

NORTH ALLEGHENY SCHOOL DISTRICT

MARCH 26, 2008 – REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

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

Board Absent: None.

Students in Attendance: Ms. Czerniewski; Mr. Hackett

Also in Attendance: Dr. Green, Mr. Maiello (Solicitor), Mr. Botti,
Mr. Devlin, Mrs. Ed, Mr. Gaertner, Dr. Hirsch,
Mr. Hopkins, Dr. Steinhauer, 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 26, 2008** in the **Board Room** of the **Central Administrative Offices**.

REGULAR MEETING

Mrs. Bishop called the meeting to order at **7:34 p.m.** and all stood and recited *The Pledge of Allegiance*. Mrs. Bishop announced that the Board did not meet in Executive Session at the conclusion of the meeting on March 19, 2008. The Board met in Executive Session prior to this meeting to interview a candidate for an Administrative position. At the conclusion of this meeting, they will again meet in Executive Session to discuss two matters related to professional services.

CALENDAR AND AGENDA

Mrs. Bishop reviewed the Agenda for this meeting and the Calendar for April 2008. Prior to the Work Session on April 16, 2008, the Board will be having Distinguished Achievement Awards. There are no reports scheduled for April.

SPEAKERS ON AGENDA ITEMS

No Speakers.

Mrs. Bishop asked the Board's indulgence to take an item out of order to present Addendum II from the Superintendent's Report as the first voting item.

VOTING ITEM

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

ADDENDUM II

I. Supervisor of Special Education

On motion by Mr. Schwartzmier, seconded by Mr. Hubert, the Board approved **Guinevere Maximo** to the position of Supervisor of Special Education at an annual salary of \$93,000, prorated due to date of hire. The salary shall be adjusted annually as directed by the Administrative Compensation and Performance Plan. The effective date of hire shall be determined upon release of her present employer.

Ms. Maximo holds her B.S. in Education from California University of Pennsylvania and has completed graduate studies at the University of Pittsburgh. For the past seven years, she has served the Allegheny Intermediate Unit #3 as a Special Education Supervisor. Previous to that position, she was the Director of Special Education, first at Burgettstown Area and then at Bethlehem Center School Districts. She was also a Teacher and Acting Director of Special Education at the Brownsville Area School District. Ms. Maximo is certified as a Special Education Teacher and as a Supervisor of Special Education.

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

Mrs. Bishop, on behalf of the Board, welcomed Ms. Maximo and all those in attendance gave her a warm round of applause. Dr. Green reiterated how delighted the Administration is to have her join the Central Office staff. Ms. Maximo thanked the Board and indicated that she is excited to begin her work here.

MINUTES

On motion by Mr. Hubert, seconded by Mrs. Boujoukos, the Board approved the published minutes of the February 20, 2008 Special Meeting/Work Session and the February 27, 2008 Regular Meeting and approved them with the understanding that the Directors read the minutes as published and, further, that the Solicitor, also having read the minutes, had no comments or corrections.

Roll Call Vote. Results: 9-Yes, with an abstention by Mr. Pagone to the Minutes of February 27, 2008; 0-No. Motion Carried.

SPEAKERS ON AGENDA ITEMS

No Speakers.

VOTING ITEMS

FINANCIAL REPORT

On motion by Mrs. Grosheider, seconded by Mr. Shuckrow, the Board approved Items I through V 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 2008, in the amount of \$7,698,779.52.
- B. Accounts Payable list dated March 2008, in the amount of \$136,144.84.
- C. Supplemental Capital Reserve Fund Accounts Payable list dated February 2008, in the amount of \$0.00.
- D. Supplemental 1997 Elementary Construction Fund Accounts Payable list dated February 2008, in the amount of \$0.00.
- E. Supplemental Technology Fund Accounts Payable list dated February 2008, in the amount of \$36,823.61.
- F. Supplemental 2000 NASH/Newman Stadium Construction Fund Accounts Payable list dated February 2008, in the amount of \$8,845.00.
- G. Supplemental CMS/IMS Construction Fund Accounts Payable list dated February 2008, in the amount of \$517.09.
- H. Supplemental Cafeteria Fund Accounts Payable list dated February 2008, in the amount of \$258,803.78.

II. AIU Program of Services Budget

The Board approved the proposed 2008/2009 Allegheny Intermediate Unit Program of Services Budget as presented. The Budget totals \$3,790,300 and reflects a 4.4% increase in the total district allocation.

III. Confirmation of Assessment Appeal Process

The Board approved the following resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF NORTH ALLEGHENY SCHOOL DISTRICT CONFIRMING THE PROCESS TO BE FOLLOWED IN CONNECTION WITH THE HANDLING OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

WHEREAS, the Office of Property Assessments of Allegheny County ("OPA") is charged with the obligation to accurately assess real property throughout the County at the property's actual value; and

WHEREAS, in many cases throughout the taxing jurisdiction of the North Allegheny School District the assessment assigned to property by OPA does not accurately reflect the actual value or base year value of the property; and

WHEREAS, commencing in 2006 Allegheny County has adopted a base year system, the application of which has been challenged in multiple court actions; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania in the case of Daugherty v. County of Allegheny, et al., at Number 1777 CD 2006 rendered an opinion dated March 27, 2007 critical of the process followed by Allegheny County in the processing of tax assessment cases and directing Allegheny County to process the assessment appeals pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Second Class County Code; and

WHEREAS, the North Allegheny School District, due to the inaccuracy of the assessments assigned to properties located within the taxing jurisdiction of the North Allegheny School District has utilized data as the basis for filing tax appeals designed to have the tax assessments properly reflect the actual value of the properties as required by applicable law; and

WHEREAS, the appeal process adopted by the North Allegheny School District has resulted in the correction of inaccurate assessments and the capture and avoidance of lost revenue due to improper assessments; and

WHEREAS, the North Allegheny School District has directed its Solicitor to follow an established criteria in determining whether or not to file a tax appeal or attend a tax assessment appeal hearing and desires to confirm the criteria to be followed by its Solicitor in filing tax appeals;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of School Directors of the North Allegheny School District, and it is hereby resolved by the authority of the same:

1. The Board of School Directors of the North Allegheny School District hereby authorizes its Solicitor to file tax assessment appeals and attend assessment appeals pursuant to the following criteria:

a. The Solicitor is authorized to file an appeal on behalf of the North Allegheny School District where sales data indicates that the sale price exceeds the assessment on residential property by more than \$100,000.

b. The Solicitor is authorized to defend against an appeal filed by a taxpayer in cases where the assessed value of the property is \$250,000 or greater.

c. The Solicitor is authorized to use its discretion to determine if it is appropriate to defend against appeals filed by Allegheny County.

d. The Solicitor is authorized to use its discretion to determine the appropriateness of filing tax appeals or attending tax appeal hearings for commercial properties.

IV. The Information Exchange Program (Personal Income Tax)

The Board approved the filing of an application to secure the Pennsylvania Personal Income Tax Data for the year 2006, 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.

V. Budgetary Transfers

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

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
2800-300 Purch Prof & Tech Svcs Support Services – Central	2800-600 Supplies Support Services - Central	\$ 500.00
2800-500 Other Purchased Services Support Services – Central	1100-600 Supplies Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	\$ 50.00
TOTAL TRANSFERS FOR THE MONTH	550	PERCENT OF TOTAL BUDGET 0.000%
TOTAL TRANSFERS YEAR TO DATE	189,051	PERCENT OF TOTAL BUDGET 0.172%

Before voting, Mr. Shuckrow pointed out that the Assessment Appeal Program is a change from last year. We will be appealing far less properties than we did in the past. The threshold will now be \$100,000 between the sales price and assessed value and he thanked Mrs. Bishop for her leadership

in convening the ad hoc committee and having this issue resolved so that everyone will be able to vote favorably for it tonight.

Mrs. Bishop appreciated the members of the Board and Administration who served on this committee and looked at the assessment appeal issues, which included Mr. Cunningham, Mrs. Grosheider, Mr. Hubert and Mrs. Bishop, Dr. Green and Mr. Hopkins. Also Maiello, Brungo & Maiello were involved and very helpful in the process. Mrs. Bishop explained that by raising the threshold, we have been able to address the shockingly under-assessed properties without necessarily addressing every property that the County may not have assessed properly. It was a compromise.

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

TRANSPORTATION REPORT

I. Transportation Agreement - Mayembe

On motion by Mr. Pagone, seconded by Mrs. Boujoukos, the Board approved the agreement between Mr. and Mrs. Mayembe and the North Allegheny School District for transportation of their child to the Wesley Spectrum Services School located in Gibsonia. This agreement provides a reimbursement to Mr. and Mrs. Mayembe for a daily mileage allowance based on the current IRS mileage reimbursement rate.

This agreement expires on June 30, 2008 and has been reviewed and approved by the Solicitor.

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 IX, and the Addendum, Items I and II, as contained in the Board Folder and as listed below:

I. Resignations

The Board approved the following Resignations:

Kathleen Kromer	Library Secretary, CMS	Retirement
	Effective 6/20/08	
	29 yrs. @ NA	

The Board approved the following adjustment to previously approved Retirement:

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Mary Kowal	6/29/08	6/27/08

II. Appointments

The Board approved the following Appointments:

Professional

Brooke Dorsch	Speech/Language, McKnight/IMS/MMS Effective 3/31/08-end of 2007/2008	Per Diem Sub \$151.32/Day
Nancy Moryc	Temporary Transfer from Special Ed Assistant, MMS to Learning Support Teacher, Ingomar Middle School Effective 3/10/08-end of 2007/2008 (for B. Hefner)	Per Diem Sub \$151.32/Day

Paraprofessional

The Board approved the following as substitute/clerical aides at \$7.50/hr. as needed, effective March 1, 2008.

Barbara Draa
Jody Garber
Tricia Gasper
Mark Gray
Rebeca Notaro

Classified

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TYPE OF WORK</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>START DATE</u>
Pamela Dugas	Probationary Driver	\$14.01/hr.	3/17/08
Thomas Hughes	From Probationary Driver To Extra Board Driver	No Change	3/03/08

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

		<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Edward O'Neill	Probationary Driver	8/16/07	8/24/07

III. Wage Status Changes

The Board approved a change from the day-to-day substitute rate to \$147.25 for Dorothy Evans, long term sub for Carla Kuhn, Teacher, Peebles Elementary. The effective date for this change is February 21, 2008.

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>
Kristin Evans	\$11.21/hr.	\$12.70/hr.	4/03/08

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

		<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Scott Bichler	Full Time Driver	\$15.33/hr.	\$15.82/hr.	4/13/08*
Jack Herson	Full Time Driver	\$15.33/hr.	\$15.82/hr.	4/04/08*
Richard Werling	Full Time Driver	\$15.33/hr.	\$15.82/hr.	4/04/08*

*Anniversary Increase

IV. Employee Disciplinary Action

The Board approved a suspension without pay for an employee of the Special Education Department, effective March 18, 2008 for the duration of the 2007/2008 school year.

V. Leaves of Absence – Mary Ann Dunkin

The Board approved an unpaid Leave of Absence for Mary Ann Dunkin, Supervisory Assistant, Marshall Elementary, effective May 12 through May 15, 2008.

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

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Cynthia Sopher	Unpaid Leave 2/4/08-3/28/08	Unpaid Leave 2/4/08-2/29/08

VI. Child Rearing Leaves of Absence – Susie Modrovich

The Board approved an unpaid Child Rearing Leave of Absence for Susie Modrovich, Teacher, McKnight Elementary, upon the exhaustion of her sick days. Her last day of work will be May 2, 2008 and her unpaid leave will be effective May 16, 2008 through the end of the 2007/2008 school year.

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

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Angela Ewing	Last Day of Work: 3/6/08 Unpaid Leave: 4/18/08-end of 07/08	Last Day of Work: 2/22/08 Unpaid Leave: 3/08/08-end of 07/08
Bethann Hefner	<u>From</u> Last Day of Work: 3/20/08 Unpaid Leave: 5/6/08 (p.m.)-end 07/08	<u>To</u> Last Day of Work: 3/6/08 (a.m.) Unpaid Leave: 4/22/08-end 07/08

Mary Beth Rieck	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
	Last Day of Work:	Last Day of Work:
	2/21/08	2/18/08
	Unpaid Leave:	Unpaid Leave:
	2/28/08-5/30/08	2/25/08-5/30/08

VII. Educational Travel Leave of Absence – Patti Wright

The Board approved an Educational Travel Leave of Absence for Patti Wright, Teacher, Marshall Elementary, effective for the 2008/2009 School Year.

VIII. Honoraria

The Board approved the following Honoraria Applications:

		<u>Submitted</u>	
Diane Hinds	Pittsburgh Regional Science & Engineering Fair	2/19/08	\$ 250.00
James Basilone	“ “	2/19/08	\$ 250.00

TOTAL HONORARIA 2007/2008 EXPENDITURES THRU 3/26/08 \$53,306.67

The Board approved the following adjustment to previously approved Honoraria Application:

		<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Deborah Adamczyk	Induction Program	\$ 250.00	\$ 166.67

IX. Supplemental Contracts

The Board approved the following Supplemental Contracts:

¹ *Colin Sheehy(s)	Spring Musical–Technical Director–Lighting	\$ 1,000.00
¹ Nathan Tengowski	Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach	Volunteer
¹ *John Quimby	Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach	Volunteer
¹ *James Popinski(s)	Assistant JV Softball Coach	\$ 1,800.00
¹ *Leslie Mills(s)	Assistant JV Softball Coach	\$ 1,000.00
¹ *Kelly Baritot	Assistant Varsity/Head JV Tennis Coach	\$ 1,956.00
*Frank Baritot	Assistant Varsity Tennis Coach	\$ 500.00
*Carly Urban(s)	Assistant Middle School Track Coach	\$ 1,800.00
¹ Lynsi Renwick(s)	Assistant Middle School Track Coach	\$ 1,000.00
¹ *Catherine Sexton	Assistant Varsity Track Coach	Volunteer
¹ *E. J. Robertson	Assistant Varsity Track Coach	Volunteer
¹ *Kimberly Markel	Assistant Varsity Track Coach	Volunteer

The Board approved the following cancellation of previously approved Supplemental Contract:

*Kevin Hogan(s) Spring Musical – Technical Director – Lighting

- * Not a District Employee
- ¹ 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:

Paraprofessional

Mary Pat Traversari	Transfer from Library Secretary, NAI To Secretary to Assistant Principal, NAI Effective 3/31/08 (replaces L. Eyerman)	\$16.63/hr. Class I-B 8 Hours/Day 260 Days/Year
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Classified

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TYPE OF WORK</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>START DATE</u>
Jon Hogue	PT Custodian—As Assigned	\$8.50/hr.	4/1/08

II. Honoraria

The Board approved the following Honoraria Applications:

		<u>Submitted</u>	
Marleah Herman-Umpleby	Induction Program	3/13/08	\$ 83.33
¹ L. Michelle Backauskas	National Academic League	3/18/08	\$ 500.00
¹ Lisa Moriconi	“ “	3/18/08	\$ 500.00

TOTAL HONORARIA 2007/2008 EXPENDITURES THRU 3/26/08 \$54,390.00

¹ Work completed 3/13/08.

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 X as contained in the Board Folder and as listed below:

I. Xerox WC5665 Copiers

The Board approved a contract for two Xerox WC5665 flat rate copiers at a total cost of \$849.66 per month. This agreement commences March 27, 2008 and expires on June 30, 2012.

For Information

These copiers will be placed in the Copy Center.

II. Donation of Promethean Boards – Franklin Elementary School

The Board approved the donation of two Promethean Boards for Franklin Elementary School by the Franklin Elementary PFA. The value of this donation is \$7,500.00.

The completed Disclaimer Release for this donation will be attached to the Official Minutes.

III. Submission of PDE Form 3074(a) For Replacement of the Roof at Peebles 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 Peebles 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.

IV. Submission of PDE Form 3074(a) For Turf Replacement and Track Repairs at Newman Stadium

The Board approved and submitted form PDE-3074(a), SELF CERTIFICATION APPLICATION FOR NON-REIMBURSABLE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT, SUBJECT TO ADVERTISING OR BIDDING REQUIREMENTS, to the Pennsylvania Department of Educations for the Renovations at Newman Stadium.

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 Roof at Franklin 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 Educations for the Replacement of the Roof at Franklin 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. Change Orders

The Board approved the following change orders to the construction contracts for the following school project.

The complete change order document will be attached to the Official Minutes.

NAI Masonry and Glass Block Restoration

Number	Description	Contract	Amount
MR-01	Delete the installation of the stainless steel drip edge flashing.	Morow Masonry & Restoration, Inc	(\$3,500.00)
MR-02	Replace an additional 105 glass block found to be damaged during this project.	Morow Masonry & Restoration, Inc	\$ 2,100.00

VII. NASH Elevator Inspection Consultant

The Board approved the proposal from Lerch Bates, Inc. for a not to exceed cost of \$1,400 to provide the necessary services for the inspection of the main and pool elevator systems at NASH. Any additional services shall be performed in accordance with the hourly rates provided as part of their proposal.

For Information

This consultant will work with the Facilities Department to ensure that these two elevators and the associated systems at NASH operate as designed.

VIII. Bid Award – Lawn Maintenance Services

The Board approved the Unit Prices submitted by Pittsburgh Lawn Care to provide Lawn Maintenance Services at all of the District’s facilities, for a term of July 1, 2008 to November 30, 2011, be accepted as the lowest responsible bidder, meeting all specifications. The total yearly is cost based on 26 weeks for lawn maintenance service for 2008/09 & 2009/10. The cost for the 2010/11 years was calculated based on 42 weeks for lawn maintenance services.

<u>2008/09</u>	<u>2009/10</u>	<u>2010/11</u>
\$40,820.00	\$40,820.00	\$66,360.00

For Information

The yearly costs are calculated by using the unit prices submitted for weekly service. Any additional services required, such as tree and shrub trimming, weed control, detention pond maintenance, mulch application, and additional areas such as cross country trails, courtyards, hillsides, etc., shall be in accordance with the Unit Prices submitted.

IX. Bid Award – Refuse and Recycling Service

The Board approved the Unit Prices submitted by Vogel Disposal Service, Inc. for Refuse and Recycling Service at all of the District’s facilities, for a term of July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2011, be accepted as the lowest responsible bidder, meeting all specifications. The total yearly cost based on 52 weeks of service is:

<u>2008/09</u>	<u>2009/10</u>	<u>2010/11</u>
\$75,041.72	\$78,033.80	\$83,487.04

For Information

The yearly costs are calculated by using the unit prices submitted for weekly service. Any additional services required shall be in accordance with the Unit Prices submitted.

X. Bradford Woods, Marshall Elementary and Marshall Middle Schools Energy Management and Control System Replacement Consultant

The Board approved the proposal from BDA Engineering, Inc. for a cost of \$16,900 to prepare the necessary plans and specifications and provide the necessary construction oversight services for the replacement of the energy management and control systems at these schools that were installed in 1992 and 1993.

For Information

The 2008/09 Capital Funding Plan included \$150,000 for the replacement of the energy management systems at these three schools.

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

SPECIAL EDUCATION AND PUPIL SERVICES REPORT**I. Agreement Between North Allegheny School District and The St. Margaret Foundation**

On motion by Mrs. Boujoukos, seconded by Mr. Shuckrow, the Board approved the agreement between the North Allegheny School District and the St. Margaret Foundation for the St. Margaret Foundation Automated External Defibrillator Donation Agreement. The Foundation operates a program known as Pittsburgh United for Life-Saving Emergencies (PULSE), which donates automated external defibrillators (AEDs) and AED accessories and program support to qualifying and selected organizations located throughout Allegheny County and surrounding communities in western Pennsylvania. The St. Margaret Foundation will maintain 31 AEDs for the North Allegheny School District.

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

STUDENT ACTIVITIES REPORT

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

I. NAI GOAL Students – Euro Challenge Competition – New York, New York

The Board approved for the GOAL students from NAI to travel to New York City, New York from **Monday, April 28 through Wednesday, April 30, 2008** to participate in the Euro Challenge. A total of **5 students** will be participating in this event.

II. 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 Atlanta, Georgia during the period of April 25-30, 2008. The students will be missing four days of school.

III. North Allegheny High School DECA Group – International DECA Career Development Conference and Competition – Atlanta, Georgia

The Board approved for the North Allegheny High School DECA Chapter to travel to the International DECA Career Development Conference and Competition in Atlanta, Georgia from **Friday, April 25 through Wednesday, April 30, 2008**, to participate in the International DECA Career Development Conference and Competition.

ADDENDUM**I. Air Force JROTC – Naval Bases – Norfolk, Virginia**

The Board approved for the Air Force JROTC from NAI and NASH to visit and tour the Norfolk Naval Base, Oceana Naval Base and Little Creek Amphibious Base in Norfolk, Virginia from **Sunday, April 20 through Tuesday, April 22, 2008**. A total of **40 students** will be participating in this visit.

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

Mr. Hackett reported that the Tiger Walk was a success at NAI and the winner was selected this week. The tiger picture now hangs in the main hall near the office and the other pictures will remain on the wall throughout the remainder of the school year.

Ms. Czerniewski reported on events that she mentioned last week including upcoming events: Music In Our Schools, the Senior Banquet, Harms Way 4 Kids and the Disney trip to Orlando by the Chorus, Band and Orchestra.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT**I. 1997 Series D Swaption Call**

On motion by Mr. Hubert, seconded by Mrs. Boujoukos, the Board approved the following resolution concerning the 1997 Series D Swaption Call:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors of the North Allegheny School District has requested the Authority to issue its Variable Rate Demand Revenue Bonds on its behalf with the following requirements:

WHEREAS, the State Public School Building Authority (the “Authority”) is authorized by the State Public School Building Authority Act, as amended (being a part of the Public School Code of 1949, as amended, 24 P.S. §791.1 et seq. (the “Act”), to lend funds to school districts for, among other purposes, refinancing outstanding bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Act further authorizes the Authority to issue variable rate revenue bonds for the purposes of paying the cost of any such projects and all incidental expenses incurred in issuing such bonds and to secure the payment of such bonds as provided by the Act; and

WHEREAS, the North Allegheny School District (the “School District”) has previously issued \$18,100,000 aggregate principal amount, General Obligation Bonds, Series D of 1997 stated to mature on May 1, 2021 and outstanding as of March 1, 2008 (the “Series 1997 Bonds”) the proceeds of which were used to finance capital improvements to school district facilities; and

WHEREAS, on December 23, 2004, the School District entered into an interest rate management agreement (the “2004 Swap Agreement”) with PNC Bank, N.A., as Counterparty (the “Counterparty”) consisting of an ISDA (International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc.) Master Agreement, a Schedule and a Confirmation dated December 23, 2004 (the “2004 Confirmation”); and

WHEREAS, the 2004 Swap Agreement relates to the 1997 Bonds and any such bonds as may be issued to refund the same and provides that the Counterparty will pay to, or on the order of, the School District periodic floating rate amounts equal to 68% of one-month LIBOR calculated against notional amounts related to the \$18,100,000 outstanding principal of the Series 1997 Bonds, and the School District will pay, or cause to be paid, to the Counterparty periodic fixed rate amounts based on a fixed percentage equal to 5.00% calculated against such notional amounts; and

WHEREAS, the School District has requested the Authority to issue its Variable Rate Demand Revenue Bonds (North Allegheny School District Project), Series 2008, or similar designation (the “Bonds”) in the estimated principal amount of \$18,145,000 for the purpose of currently refunding all of the Series 1997 Bonds.

The complete resolution will be attached to the Official Minutes.

Mr. Jason DeMartini from PNC and Mr. Clif Pastel from Eckert Seamans were on hand to answer any questions or to clarify any matters. A question was asked about the variable rate debt and it was explained that this is a complicated transition and the variable rate debt has been mitigated by the swap feature of this transaction. PNC is swapping payments with the District and the interest rate fluctuations have been lessened.

**Roll Call Vote. Results: 8-Yes; 0-No; 1-Abstention (Mr. Cunningham).
Motion Carried**

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

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

I. Professional Seminar Requests

<u>Name</u>	<u>Conference</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Chuck Neely	Landscape Integrated Pest	3/26/2008	\$ 40.00
Paul Pokorny	Management Seminar		\$ 40.00
Jim Suhadolnik	Sponsor: Penn State Extension – Allegheny County Wexford, PA		\$ 40.00

Robert Gaertner	Construction Law from Contract to Closeout in Pennsylvania Sponsor: Lorman Education Services Pittsburgh, PA	3/26/2008	\$ 354.00
Sharon Volpe	Pennsylvania High School Speech League Tournament Sponsor: Pennsylvania High School Speech League Susquehanna, PA	3/27-3/29/2008	\$ 5,283.32
Suzanne Carson Debbie Kline	Art & Poetry for Our Watershed Sponsor: 3 Rivers Wet Weather/Riverquest/Arts Education Collaborative Pittsburgh, PA	4/2 & 4/9/2008	\$ 75.00 \$ 75.00
Christopher Jackson	Promoting Fitness – Practical Ideas, Activities and Games Sponsor: Bureau of Education & Research Pittsburgh, PA	4/7/2008	\$ 195.00
John Schaefer	24 th National Space Symposium Sponsor: Space Foundation Colorado Spring, CO	4/7 & 8/2008	\$ 462.00
Dr. Patricia Green Karen Boujoukos Maureen Grosheider Daniel Hubert Thomas Schwartzmier Alan Shuckrow	120 th Annual School Directors' Convention Sponsor: Allegheny Intermediate Unit Pittsburgh, PA	4/8/2008	\$ 60.00 \$ 60.00 \$ 60.00 \$ 60.00 \$ 60.00 \$ 60.00
Melissa Zarra	Collaborating to Meet the Academic and Linguistic Needs of English Language Learners Sponsor: PATTAN Harmarville, PA	4/15-4/16/2008	\$ 21.21
Patricia Barber Kristen Huskey	The Assessment and Treatment of Dyslexia and Other Reading/Language Disorders Sponsor: Health Education Network, LLC Monroeville, PA	4/18/2008	\$ 169.00 \$ 169.00*

Tammy Andreyko	PMSA Quarterly Meeting for the Board of Directors Sponsor: Pennsylvania Middle Schools Association State College, PA	4/24-4/26/2008	\$ 285.00
Nancy Boyle	International Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) Career Development Conference Sponsor: National DECA Atlanta, GA	4/25-4/30/2008	\$ 3,620.70
Mark Anticole	Chemistry Building Competition Sponsor: University of Maryland College Park, MD	4/26/2008	\$ 24.00
Joann Urbaniak	Euro Challenge Competition Sponsor: Wise, Moody Foundation New York, NY	4/28-4/29/2008	\$ 548.00
Cindy Lang	Robert Morris University's 25 th	4/29/2008	\$ 58.18
Judy Pritchard	Anniversary of the In-Service		\$ 58.18
Joanne Sullivan	Seminar for Business Educators Sponsor: Robert Morris University Moon Township, PA		\$ 58.18
Kristen Silbaugh	Technology: Changes & Innovations in Education Sponsor: Robert Morris University School of Education and Social Sciences Moon Township, PA	4/30/2008	\$ 45.00
Linda Rosenbaum	Pennsylvania School Librarians	5/1-5/3/2008	\$ 498.00
Barbara Schmid	Association Annual Conference Sponsor: Pennsylvania School Librarian's Association Hershey, PA		\$ 365.04
Mark Anticole	State Conference of the		
Anne Marklewicz	Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science Sponsor: Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science College Park, PA	5/18-5/20/2008	\$ 140.00
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Joy Ed	2008 National Schools Public Relations Association Conference Sponsor: National Schools Public Relations Association Arlington, VA	7/5-7/9/2008	\$ 1,937.81
Janice Spohn	Pennsylvania Council Teachers of English Language Arts Sponsor: Pennsylvania Council Teachers of English Language Arts Lancaster, PA	10/10-10/11/2008	\$ 150.00*

* Title I Funds

ADDENDUM

I. Professional Seminar Requests

<u>Name</u>	<u>Conference</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Maureen Grosheider	SHASDA Meeting and PSBA Spring Legislative Meeting Sponsor: SHASDA & PSBA Pittsburgh, PA	3/27/2008	\$ 30.88

Roll Call Vote. Results: 9-Yes, with abstentions by Mrs. Boujoukos, Mrs. Grosheider, Mr. Hubert, Mr. Schwartzmier and Mr. Shuckrow on their own expenses; 0-No. Motion Carried.

Dr. Green announced additional Good News. Dr. Green received a letter from the Association of School Business Officials informing her that Mr. Roger Botti has been renewed by the PASBO Board of Directors with a status as a Pennsylvania Registered School Business Official for a period of four years. To receive this award, you must meet the rigid personal, ethical and professional standards established by the program. Mr. Botti has made a professional commitment to keep management and technical skills updated in the District. Dr. Green presented Mr. Botti with a certificate from PASBO and he was congratulated by all for this honor.

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

Mr. Maiello submitted a check for \$230,000 and a written report to the Board.

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

Mrs. Ludwig reported that the last meeting was held on February 28, 2008 and they celebrated the approval of the renovation project. By a vote of 61 to 10, with 9 absent or abstaining, the project passed. They approved a 10-week course entitled "Learn Chinese," which is for adult beginners and will be held April 7-June 18.

Mr. Schwartzmier reported on the tour that he participated in that went to Lehigh Career and Technical Center in Allentown, PA which consisted of Beattie Board Members and some teachers and staff from Beattie. The purpose was to tour a premier technical school, and Lehigh is one of the best in the country. Mr. Schwartzmier said it was extremely worthwhile and impressive and they came back with many ideas and plans for the project at Beattie.

The next meeting at Beattie is tomorrow night, March 27, 2008, and they will be giving full reports of the tour and discussing financing as they begin the design phase of the project.

North Allegheny Foundation

Mr. Cunningham reported that with the recent resignation of Deb Adamczyk as the Chairperson, the Trustees chose new leadership. Mrs. Libby Blackburn was voted as the new Chairperson, moving her from the Vice Chair position, and Dr. Anna Marie Breaux was approved as the new Vice Chairperson. The Trustees approved one grant and Mr. Cunningham commented on the innovative and rich ideas that our teachers continue to come up with for our students. June 16, 2008 is the Golf Outing at Shannopin Country Club and Maiello, Brungo & Maiello is once again the Title Sponsor. They are looking forward to another great year.

NA Hall of Fame

Mr. Schwartzmier reported that the Hall of Fame Committee did not meet this month. Dates for the banquet have been chosen for the next couple of years. This year it will be on Thursday, October 2, 2008 and next year it will be on Thursday, October 8, 2009. The ballots will be sent out for the next group of inductees shortly.

Summer Recreation

Mr. Pagone reported that Summer Recreation will be starting the Monday after school is finished. It is an excellent program for the children of our schools with sports, games and arts and crafts available.

Legislative Report

Mr. Shuckrow reported that the legislature was not in session for most of the past month. He mentioned a letter from Representative Turzai that was in response to our resolution opposing

the Graduation Competency Assessments and asking for his support. He did indicate support for our position.

Mrs. Bishop added that Senator Orié sent a letter to Senator Rhoades, Chair of the Senate Education Committee, passing along the resolution that North Allegheny passed, as well as Pine-Richland, opposing the GCAs and Senator Orié expressed her support for our position. Mrs. Bishop explained the State Board of Education has already passed a resolution to add Graduation Competency Assessments, which is a series of 10 tests, in addition to the PSSAs, that all of the students in Pennsylvania would have to pass in order to get a high school diploma. Our Board has taken a very active advocacy position against the imposition of this additional level of testing, and many districts across the state have also passed resolutions opposing the new plan. Since it still has several stages to go through before it becomes law, we and others have been trying to engage some of our legislators to join in this effort to explain our concern. If it does go into effect, it would affect students beginning in 2014, or our current sixth grade class.

Mrs. Grosheider said on March 27, 2008 there is a meeting of the South Hills Area School District School Board Directors, which is a meeting that she will attend to discuss GCAs. It is also a combined PSBA legislative meeting with legislators from the South Hills area. PSBA is having their regular Allegheny County Legislative Meeting in April, but she is unable to attend that meeting because it is on the same night as a School Board Meeting, so she is attending the SHASDA meeting instead. Mrs. Grosheider also mentioned a bill, #2379, that will be introduced into the House by Representative Nichol to provide a cost of living adjustment for the PSERS plan and she is carefully tracking these potential changes. It could have an impact on what we pay to the state.

Mrs. Bishop mentioned a proposed change that the State Board of Education has approved. They have expanded the definition of the term “gifted” and the reduction of gifted teachers’ caseloads from 75 to 65 by 2010. It is another unfunded mandate by the state.

Mr. Hubert reported on the PSBA Labor Relations Committee Task Force, which met on March 25, 2008. A mediator and a fact finder came to the meeting to join in their discussions on strikes in the state. They discussed health care initiatives. Their meetings for the remainder of the year will be on April 30 and May 27.

SPEAKERS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No Speakers.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Bishop adjourned the meeting at **8:45 p.m.** The Board met in Executive Session following the meeting to discuss two matters related to professional services.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Mary Ryan, Secretary
North Allegheny School Board