2009 through March 18, 2009.

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

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Richard Frankenstein	Unpaid Leave: 02/18/09-02/28/09	Unpaid Leave: 02/18/09-02/27/09

**V. Extension of Leave of Absence – Richard Cercone**

The Board approved an Extension of an Unpaid Leave of Absence for Richard Cercone, Transportation, effective through June 11, 2009.

**VI. Educational Travel Leave of Absence – Linda LeDonne**

The Board approved an Educational Travel Leave of Absence for Linda LeDonne, Teacher, Carson Middle School, effective for the 2009/2010 School Year.

**VII. Honoraria**

The Board approved the following Honoraria Application:

Rich Gebrosky	NAL Team – IMS	<u>Submitted</u> 02/26/09	\$ 500.00
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**TOTAL HONORARIA 2008/2009 EXPENDITURES THRU 03/25/09 \$63,150.00**

**VIII. Supplemental Contracts**

The Board approved the following Supplemental Contract:

<sup>1</sup> *Megan Fletcher(s)	Gymnastics Co-Varsity Head Coach	\$ 2,300.00
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The Board approved the following adjustment to previously approved Supplemental Contract:

Lisa Failla(s)	Gymnastics Co-Varsity Head Coach	<u>From</u> \$3,925.00	<u>To</u> \$1,625.00
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\* 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. Appointments**

The Board approved the following Appointments:

**Professional**

The Board approved the following adjustment to the previously submitted Appointment:

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Sara Watkins	Prof Contract	Sub Form

**Paraprofessional**

The Board approved the following as substitute/clerical aides at \$7.50/hr. as needed, effective March 01, 2009:

Carol DiTullio  
Linda Nardoizzi

**Classified**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TYPE OF WORK</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>START DATE</u>
Gary Banks	Probationary Bus Driver	\$13.86/hr.	03/25/09
Gary Jurksaitis	PT Custodian	\$ 8.50/hr.	03/29/09
Edward O'Neill	Probationary Bus Driver	No Change	03/23/09

**II. Wage Status Changes**

The Board approved 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>
Leslie Spahr Waldfogle	\$13.12/hr.	\$15.44/hr.	10/04/08

The Board approved a change from the day-to-day substitute rate to \$148.32 for Maggie English, long-term sub for Jill Majors, Teacher, North Allegheny Intermediate School. The effective date for this change is February 25, 2009.

**III. Leave of Absence – Sarah Parrish**

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

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Sarah Parrish	Unpaid Leave: 10/24/08-12/05/08	Unpaid Leave: 10/30/08-12/23/08

**IV. Honoraria**

The Board approved the following Honoraria Applications:

		<u>Submitted</u>	
John Fellers	SAT Prep Course	03/20/09	\$ 1,150.00
Becky Hulme	“ “	03/20/09	\$ 900.00
Cathy Jones	“ “	03/20/09	\$ 450.00
Dave Morris	“ “	03/20/09	\$ 900.00
Carissa Schott	“ “	03/20/09	\$ 900.00
Christine Walters	“ “	03/20/09	\$ 450.00
Dennis Morton	N.A. Fiddlers	03/12/09	\$ 900.00

**TOTAL HONORARIA 2008/2009 EXPENDITURES THRU 03/25/09 \$68,800.00**

**V. Supplemental Contracts**

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

		<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
<sup>1</sup> Jason Winschel	Head Coach Boys' Middle School Track	\$3,105.00	\$3,500.00

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

		<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
*Joseph Beierle	Asst. Varsity Coach Track	\$2,324.00	\$ 602.56

\* Not a District Employee

<sup>1</sup> First Time Supplemental Contract Holder in this position

<sup>(s)</sup> One contract shared by more than one person

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

**PROPERTY AND SUPPLIES REPORT**

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

**I. Submission of PDE Form 3074(a) for Replacement of the Freezer - NAI**

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 Education for the Replacement of the Freezer at NAI.

**For Information**

This form must be completed by the District and submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Education by the District for their 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.

**II. Submission of PDE Form 3074(a) for Replacement of the Roof – Ingomar Elementary School**

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 Education for the Replacement of the Roof at Ingomar Elementary School.

**For Information**

This form must be completed by the District and submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Education by the District for their 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.

**III. Submission of PDE FORM 3074(a) for Replacement of the Paving at the Auditorium Parking Lot – Marshall Middle School**

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 Education for the Replacement of the Paving in the Auditorium Parking Lot at the Marshall Middle School.

**For Information**

This form must be completed by the District and submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Education by the District for their 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.

**IV. Submission of PDE FORM 3074(a) for Replacement of the Driveway Paving and Sidewalks - NAI**

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 Education for the Replacement of the Driveway Paving and Sidewalks at NAI.

**For Information**

This form must be completed by the District and submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Education by the District for their 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. Submission of PDE FORM 3074(a) for Replacement of the Driveway and Parking Lot Paving – Bradford Woods Elementary School**

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 Education for the Replacement of the Driveway and Parking Lot Paving at Bradford Woods Elementary School.

**For Information**

This form must be completed by the District and submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Education by the District for their 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.

**VI. Partial Fee Waiver – Pakistani American Association of Greater Pittsburgh**

The Board approved a 50% waiver of rental fees for the following association, which has requested to utilize North Allegheny facilities pursuant to Administrative Procedures #7110 - General Provisions and Procedures for Use of School Facilities.

**Pakistani American Association of Greater Pittsburgh**

**For Information**

The above-named is a non-profit organization that is requesting use of our facilities for club activities. The organization is comprised of 34% North Allegheny residents. Based on this, they are eligible for a 50% fee waiver for use of North Allegheny School District facilities to conduct their program.

Information required by Administrative Procedures #7110 is on file in the Facilities Department offices.

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

**SPECIAL EDUCATION AND PUPIL SERVICES REPORT**

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

**I. Agreement Between North Allegheny School District and Holy Family Alternative Education**

The Board approved the Educational Services Agreement between Holy Family Alternative Education and the North Allegheny School District for one student on a pro-rata basis for the remainder of the 2008/2009 school year at an educational cost not to exceed \$17,753.40.

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

**STUDENT ACTIVITIES REPORT**

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

**I. North Allegheny Honors Wind Ensemble – PMEA Conference – Valley Forge, Pennsylvania**

The Board approved for the North Allegheny Senior High School Honors Wind Ensemble students to travel to Valley Forge, Pennsylvania from **Wednesday, April 22, 2009 (after school) through Thursday, April 23, 2009** to participate in the 76<sup>th</sup> Annual PMEA In-service Conference. Approximately **60 students** will be participating in this trip.

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

The Board approved the Marshall Middle School GOAL students to travel to Wheeling Jesuit University in Wheeling, West Virginia on **Monday, April 27, 2009** to participate in the Challenger Space Center learning activity. Approximately **35 students** will be participating in this trip.

**III. Waiver of Board Policy #3330 – Student Field Trips**

The Board approved waiver of Board Policy #3330 and approval of the students attending the **Euro Challenge Competition, in New York City, New York** during the period of April 28 – 30, 2009. The students will be missing three days of school.

**IV. Intermediate High School GOAL Students – EURO Challenge Competition – New York City, New York**

The Board approved the Intermediate High School GOAL Students to travel to the Euro Challenge Competition, in New York City, New York from **Tuesday, April 28 through Thursday, April 30, 2009** to participate in the Euro Challenge Competition. There will be **5 students** participating in this trip.

**V. Waiver of Board Policy #3330 – Student Field Trips**

The Board approved waiver of Board Policy #3330 and approval of the students attending the **International DECA Career Development Conference and Competition, in Anaheim, California** during the period of April 28 – May 3, 2009. The students will be missing four days of school.

**VI. North Allegheny High School DECA Group – International DECA Career Development Conference and Competition – Anaheim, California**

The Board approved the North Allegheny High School DECA Chapter to travel to the International DECA Career Development Conference and Competition in Anaheim, California from **Tuesday, April 28 through Sunday, May 3, 2009** to participate in the International DECA Career Development Conference and Competition. There will be **9 students** participating in this trip.

**VII. Marshall Middle School – Eighth Grade GOAL Students – Washington, D.C. and Williamsburg, Virginia**

The Board approved the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade GOAL students at Marshall Middle School to travel to Washington, D.C. and Williamsburg, Virginia from **Friday, May 1, 2009 through Monday, May 4, 2009** to visit places that will enhance and enrich their social studies curriculum. Approximately **75-80 students** will be participating in this trip.

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

The Board approved the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade students at McKnight Elementary School to travel to the Cleveland Zoo in Cleveland, Ohio on **Tuesday, June 9, 2009** to visit and experience the Cleveland Zoo and Rainforest Center. There will be **141 students** participating in this trip.

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

**Ms. Peng** reported that NAIdol went well and they raised over \$1000 for Make-A-Wish. She wished the Band and Orchestra good luck in their adjudications this week.

**Ms. Peng** also gave the report from NASH. The *North Star* won awards and recognition from the Pennsylvania Society of Newspaper Editors as part of the 2009 Scholastic Keystone Press Awards. Students winning awards were: Sarah Steimer, Jon Stein, and Randy Potter. Also, good luck to FBLA members who will be attending the 2009 State Convention next week in Hershey. If they qualify, they will have the opportunity to go to the International Convention this summer.

**Mrs. Grosheider** mentioned the fact that **Andy Hamm**, our NASH Student Representative, has been invited to participate with the Pennsylvania Association of Student Councils on April 15, 2009 at the Governor's Mansion in Harrisburg. This event is sponsored by the Department of Education and the First Lady of Pennsylvania's Office. Mr. Hamm will have a session with Mrs. Rendell regarding Civics and other Standards in terms of involvement for students. The Board is very proud of this honor for Andy.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**On motion by Mr. Shuckrow, seconded by Mrs. Bishop**, the Board approved Items I and II, and the Addendum, 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>
Sarah Lavelle	Pennsylvania Music Educators Association Western Region Orchestra Festival Sponsor: North Allegheny Orchestra Parents Association Erie, PA	3/18-3/20/2009	\$ 509.58

Tony Funk	Landscape IPM Seminar	3/26/2009	\$ 40.00
Bill Graper	Sponsor: Penn State Cooperative		\$ 40.00
Rob Hetzel	Extension		\$ 40.00
Joe Schmitt	Wexford, PA		\$ 40.00
Sharon Volpe	Pennsylvania High School Speech League States Sponsor: PHSSL Selinsgrove, PA	3/26-3/28/2009	\$ 3,987.00
Dr. Patricia Green	121 <sup>st</sup> Annual School Directors'	3/30/2009	\$ 65.00
Maureen Grosheider	Convention		\$ 65.00
Daniel Hubert	Sponsor: AIU		\$ 65.00
Alan Shuckrow	Pittsburgh, PA		\$ 65.00
Susie Bjalobok	Pennsylvania Association Federal	4/6/2009	\$ 298.00*
Janet Neuner	Programs Coordinators Annual Conference Sponsor: PAFPC Champion, PA		\$ 220.00*
Mindy Floro	Pennsylvania School Counselors' Association 53 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference Sponsor: Pennsylvania School Counselors' Association Hershey, PA	4/16-4/18/2009	\$ 230.00
Anne Funk	Pennsylvania Music Educators Association State Conference Sponsor: PMEA Valley Forge, PA	4/23-4/25/2009	\$ 808.80
Dean Bornyak	PE4Life Institute at Naperville	4/26-4/28/2009	\$ 879.20**
Bill Love	Sponsor: Health and Physical		\$ 879.20**
Phil Perrone	Education Curriculum Review		\$ 1,177.80**
Ed Roman	Naperville, IL		\$ 879.20**
Lynn Roman			\$ 1,392.35**
Dave Schmidt			\$ 1,177.80**
Joseph Cole	PA Aquatic Facility Technician	4/27/2009	\$ 150.00
Len Fritsch	Course		\$ 180.00
Charles Neely	Sponsor: American Swimming Pool and Spa Association Cranberry Township, PA		\$ 150.00

Lindsey Battaglia	BCIT: The Full Spectrum 26 <sup>th</sup>	4/28/2009	\$ 59.80
Cindy Lang	Annual In-Service Seminar for		\$ 59.80
Chris Sestili	Business Education		\$ 19.80
	Sponsor: Robert Morris University Moon Township, PA		
Nancy Boyle	DECA International Career	4/28-5/3/2009	\$ 9,600.30
Joanne Sullivan	Development Conference		\$ 1,229.93
	Sponsor: DECA, Inc. Anaheim, CA		
Rita Martin	Pennsylvania School Librarians	4/30-5/2/2009	\$ 335.00
Tina Tomczak	Association Annual Conference		\$ 335.00
	Sponsor: Pennsylvania School Library Association State College, PA		
Kelly Caldwell	Records Retention and Destruction	5/6/2009	\$ 223.31
	Sponsor: Fred Pryor Seminars Pittsburgh, PA		
Aliceann Boyle	2009 ESL Conference – Multiple	6/14-6/16/2009	\$ 105.00
Melissa Zarra	Cultures, Multiple Voices: Expanding and Strengthening Practice		\$ 640.06
	Harrisburg, PA		

\* Federal Programs Grant

\*\* PEP Grant

## **II. Second Reading and Request for Adoption – Revised Board Policy #3890 – Positive Behavioral Support Techniques**

In accordance with Board Policy #1710, the Board adopted the attached revised Board Policy #3890, Positive Behavioral Support Techniques.

### **ADDENDUM**

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

The Superintendent respectfully requests that the Board honor the following professional seminar requests:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Conference</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Shannon Connor	Student Assistance Training for Middle and Secondary Personnel Sponsor: WPIC-UPMC Pittsburgh, PA	4/28-4/30/2009	\$ 350.00
Kendra Codol	Bringing the Birds and Bees Down to Earth: Sexuality Education for Persons with Autism Sponsor: PaTTan Pittsburgh, PA	4/29/2009	\$ 28.29

## II. Renewal of Commission – Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education and Curriculum

The Board approved the renewal of the Commission of Dr. Timothy Steinhauer as Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education and Curriculum. The term of this renewal shall be from August 15, 2009 through August 14, 2013. Salary and benefits during this term shall be guided by the Administration Compensation and Performance Plan.

**Roll Call Vote. Results: 7-Yes, with abstentions to their own expenses for Mrs. Grosheider, Mr. Hubert and Mr. Shuckrow; 0-No. Motion Carried.**

Following the approval of **Dr. Steinhauer's** renewal, **Mrs. Grosheider** extended the congratulations of the Board and expressed how delighted they are that he will be continuing in his service to the District. All those in attendance joined in a round of applause and appreciation.

**Dr. Green** shared additional good news about **Matt Vogel**, an Emotional Support teacher in the District, who successfully defended his dissertation earlier this week, so he will now be known as Dr. Mathew Vogel. Congratulations to Dr. Vogel!

### LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

**Mr. Lucas** provided a written report to the Board. He also submitted a check to Mr. Hopkins in the amount of \$132,000 for delinquent taxes.

**REPORTS BY THE BOARD****A.W. Beattie Career Center**

**Mrs. Ludwig** reported that the next Beattie Board meeting will be held tomorrow. The Beattie Open House was held last night and she will have more information about that event to report at the April meeting. However, she did have the opportunity to attend the Mandarin Chinese Class at NASH this past week, which is conducted via video-conferencing technology from Beattie. She thanked Mr. Botti and the NASD IT Department for their time in making this possible and reiterated how impressed she was with our students and the overall experience.

**North Allegheny Foundation**

**Mr. Shuckrow** urged the Board once again to do all they can to assist the Foundation in recruiting golfers for the up-coming annual Golf Outing, due to the minimum number of participants required by Diamond Run. At last evening's meeting, the Foundation Secretary regretfully submitted her resignation due to personal time constraints. Mrs. Leigh Ferron was elected the new Secretary. No new grants were approved this month.

**Summer Recreation**

**Mr. Pagone** informed the group that the summer programs are being publicized in a number of ways. Information is posted on NATV, a link to information is placed on the NASD website, information is available in all municipality offices, and two Thursday Envelop distributions are scheduled. As reported previously, the Warrendale site has been eliminated and because of the work going on at Bradford Woods Elementary, the Bradford Woods site has been eliminated also. Activities will take place at Marshall Middle, Marshall Elementary, Peebles Elementary and McKnight Elementary.

**Legislative Report**

**Mr. Shuckrow** explained that on March 4, 2009, PSBA, the State Board of Education and the PDE came to a compromise on the issue of Graduation Competency Assessments (GCA's). The new concept upon which they have agreed is now known as Keystone Exams. There is concern among many that this new concept is simply a repackaging of GCA's. Among those standing in opposition to this recent development is Senator Jane Orié. Mr. Shuckrow suggested that possibly the Board would like to discuss this further and take a stand on this issue.

**Mrs. Bishop** said that she, too, is in favor of responding in writing to PSBA on our Board's continued concerns. She said we need to take a strong stand in support of Senator Orié's position on this issue and she cited a recent press release by Senator Orié on this topic. Senator Orié is continuing to work to advance a legislation that would forbid the State Board of Education from adopting any standard or regulation that requires school districts to adopt high school graduation requirements or implement a new series of statewide competency assessments and related support services unless the General Assembly enacts language giving the Board express authority to do so. The legislation also would forbid the Department of Education from either expending funds or providing staff resources for developing a new system of high school graduation requirements without legislative approval.

**Mrs. Ludwig, Mrs. Grosheider and Dr. Green** also expressed their concerns about the potential of having more time spent on testing and less time spent on the delivery of instruction in our classrooms. Dr. Green pointed out that the NCLB legislation was enacted without input from schools and school boards and has resulted in tremendous challenges and disagreements. She suggested that this proposal could have the same potential impact.

**The Board** expressed a unanimous opinion that a letter should be written to PSBA expressing disappointment over this “compromise” with the PDE. In addition, a letter of support for her proposed legislation should be written to Senator Orié. Mrs. Bishop and Mr. Shuckrow will work on drafts of those letters.

### **Update on Stimulus Monies**

**Mrs. Grosheider** reported on information regarding the stimulus monies and there is a question as to whether school districts are actually going to see these monies. The Governor has to release the funds and so many states are having problems with their own budgets that money may be used as part of our subsidy this year.

**Dr. Green** reported that she has received correspondence cautioning Superintendents not to spend the promised stimulus dollars quickly. The rationale for this caution is based upon the fact that, although this is federal money, it must pass through the State for distribution. At this time, it is not known what percentage of the total dollars promised will actually be forwarded to us or what the distribution timeframe might be. This uncertainty is due to the serious budgetary issues the State is experiencing. In addition, the guidelines defining how these monies may be spent are not yet clearly defined.

### **SPEAKERS**

**Bob Craig** - had a question about the pension plan for the teachers. He wondered if the recent stock market decline had affected the pension plan the State maintains for the teachers and, if so, how any losses would be supplanted.

### **Response**

**Mrs. Grosheider** responded that reports indicate that indeed the PSERS program has been negatively affected by the stock market downturn. At this point in time, the District’s required contribution percentage has not changed; it is 4.78%. However, it is anticipated that within the next several years, by 2012-2013, it is scheduled to go to 29%. This required contribution for all school districts could increase so dramatically that many school districts will not be able to pay it. This crisis may force the State to make substantive changes to the system overall.

**Mr. Hopkins** put it into perspective. In 2011-2012, based on the projections that we have been given, we would be spending about \$3.2 million; in 2012-2013, that amount would go to \$14.2 million.

**Mr. Craig** also complimented the District on the recent publication *Your Schools*, which is mailed to all residents. He feels it is well-done and very informative.

**SPEAKERS**

No Speakers.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Mrs. Grosheider** adjourned the meeting at **8:16 p.m.** The Board met in Executive Session at the conclusion of the meeting to discuss a personnel matter and to discuss a student matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Mary Ryan, Secretary  
North Allegheny School Board