

NORTH ALLEGHENY SCHOOL DISTRICT

MAY 27, 2009 – REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

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

Board Absent: Mrs. Ludwig

Students in Attendance: Mr. Hamm; Ms. Peng

Also in Attendance: Dr. Green, Mr. Maiello (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: Dr. James Bradley, Principal of MES
Mrs. Debra Somerhalder, Principal of BWE
Dr. Cynthia Kainaroi, Principal of MMS
Ms. Cynthia Stewart, Coordinator of Staff Development.

The Board of School Directors of the North Allegheny School District convened for a **Regular Meeting** on **Wednesday, May 27, 2009** in the **Board Room** of the **Central Administrative Offices**.

REGULAR MEETING

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

CALENDAR AND AGENDA

Mrs. Grosheider reviewed the Agenda for this meeting and the Calendar for June 2009. She said the Board was extremely excited because the Communication Arts/English Curriculum Review will be presented tonight, which has been a long-time in the making. There are no reports scheduled for June 17, 2009 but at the June 24, 2009 meeting, the 2009/2010 General Fund Budget will be approved.

Mrs. Grosheider announced that at the conclusion of last week's meeting, the Board did not meet in Executive Session; however, they will meet tonight at the conclusion of this meeting to

discuss two personnel matters with respect to Administrative employees and one issue concerning a bargaining unit.

Special Announcement

Dr. Green commented on the H1N1 virus, as follows:

The North Allegheny School District was informed last Friday by the Allegheny County Health Department that a student at Carson Middle School was diagnosed with a confirmed case of H1N1 influenza. Since then, we have been communicating with our parents in regard to the fact. That case is the only confirmed North Allegheny case that has been identified through the Allegheny County Health Department to date. Since that time, the Health Department notified me of two additional students at Carson that have been identified as having probable cases of the H1N1 virus, but they have not been confirmed at this time. All of these students have mild illnesses that have not required hospitalization and they have been recovering at home with no complications.

We are appreciative of the guidance and direction we have received from the Allegheny County Health Department in this situation and as a District, we continue to follow their direction and are taking all of the necessary precautions they have advised.

At this time, due to the mildness of the cases, the Health Department is not recommending the closing of school. However, they are very clear that anyone with flu-like symptoms, including fever greater than 100 degrees and sore throat, cough, congestion, runny nose, headache or fatigue, should stay out of school and at home for at least seven days from the onset of the symptoms or, if their illness lasts more than seven days, until they are free of symptoms for at least 24 hours.

The Health Department has also said that not all who have flu-like illness need to be seen or tested by a health care provider, but individuals in high risk groups such as the elderly and the chronically ill should seek medical attention if they have flu symptoms.

The Allegheny County Health Department is managing this health issue and will continue to provide direction to the School District in this matter. As this situation with the H1N1 virus evolves, we will continue to keep our community informed. We are very fortunate that this flu is presenting itself in the mild form we have seen and that there are no complications.

I would like to thank our parents and our staff for their continued cooperation and support in this matter. The health and safety of our students always comes first, and, hopefully, the virus will run its course very shortly.

COMMUNICATION ARTS/ENGLISH REVIEW REPORT

Dr. Green introduced the presentation. She said that Communication Arts/English permeates everything we do in the District. In light of that fact, this Review Team has conducted a comprehensive study over a two-year period. They have analyzed the strengths and gaps in our

own program, visited other programs, researched best practices and studied extensively. As a result, they have been able to generate a significant series of recommendations that have been reviewed by the Executive Council and Dr. Green and are ready to be presented to the Board at this meeting.

Dr. Green introduced **Dr. Brian Miller**, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, who coordinated the Review and the preparation of this Report. Dr. Miller, in turn, acknowledged the many members of the Review Team who were in the audience to support those who would be presenting the Report to the Board. He also thanked his secretary, Mrs. Sally Scherling, for her contributions in preparing the Report.

The members of the Review Team who participated in the presentation were:

- Mrs. Stephanie Feniello
- Dr. James Bradley
- Mrs. Amy Tarchik
- Dr. Cynthia Kainaroi
- Dr. Brian Miller

To summarize their work, the presenters reviewed the Recommendations of the Report, which centered on the following general concepts:

- Curriculum (K-12)
- Curriculum (K-5)
- Community Connections
- Curriculum (6-12)
- Course Recommendations (9-12)
- Assessment
- Professional Development
- Textbooks and Materials (K-5)
- Textbooks and Materials (6-12)
- Technology

At the conclusion of the Report, the Board thanked the team for a wonderful, comprehensive presentation and expressed that they are most impressed with the work that has gone into this extensive study.

There was additional discussion about:

- proposed changes to the Graduation Project,
- the courses that may be added and/or eliminated,
- the integration of writing and reading,
- the importance of writing in the business world,
- connections to be built with community pre-school and kindergarten programs,
- the spelling program,
- the proposed department stylebook,
- the writing center idea,

- how the new textbook series would support vocabulary development,
- the revised approach to grammar,
- the integration of technology,
- the use of data to support the decision to discontinue certain classes,
- the reason for the drop in 5th grade scores on the PSSA as a statewide trend,
- and the need for differentiated instruction at every level.

Questions/Comments from the Board

The Board began by thanking the Team for all their time and effort on this important report.

Mrs. Boujoukos was glad to see that comprehension was an area in which they were going to concentrate. She asked about the potential change in the Graduation Project.

Mrs. Feniello said, as a department, they wanted to make it more relevant for students that would be geared toward college and careers and would not be just a paper but rather a project and a presentation.

Mrs. Boujoukos was pleased to see that some courses with low enrollment have been eliminated. She said that we need to continue to evolve. She wondered if there has been a survey of students for the courses that are being considered to be added..

Mrs. Feniello said that people on the Review Team did informal surveys and some of the courses have Honors weight, which is attractive.

Mr. Schwartzmier liked the integration of writing and reading, which will benefit students in all areas of communication. He wondered how college recruiters will be able to validate some of our courses.

Dr. Miller said that the School Counseling Department communicates with the colleges about the courses. There is diversity in elective courses across the State and colleges understand the rigor that is involved.

Mr. Shuckrow would like to see consideration of doing more about writing and is interested in further studies about the Writing Center at the high school. He sees writing skills lacking with some of the young people coming into the work world.

Mr. Shuckrow also asked what we are doing to make a closer connection between kindergarten and pre-school programs and wondered why that was a recommendation.

Dr. Miller said that when we consider education, we consider the role of education in the community. Early exposure to writing and to sound is very beneficial to a child coming into kindergarten.

Mrs. Bishop liked the comprehensiveness of the report and was pleased that writing was addressed this time. She commented on how well aligned the textbook series is that they are

recommending with the Pennsylvania Standards and wondered if all the vocabulary words and grammar are being covered.

Dr. Miller said that the VWS including a robust vocabulary was studied. The Team is very comfortable with the approach used to the type of words that they are looking for and specific words are used consistently across classrooms.

Mrs. Bishop asked about key grammatical concepts and wants to be sure that all concepts are being taught so that we are producing good writers.

Dr. Miller said the Team echoes that concept and writing is a process across all classrooms.

Mrs. Bishop asked how the new technology that we have invested in can be used with the new curriculum.

Dr. Miller said there are web-based components to the textbook and teachers build in technology with their lesson plans.

Mr. Pagone asked how far back the data went for the enrollment of classes.

Dr. Miller said for some courses they looked at trends over the past 15 years.

Mr. Cunningham asked Dr. Miller to introduce all the teachers of the English Department who were sitting in the audience who were present to support the Review Team, and this took place.

Mr. Hubert asked about the drop in scores in the 5th grade on the PSSAs and wondered what contributed to that.

Dr. Miller said that issue was studied and they did not arrive at any single answer. A trend pattern exists across the state with 5th grade being the lowest grade level and it was considered by the Review Team. They will continue to look at specifically addressing vocabulary, writing and grammar, all the core components, so that students learn, and there should be an improvement on the test scores.

Mrs. Grosheider raised the issue of spelling. Years ago, we used the anthology and our spelling scores went down. She asked what assurance we have today on spelling, grammar and vocabulary that this is going to work this time to be successful.

Dr. Bradley said the spelling words are in the anthology and they are based on a generalization and it is consistent throughout the District.

Mrs. Grosheider asked about a Department Style Book, which is important for writing and a great tool.

Mrs. Feniello said the staff is creating their own book for students and teachers. Elementary teachers would be using this book so that they were all using the same terminology and concepts.

Mrs. Grosheider asked about the Writing Center, which we used to have at the high school but was eliminated because of lack of use. Mrs. Grosheider said we need to be judicious about how we approach having another Writing Center and she would like to see some hard data on usage. She also commented on the Graduation Project which began when the State of Pennsylvania said we needed to have a Graduation Project and it was decided to do a Research Paper because it was the easiest project to develop for the students and teachers to meet a State Standard. She thinks a presentation of a paper would be a good thing to do.

Mr. Hamm thinks the Writing Center at NASH is a good idea and many colleges have these available to the students for one-on-one improvement. He also thinks the Graduation Project could be improved and if it could relate to something that would interest the student in their preparation for college, it would intrigue Juniors more.

Ms. Peng also spoke about the Writing Center and agrees that it is something very beneficial to the students. The essay process for college applications is a challenging process and it would be good to have a one-on-one with an English teacher as a resource. She also feels that the Graduation Project should be modified from the author's paper to a paper and presentation that would be more relevant to a student's plans for college or a career. She also thinks changes in grammar and vocabulary are good ideas and finds it beneficial when she sees words in a book or in a piece of literature and how it is used in context.

Mrs. Grosheider concluded the Board comments with a word of thanks for two years of very difficult work on this Review and the tremendous contributions this department makes to the lives and education of our students every day. On behalf of the Board, she congratulated them on the excellent results of the work as presented tonight and the work they consistently do every day in their classrooms.

Dr. Green expressed that she is tremendously proud of the rigor of the Communications Arts/English Curriculum and Department and the work that was done on this project.

RECESS

Mrs. Grosheider called for a recess at **9:20 p.m.**

RECONVENED

The Board reconvened at **9:33 p.m.**

MINUTES

On motion by Mr. Hubert, seconded by Mrs. Boujoukos, the Board approved the published minutes of the April 22, 2009 Work Session and the April 29, 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: 8-Yes, with an abstention by Mr. Cunningham to the Minutes of April 22, 2009 and an abstention by Mrs. Bishop to the Minutes of April 29, 2009; 0-No. Motion Carried.

SPEAKERS ON AGENDA ITEMS

No Speakers.

VOTING ITEMS

CURRICULUM REPORT

Mrs. Bishop reported an item for information only.

FINANCIAL REPORT

On motion by Mrs. Bishop, 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 April 2009, in the amount of \$12,097,578.92.
- B. Accounts Payable list dated May 2009, in the amount of \$190,507.25.
- C. Supplemental Capital Reserve Fund Accounts Payable list dated April 2009, in the amount of \$0.00.
- D. Supplemental Technology Fund Accounts Payable list dated April 2009, in the amount of \$0.00.
- E. Supplemental 2000 NASH Construction Fund Accounts Payable list dated April 2009, in the amount of \$27,996.94.
- F. Supplemental CMS/IMS Construction Fund Accounts Payable list dated April 2009, in the amount of \$13,745.00.

- G. Supplemental Cafeteria Fund Accounts Payable list dated April 2009, in the amount of \$273,388.18.

II. A.W. Beattie Career Center 2009-2010 Budget

The Board approved the A.W. Beattie Career Center Budget for the 2009-2010 fiscal year, as set forth in the proposed budget.

For Information

The A.W. Beattie Career Center Budget for 2009-2010 is \$7,564,508. The members' share of the budget is \$6,189,510 and includes three categories: Capital, Academics, and Beattie Operations. The Building Budget totals \$34,623; North Allegheny School District's estimated share is \$8,349. The Beattie Operating Budget totals \$3,961,188; North Allegheny School District's estimated share is \$487,244. The Academic Budget totals \$643,254; North Allegheny School District's estimated share is \$80,793. Total North Allegheny School District's estimated share is \$576,386. North Allegheny School District's actual share in 2008-2009 was \$566,499.58.

III. Student Activities Accounts Expenditures

The Board approved the student activities expenditure listings for the months of January 2009 through March 2009.

IV. Collateral Security Reports - Depositories

The Board approved the Collateral securities reports submitted for the depositories for the quarter ended March 31, 2009.

V. 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>
2200-500 Other Purchased Svcs Support Svcs – Instructional Staff	3200-500 Other Purchased Svcs Student Activities	\$ 1,500
1100-500 Other Purchased Svcs Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	3200-500 Other Purchased Svcs Student Activities	\$ 1,400
1300-100 Salaries Vocational Education Programs	1100-700 Property Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	\$ 1,200

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1100-100 Salaries Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	1 100-600 Supplies Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	\$ 4,897
1100-100 Salaries Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	2300-600 Supplies Support Svcs – Administration	\$ 150
1300-100 Salaries Vocational Education Programs	1100-700 Property Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	\$ 3,800
1100-100 Salaries Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	1100-600 Supplies Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	\$ 100
1300-100 Salaries Vocational Education Programs	1100-700 Property Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	\$ 880
1300-100 Salaries Vocational Education Programs	1100-700 Property Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	\$ 13,700
1100-100 Salaries Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	1100-700 Property Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	\$ 6,000
1100-100 Salaries Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	2200-600 Supplies Support Svcs – Instructional Staff	\$ 5,000
1300-100 Salaries Vocational Education Programs	1100-700 Property Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	\$ 790
1100-100 Salaries Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	3200-600 Supplies Student Activities	\$ 3,500
1100-100 Salaries Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	3200-600 Supplies Student Activities	\$ 3,700
1100-100 Salaries Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	3200-600 Supplies Student Activities	\$ 3,700
1100-100 Salaries Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	3200-600 Supplies Student Activities	\$ 3,700
1300-100 Salaries Vocational Education Programs	1300-600 Supplies Vocational Education Programs	\$ 3,500

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1100-100 Salaries Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	3200-700 Property Student Activities	\$ 4,000
1300-100 Salaries Vocational Education Programs	1100-700 Property Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	\$ 1,400
1100-100 Salaries Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	1100-600 Supplies Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	\$ 700
1100-100 Salaries Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	2600-700 Property Oper & Maint of Plant Svcs	\$ 25,000
1100-100 Salaries Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	2600-700 Property Oper & Maint of Plant Svcs	\$ 25,000
1100-100 Salaries Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	2600-700 Property Oper & Maint of Plant Svcs	\$ 15,000
1100-100 Salaries Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	2600-400 Purchased Property Svcs Oper & Maint of Plant Svcs	\$ 5,000
1100-100 Salaries Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	1100-600 Supplies Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	\$ 5,879
1300-100 Salaries Vocational Education Programs	1100-700 Property Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	\$ 2,525
1100-100 Salaries Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	1100-600 Supplies Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	\$ 8,690
1100-100 Salaries Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	2200-600 Supplies Support Svcs – Instructional Staff	\$ 1,955
1100-100 Salaries Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	2300-600 Supplies Support Svcs – Administration	\$ 300
1300-100 Salaries Vocational Education Programs	1100-700 Property Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	\$ 3,000
1100-100 Salaries Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	1100-600 Supplies Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	\$ 10,400

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1100-100 Salaries Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	2200-600 Supplies Support Svcs – Instructional Staff	\$ 1,380
1100-100 Salaries Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	2200-600 Supplies Support Svcs – Instructional Staff	\$ 1,760
1100-100 Salaries Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	2200-600 Supplies Support Svcs – Instructional Staff	\$ 760
1100-100 Salaries Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	2200-600 Supplies Support Svcs – Instructional Staff	\$ 1,720
1100-100 Salaries Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	2200-600 Supplies Support Svcs – Instructional Staff	\$ 2,100
1300-100 Salaries Vocational Education Programs	3200-700 Property Student Activities	\$ 20,000
1100-100 Salaries Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	1100-600 Supplies Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	\$ 4,500
1100-100 Salaries Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	2200-600 Supplies Support Svcs – Instructional Staff	\$ 1,895
1100-100 Salaries Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	2200-600 Supplies Support Svcs – Instructional Staff	\$ 1,620
1100-100 Salaries Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	2200-600 Supplies Support Svcs – Instructional Staff	\$ 2,250
1100-100 Salaries Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	2200-600 Supplies Support Svcs – Instructional Staff	\$ 8,800
1100-100 Salaries Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	2200-600 Supplies Support Svcs – Instructional Staff	\$ 11,900
1100-100 Salaries Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	2200-600 Supplies Support Svcs – Information Systems	\$ 19,800
2600-100 Salaries Oper & Maint of Plant Svcs	1100-700 Property Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	\$ 7,820
2600-100 Salaries Oper & Maint of Plant Svcs	1100-700 Property Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	\$ 8,505

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	
2600-100 Salaries Oper & Maint of Plant Svcs	1100-700 Property Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	\$ 10,130	
2600-100 Salaries Oper & Maint of Plant Svcs	2200-700 Property Support Svcs – Instructional Staff	\$ 4,865	
2600-100 Salaries Oper & Maint of Plant Svcs	1100-700 Property Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	\$ 8,485	
2600-100 Salaries Oper & Maint of Plant Svcs	2200-700 Property Support Svcs – Instructional Staff	\$ 8,020	
2600-100 Salaries Oper & Maint of Plant Svcs	2300-700 Property Support Services – Administration	\$ 948	
1300-100 Salaries Vocational Education Programs	2200-700 Property Support Svcs – Instructional Staff	\$ 5,990	
1300-100 Salaries Vocational Education Programs	2200-700 Property Support Svcs – Instructional Staff	\$ 8,205	
1300-100 Salaries Vocational Education Programs	2200-700 Property Support Svcs – Instructional Staff	\$ 5,430	
1100-100 Salaries Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	2200-600 Supplies Support Svcs – Instructional Staff	\$ 4,700	
1100-100 Salaries Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	1100-600 Supplies Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	\$ 2,150	
TOTAL TRANSFERS FOR THE MONTH	324,849	PERCENT OF TOTAL BUDGET	0.28%
TOTAL TRANSFERS YEAR TO DATE	749,448	PERCENT OF TOTAL BUDGET	0.65%

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

Mrs. Bishop mentioned that the Board approved the 2009/2010 Preliminary Budget at the Special Meeting on May 20, 2009 and the final vote on the General Fund Budget will take place on June 24, 2009. The proposed budget is on display in all North Allegheny Schools and the Central Office, Northland Public Library, and all Municipal Buildings.

TRANSPORTATION REPORT

There was no report this month.

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

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

I. Resignations

Sharon Blakley	Special Education Teacher, BWE/IES Effective 6/12/09 17 yrs. @ NA	Retirement
Susan Beth Boucek	Art Teacher, CMS Effective 6/12/09 35 yrs. @ NA	Retirement
Jean Eckert	Business Teacher, NASH Effective 6/12/09 25 1/2 yrs. @ NA	Retirement
P. David Goldberg	Grade 4 Teacher, MCK Effective 7/30/09 31 yrs. @ NA	Retirement
John Logsdon	Grade 3 Teacher, MES Effective 6/12/09 17 yrs. @ NA	Retirement
Cynthia Paules	Learning Support Teacher, NASH Effective 10/4/09 16 yrs. @ NA	Retirement
Ross Purdy	English/Math Teacher, IMS Effective 8/11/09 28 yrs. @ NA	Retirement
Cheryl Smith	English Teacher, CMS Effective 6/12/09 30 yrs. @ NA	Retirement
Gail Will	French Teacher, CMS Effective 6/12/09 18 yrs. @ NA	Retirement

II. Appointments

The Board approved the following Appointments:

Confidential

Jeremy Dennis	Systems Analyst, CAO Effective 6/5/09	\$47,250/Yr. Prorated
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Paraprofessional

Ellen Cavaliere	Transfer from Assistant Principal's Secretary to Elementary Principal's Secretary, MES Effective 8/10/09	\$19.87/hr. Class I-A 8 Hours/Day 216 Days/Yr.
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The Board approved the following substitute/clerical aides at \$7.50/hr. as needed, effective May 1, 2009:

Patricia Rodzay

Classified

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TYPE OF WORK</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>START DATE</u>
Dean Baktay	Probationary Bus Driver	\$13.86/hr.	5/5/09
Dennis Sullivan	Probationary Bus Driver	\$13.86/hr.	5/4/09
Allen Watts	Probationary Bus Driver	\$13.86/hr.	5/6/09
Ben Clark	PT Summer Help, Facilities	\$ 8.50/hr.	5/4/09
Gary Jurksaitis	From PT Custodian to Utility Custodian, MCK	\$11.21/hr	6/1/09
Scott Bressler	Detailer	\$10.75/hr.	6/12/09-7/31/09
Mark Forsythe	Detailer	\$10.75/hr.	6/12/09-7/31/09
Valerie Guiden	Detailer	\$10.75/hr.	6/12/09-7/31/09
Kelly McCarthy	Detailer	\$10.75/hr.	6/12/09-7/31/09
Sharon Shute	Detailer	\$10.75/hr.	6/12/09-7/31/09

III. Wage Status Changes

The Board approved a change from the day-to-day substitute rate to \$152.39 for Meghan Adams, long-term sub for Erin Pitaro, Teacher, North Allegheny Intermediate School. The effective date for this change is April 16, 2009.

The Board approved a change from the day-to-day substitute rate to \$152.39 for Theresa Stanek, long-term sub for Jim Brunetti, Teacher, Ingomar Middle School. The effective date for this change is April 14, 2009.

IV. Child Rearing Leaves of Absence – Angela Bergen, Danielle Dunmire, Faye Junker, Amy Stinelli, Courtney Vadnais

The Board approved an unpaid Child Rearing Leave of Absence for Angela Bergen, Teacher, Carson Middle School/Ingomar Middle School, upon the exhaustion of her sick days. Her last day of work will be September 25, 2009, and her unpaid leave will be effective November 9, 2009 through December 23, 2009.

The Board approved an unpaid Child Rearing Leave of Absence for Danielle Dunmire, Teacher, Peebles Elementary School, effective August 24, 2009 through November 25, 2009.

The Board approved an unpaid Child Rearing Leave of Absence for Faye Junker, Teacher, Ingomar Middle School, effective August 24, 2009 through October 30, 2009.

The Board approved an unpaid Child Rearing Leave of Absence for Amy Stinelli, Teacher, McKnight Elementary School, upon the exhaustion of her sick days. Her last day of work will be June 12, 2009, and her unpaid leave will be effective September 22, 2009 p.m. through November 25, 2009.

The Board approved an unpaid Child Rearing Leave of Absence for Courtney Vadnais, School Counselor, Carson Middle School, upon the exhaustion of her sick days. Her last day of work will be June 12, 2009, and her unpaid leave will be effective October 6, 2009 through December 18, 2009.

V. Extension of Child Rearing Leaves of Absence – Joyce Harrell, Kelly Rosenwasser

The Board approved an extension of an unpaid Child Rearing Leave of Absence for Joyce Harrell, Teacher, North Allegheny Senior High School, through October 30, 2009.

The Board approved an extension of unpaid Child Rearing Leave of Absence for Kelly Rosenwasser, Teacher, North Allegheny Senior High School, through the First Semester of the 2009-2010 School Year.

VI. Leaves of Absence – Wayne Goodworth, Kimberly Grander, Cynthia Paules

The Board approved an unpaid Leave of Absence for Wayne Goodworth, Utility Custodian, North Allegheny Intermediate School, effective for the following dates: June 18, 2009 through June 26, 2009; July 8, 2009 through July 22, 2009; July 29, 2009 through August 12, 2009; and August 17, 2009 through August 21, 2009.

The Board approved an unpaid Leave of Absence for Kimberly Graner, Special Education Assistant, Ingomar Elementary School, effective May 5, 2009 through May 22, 2009.

The Board approved an unpaid Leave of Absence for Cynthia Paules, Teacher, North Allegheny Senior High School, effective August 24, 2009 through October 4, 2009.

VII. Administration Compensation Plan

The Board approved the Administrative Compensation and Performance Plan, effective July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2014, as attached to the Official Minutes.

VIII. Honoraria

The Board approved the following Honoraria Applications:

		<u>Submitted</u>	
Molly Castner	APPEAL Orientation	5/5/09	\$ 150.00
Sue Clark	“ “	5/5/09	\$ 150.00
Tracy Devlin	“ “	5/5/09	\$ 150.00
Jean Leri	“ “	5/5/09	\$ 150.00
Louise Baker	Library Summer Work	5/11/09	\$ 850.00
James Bernardo	“ “	5/11/09	\$ 850.00
Mary Bethune	“ “	5/11/09	\$ 850.00
Lynne Burk	“ “	5/11/09	\$ 850.00
Kristin Falkner	“ “	5/11/09	\$ 850.00
Mimi Flaherty	“ “	5/11/09	\$ 850.00
Margaret Foster	“ “	5/11/09	\$ 850.00
Rita Martin	“ “	5/11/09	\$ 850.00
Mary McMahan	“ “	5/11/09	\$ 850.00
Joanne Muchoney	“ “	5/11/09	\$ 850.00
Linda Rosenbaum	“ “	5/11/09	\$ 850.00
Barbara Schmid	“ “	5/11/09	\$ 850.00
Tina Tomczak	“ “	5/11/09	\$ 850.00
Jody Williams	“ “	5/11/09	\$ 850.00

TOTAL HONORARIA 2008/2009 EXPENDITURES THRU 05/27/09 \$83,750.00

IX. Supplemental Contract

The Board approved the following Supplemental Contracts:

<u>Pool Personnel</u>		
Kelly Ammon	Lifeguard	\$7.15/hr.
Dan Becker	“	\$7.15/hr.
Erin Bishop	“	\$7.15/hr.
Lilah Contey	“	\$7.15/hr.
Jessica Fraser	“	\$7.15/hr.
Chloe Hayes	“	\$7.15/hr.
Elyse Kuntz	“	\$7.15/hr.
Connor Kuremsky	“	\$7.15/hr.
Vincent Lomupo	“	\$7.15/hr.
Matthew Magdia	“	\$7.15/hr.

Michael Magdiz	“	\$7.15/hr.
Kelly McClure	“	\$7.15/hr.
Jacob Plichta	“	\$7.15/hr.
Zachary Presto	“	\$7.15/hr.
James Rectenwald	“	\$7.15/hr.
Dana Scherer	“	\$7.15/hr.
Jon Songer	“	\$7.15/hr.
Kim Stevens	“	\$7.15/hr.
Allison Wright	“	\$7.15/hr.

* 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 adjustment to previously approved Retirement:

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Deborah Sagan	6/12/09	6/26/09

II. Appointments

The Board approved the following Appointments:

Classified

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TYPE OF WORK</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>START DATE</u>
Grant Herrnberger	Summer Help, Transportation	\$8.50/hr.	5/26/09-7/31/09
Christopher Koch	Summer Help, Transportation	\$8.50/hr.	5/19/09-7/31/09

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

Kelly L. Miller

III. Wage Status Change

The Board approved the following change to wage status:

Eric Wolfe	From Network Administrator to Coordinating Supervisor, Networks & Systems, CAO Effective 5/28/09	\$80,000/yr. Prorated
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The Board approved a change from the day-to-day substitute rate to \$152.39 for Erin Smith, long-term sub for Lisa Moriconi, Teacher, Ingomar Middle School. The effective date for this change is April 28, 2009.

IV. Child Rearing Leave of Absence – Rachel Tengowski

The Board approved an unpaid Child Rearing Leave of Absence for Rachel Tengowski, Teacher, North Allegheny Intermediate School, effective August 24, 2009 through September 18, 2009.

V. Unpaid Leave of Absence – Kenneth Kalb, Renee Troia

The Board approved an unpaid Leave of Absence for Renee Troia, Facilities Secretary, Facilities Department, effective June 22, 2009 through June 26, 2009.

The Board approved an unpaid Leave of Absence for Kenneth Kalb, Garage Mechanic, Transportation Department, effective May 22, 2009 through July 31, 2009.

VI. Sabbatical Leave of Absence – Patricia Martinetti

The Board approved a Sabbatical Leave of Absence for Patricia Martinetti, Teacher, Carson Middle School, effective for the First Semester of the 2009/2010 School Year for the purpose of Health Restoration.

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

PROPERTY AND SUPPLIES REPORT

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

I. Bid Award – Installation of Exterior Security Cameras – Ingomar Middle and Marshall Middle Schools

The Board approved that the base bid and alternates 1 to 6 for the installation of exterior security cameras at IMS and MMS be awarded to Morocco Electric, Inc. for \$49,659.00 as the lowest responsible bidder for this work.

For Information

This project involves the installation of security cameras with the associated wiring and accessories for the monitoring of various exterior areas at IMS and MMS.

II. Bid Award – Planned Maintenance of Siemens Energy Management and Control Systems

The Board approved the acceptance of the bid from Siemens Building Technologies for the performance of Planned Maintenance of the Siemens Energy Management and Control Systems at the following Schools from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011:

<u>School</u>	<u>2009/10 \$/yr</u>	<u>2010/11 \$/yr</u>
Bradford Woods Elementary	Not Required	\$ 2,774.00
Marshall Elementary	Not Required	\$ 2,774.00
McKnight Elementary	\$ 5,262.00	\$ 5,548.00
Ingomar Middle	\$7,893.00	\$ 8,322.00
Marshall Middle	Not Required	\$ 5,548.00
NASH	\$ 7,893.00	\$ 8,322.00

Hourly Rates

Regular Time	\$121.00/hr	\$121.00/hr
Overtime:	\$181.50/hr	\$181.50/hr
Sundays and Holidays	\$242.00/hr	\$242.00/hr

For Information

This preventative maintenance work will involve inspections and review of the various components that make up the direct digital control systems at each of these facilities to ensure that they are operating properly. Any repairs that may be required at these facilities would be done in accordance with the hourly rates provided with the bids. The funds for this work are included in the Facilities Department budget.

III. Bid Award – Planned Maintenance of Johnson Controls Energy Management and Control Systems

The Board approved the acceptance of the bid from OZ Enterprises, Inc. for the performance of Planned Maintenance of the Johnson Controls Energy Management and Control Systems at the following Schools from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011:

<u>School</u>	<u>2009/10 \$/yr</u>	<u>2010/11 \$/yr</u>
Franklin Elementary	\$ 4,868.00	\$ 4,868.00
Hosack Elementary	\$ 3,242.00	\$ 3,242.00
Ingomar Elementary	\$ 3,650.00	\$ 3,650.00
Carson Middle/CAO	\$12,572.00	\$12,572.00
Peebles Elementary	\$ 4,868.00	\$ 4,868.00

Hourly Rates

Regular Time	\$ 102.00/hr	\$ 102.00/hr
Overtime:	\$ 125.00/hr	\$ 125.00/hr

For Information

This preventative maintenance work will involve inspections and review of the various components that make up the direct digital control systems at each of these facilities to ensure that they are operating properly. Any repairs that may be required at these facilities would be done in accordance with the hourly rates provided with the bids. The funds for this work are included in the Facilities Department budget.

IV. Bid Award – Planned Maintenance of Boiler Systems

The Board approved the bid from Combustion Service & Equipment Co. for \$7,827.50 for the 2009/10 year with the hourly rates of \$77.50/ hour for regular time and \$100.00/hour for overtime and \$8,484.00 for 2010/11 year with the hourly rates of \$84.00 hour for regular time and \$100.00/hour for overtime as the lowest responsible bidder meeting the specifications to provide the services required for the inspection and maintenance of the Gas Burners and Boiler Controls in all of the Districts' buildings from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011.

For Information

This work will involve the inspection and maintenance of all of the gas-fired heating equipment in the District on a bi-annual basis. Any repairs that may be required at the District's facilities would be done in accordance with the hourly rates provided with the bids. The cost for this work is included in the Facilities Department budget.

V. Rejection of Bid Award – NAI – Emergency Generator and Transfer Switch Replacement

The Board approved the bid for the replacement of the Emergency Generator and Transfer Switch at NAI be rejected.

For Information

The cost to perform this work exceeds the proposed budget for this work.

VI. Bid Award – Fire Alarm System Monitoring

The Board approved the bid from Security Systems of America as the lowest responsible bidder meeting the specifications for the remote monitoring for all of the fire alarm systems in each of the District's buildings for a term of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2012.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Monitoring Cost</u>	<u>Serv. Tech Reg. Time</u>	<u>Serv. Tech Overtime</u>
2009/10	\$ 2,910.00	\$ 95.00/hour	\$ 142.00/hour
2010/11	\$ 2,910.00	\$ 95.00/hour	\$ 142.00/hour
2011/12	\$ 2,910.00	\$ 95.00/hour	\$ 142.00/hour

For Information

This contract is for the remote continuous monitoring of all of the fire alarm systems at all of the District's buildings as required by the local municipalities. The hourly costs submitted as part of the bids will be used if any repairs are required to these systems during the time of the contract. The cost for this work is included in the Facilities Department budget.

VII. Extension of the Agency and Delivery Services Agreements for Natural Gas Service

The Board approved the Extension of the Agreements for Agency Services and Delivery Services from Equitable Energy in conjunction with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit to provide the natural gas services required for the purchase and delivery of natural gas to Franklin Elementary, Hosack Elementary, Ingomar Elementary, McKnight Elementary, Peebles Elementary, Carson Middle, Ingomar Middle, NAI, NASH, Maintenance Garage and the Transportation facilities. The costs for the Agency Services will be \$1.25 per Dth from September 1, 2010 through August 31, 2012.

For Information

The Allegheny Intermediate Unit has negotiated a fixed price for the purchase and delivery of the natural gas supplies for a consortium of local School Districts through August 2012. The costs for the delivery services will decrease from the \$1.55 per Dth under the existing contract. This arrangement has resulted in significant savings over the normal utility prices. The complete agreements will be attached to the Official Minutes.

VIII. Extension of the Natural Gas Transportation Service for Bradford Woods Elementary

The Board approved the extension of the Agreement for the Purchase and Sale of Natural Gas and the Transaction Confirmation Agreement from Hess Corporation in conjunction with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit to provide the natural gas transportation services required for delivery of natural gas to the Bradford Woods Elementary School facility at a cost of \$0.98 per Dth from September 1, 2010 through August 31, 2012.

For Information

The Allegheny Intermediate Unit has negotiated a fixed price for the delivery of the natural gas supplies for a consortium of local School Districts for two years. This arrangement has resulted in a reduction from \$1.38 per Dth under our existing contract and has resulted in significant savings over the normal utility prices.

The complete agreement will be attached to the Official Minutes.

IX. NAI Elevator Feasibility Study Consultant

The Board approved the proposal from Studio Z Architects with a cost of \$2,450.00 to perform a feasibility study for the potential installation of two elevators for the Cafeteria and Tech Ed areas at NAI. Any additional services shall be in accordance with the hourly rates that were submitted with the proposal.

X. Geotechnical Engineering Consultant

The Board approved the proposal from Jeff Zell Consultants, Inc. with the associated hourly rates and unit costs to perform the necessary geotechnical testing and analysis for the construction projects to be performed at NAI, BWE and MMS this summer.

For Information

The consultant shall provide the necessary testing services to verify that the contractors are performing their work in accordance with the plans and specifications for these projects.

XI. Xerox Phaser 6180 Copier

The Board approved that a Xerox Phaser 6180 copier be added to the current Xerox contract at a cost of \$123.46. The monthly payment will be increased from \$51,216.00 to \$51,339.46.

For Information

This piece of equipment will serve as a copier, printer, and fax machine for the Human Resources Department.

XII. Online Payment Merchandising Agreement

The Board approved a merchandising agreement between North Allegheny School District and Chase Paymentech, LLC. This agreement will allow North Allegheny School District to receive online payments for student cafeteria purchases through www.payforit.net. There is no cost to the District for this service.

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

For Information

An Internet Convenience Fee (ICF) of 5.75% will be added to each online transaction and charged to the parent. Parents may still submit cafeteria payments via cash or check.

XIII. Phone Notification System

The Board approved an agreement with Reliance Communications, Inc. for the SchoolMessenger phone notification system. This will be a two-year agreement, commencing on July 1, 2009 and expiring on June 30, 2011. The cost of the system is \$6,000.00 per year.

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

XIV. Contracted Pupil Transportation Services

The Board approved a three-year contract for 26 special education and 12 private and parochial contracted routes be awarded to W. L. Roenigk, Inc. The cost for 2009-10 for

these routes is \$954,360.00. This contract will commence on July 1, 2009 and expire on June 30, 2012 upon execution of a contract acceptable to the Solicitor.

For Information

The costs for the 2009-10 school year are based on routes from the 2008-09 school year and are subject to change based on student placement. The rates for 2010-11 and 2011-12 will increase by 2% each year.

XV. Donation – Promethean Board and Projector

The Board approved a donation of a promethean board and projector, and accessories for Franklin Elementary School from the Parent Faculty Association of Franklin Elementary School. The value of this donation is \$4,243.55.

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

XVI. Donation – Promethean Board Training

The Board approved a donation of promethean board training for Franklin Elementary School from the Parent Faculty Association of Franklin Elementary School. The value of this donation is \$2,000.00.

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

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

SPECIAL EDUCATION AND PUPIL SERVICES REPORT

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

I. School Services Agreement with Associated Occupational Therapists, Inc.

The Board approved the Agreement between Associated Occupational Therapists, Inc. and the North Allegheny School District for the 2009/2010 school year. The hourly rates for services are as follows:

Occupational Therapist	\$58.00/hr
Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant	\$48.00/hr
Physical Therapist	\$61.50/hr
Physical Therapist Assistant	\$51.50/hr

II. AIU Agreement – Notice of Adoption of Policies, Procedures and Use of Funds

The Board approved the Allegheny Intermediate Unit's Notice of Adoption of Policies, Procedures, and Use of Funds by North Allegheny School District under Federal requirements of 34 CFR 300.101 through 300.624 as part of the IDEIA Application for 2009/2010.

III. AIU Agreement – Implementation of Individuals with Disabilities Act – Part B

The Board approved the sub-grant agreement for Implementation of Individuals with Disabilities Act – Part B, by and between the Allegheny Intermediate Unit #3 and the North Allegheny School District, entered into for the project period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

IV. AIU Agreement – Educational Services Agreement for 2009/2010

The Board approved the Educational Services Agreement between the North Allegheny School District and the Allegheny Intermediate Unit for the provision of education services for the entire 2009/2010 school year. The Allegheny Intermediate Unit shall provide and operate for the benefit of students assigned by the District special education service and programs delineated in the Allegheny Intermediate Unit Special Education Plan, submitted to and approved by the Department of Education.

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

STUDENT ACTIVITIES REPORT

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

I. NAI GOAL Students – Euro Challenge Team – Washington, D.C.

The Board approved the Euro Challenge Team to travel to Washington, D.C. from **Wednesday, June 10 through Thursday, June 11, 2009** to visit the Delegation of the European Commission, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve, and the International Monetary Fund. This trip is an award for placing 2nd in the national Euro-Challenge Competition in New York in April, with **5 students** participating in this event.

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

Tonight is the last meeting this school year for our Student Representatives.

Ms. Peng reported that the Awards Ceremony at NAI went well. There were many awards presented for different activities as well as the James R. Wall Humanitarian Scholarship was awarded to a sophomore and Lili Peng, our student representative, was the recipient. The Board congratulated her. The Forensics Team participated in the National Catholic Forensics

Tournament and it went well. Ms. Peng thanked the School Board for supporting the Forensics Team in their endeavors. The Euro Challenge Team will be traveling to Washington, D.C. and will be visiting the Embassy and meeting delegates. She also thanked the School Board and the Administration for a great year and the experience and opportunity of serving on the Board. It was educational and enlightening to see how the District operates.

Mr. Hamm reported that next year he will be attending the University of Pittsburgh and will be studying Business. He reported that the Senior Prom was a great event that involved a lot of hard work by many people and everything went well. The National Honors Society hosted its annual Tops Scholars Banquet last week and recognized 35 top scholars. Brenna Curti will be the NASH student representative for NASH next year and the Board is looking forward to working with her. Mr. Hamm also thanked the Board for the two years that he served and said it was a great experience to be working with the other students, interacting with staff members and reporting to the Board. He thanked the Board for all the time that they dedicate to North Allegheny and said it was an honor to serve with them and a privilege to serve the “best of the best.”

Mrs. Grosheider said that Andy’s and Lili’s service has been exemplary and she thanked them both and expressed the Board’s appreciation for what they have added to the Board’s discussions with their opinions and insights from the students’ perspectives.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

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

I. Resolution Opposing the Proposed Keystone Exams

The North Allegheny School Board recommends adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Department of Education had approved a proposal to revise the current high school graduation requirements under the Chapter 4 regulations to require students to pass a series of standardized high-stakes Graduation Competency Assessments in order to get a diploma; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of Pennsylvania placed a one-year moratorium on the State Board prohibiting them from implementing regulations to establish GCAs or proceeding any further with them without the sanction of the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the State Board has ignored the one-year moratorium placed on them by the General Assembly under Act 61 of 2008 which prohibits the establishment of high school graduation requirements and issued Request for Proposal for the GCA tests in August 2008, which will now be known as the Keystone Exams. Further, the Department of Education has awarded contracts with Data Recognition Corp. to develop Keystone Exams in spite of the one-year legislatively imposed moratorium.

WHEREAS, the State Board, the Pennsylvania Department of Education, and the Pennsylvania School Boards Association have entered into a joint agreement that would replace the highly-controversial and highly-objectionable GCA proposal with an alternate proposal that is also highly controversial and highly objectionable, known as the Keystone Exams; and

WHEREAS, there is a broad requirement for local assessments to be aligned with the state academic standards and include performance-level expectations to be comparable to the PSSA or Keystone Exams; and

WHEREAS, the Keystone Exams' proposal permits schools to use a local assessment option; these local assessments must be validated in order to be used. The proposal states that "PDE will establish a Local Assessment Validation Committee to develop criteria for the validation process and criteria for the selection of approved validation entities The committee's criteria for the validation process and criteria for selection of validation entities will be submitted to the State Board of Education for approval or disapproval." The cost of validation is to be evenly divided between the District and the State Board; and

WHEREAS, the costs associated with validation will be an additional burden to school districts and taxpayers across this state, and the proposal requires school districts to absorb many new costs related to revising curriculum, professional development, test preparation and administration, remediation and other costs; and

WHEREAS, the cost for the development and implementation of these exams approximates \$210,000,000 over the next seven years, and, in light of the current economic situation in this Commonwealth and the nation, the Governor, the State Board, the Department of Education, and the Pennsylvania School Boards Association should not be adding additional expenses to district and taxpayer budgets, and, with the limitations of Act 1 on tax increases, school districts have limited ability to fund any potential new costs; and

WHEREAS, the State Board has already sent out the preliminary revisions to the current Chapter 4 regulations in regard to the Keystone Exams; these new regulations leave many unanswered questions and much ambiguity; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the North Allegheny School District opposes the joint proposal between the State Board, the Pennsylvania Department of Education, and the Pennsylvania School Boards Association to enact the Keystone Exams. With the additional validation costs to school districts and taxpayers, school districts will implement and use the Keystone Exams thereby making the

Keystone Exams mandatory, as school districts may find that they have no alternative but to choose the Keystone Exams due to cost and complications related to the validation process; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the North Allegheny School District will hereby continue to support legislation to extend the moratorium as well as any legislation against any new test development or implementation and funding being used for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, this resolution will be shared with the State Board of Education, the Department of Education, the Pennsylvania School Boards Association, state legislators, including local legislators and members of the Senate and House Education Committees, and any others as this board directs; and

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the North Allegheny School District hereby directs the Superintendent and Board President to communicate this resolution to other school districts within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and to members of our community, encouraging other school boards and individuals to take similar action on this issue.

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

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

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

I. Professional Seminar Requests

The Board approved the following professional seminar requests:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Conference</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Ruth Cope	The Outstanding Receptionist Seminar Sponsor: Fred Pryor Seminars Pittsburgh, PA	6/2/2009	\$ 173.31
Doug Brinkley	Add-On Student Assistant Program Training Sponsor: St. Vincent College Prevention Projects Latrobe, PA	6/8-6/11/2009	\$ 350.00*

Joann Urbaniak	Euro-Challenge Visit to Washington, DC Sponsor: Delegation of the European Commission Washington, DC	6/10-6/11/2009	\$ 75.00
Sharon Volpe	National Forensics League Nationals Sponsor: NFL Birmingham, AL	6/13-6/20/2009	\$ 7,930.83
Tammy Andreyko	The Essence of Autism: Addressing the Core Needs of Individuals with Autism Sponsor: KSU College and Graduate School of Education & Hattie Larlham Foundation Kent, OH	6/25-6/26/2009	\$ 356.39

*Drug Free Schools Grant

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

LEGAL COUNCIL REPORT

Mr. Lucas had a written report to be distributed to the Board. He also submitted a check for delinquent tax collections over the past month for approximately \$138,000.

REPORTS BY THE BOARD

A.W. Beattie Career Center

Mr. Schwartzmier reported that they had a lengthy meeting last week and the most significant topic was the building project. The bids did come in under the budgeted amounts, so much of the discussion centered on how to utilize the additional available funds. The bond issue received a unanimous vote. The vote to enlarge the auditorium failed, by a vote of 10-9, and it was a controversial and divisive topic.

North Allegheny Foundation

Mr. Shuckrow reported that the efforts on the Golf Outing have been productive during the last month. A total of 65-67 golfers have been identified; 72 are needed. Raffle tickets are also available for the autographed Marc-Andre Fleury hockey stick. The Bozzomo and Newman scholarships were also awarded at the last meeting. There were about 15 applicants for both scholarships and there was clear consensus in that process.

Hall of Fame

Mr. Schwartzmier reported that the committee has not met. However, Susan Sweeney, who is a key member on the committee, is being honored upon the event of her retirement from the District.

Summer Recreation Committee

Mr. Pagone reported that active registration is still taking place for the summer programs.

Legislative Report

Mr. Shuckrow reported on three items, which he also submitted in writing:

1. **State Budget** - The State Senate passed its budget bill, SB 850, which calls for a lower level of overall state spending than the Governor's proposed budget. The battle lines have been drawn and one of the major claims being made by many is that education funding is being cut by the Senate's proposed bill. We have been in contact with Senator Orié who has shown us that in fact North Allegheny would receive more money from the state than last year even if the Senate's budget is passed. We will continue to monitor the budget discussions.
2. **GCA's/Keystone Exams** - As a follow-up to the resolution we passed tonight on Keystone Exams, the PDE awarded a contract to Data Recognition Corporation for the development of the Keystone Exams with committed funding for FY 2008 of nearly \$8 million. The Secretary of Education will be testifying before the Senate Education Committee on the subject of GCA's next week (June 2). Senator Orié's bill to not permit the PDE to develop the statewide tests until the General Assembly specifically appropriates funds for that purpose (SB 281) is also slated to be considered by the Education Committee at the June 2 meeting.
3. **HB 677 - Legal Advertising** - This bill would eliminate the requirement that school districts publish legal advertisements in newspapers of general circulation but would rather enable legal advertising to occur in community papers. There is also HB 795 which would enable local governments, including school districts to post legal advertisements on their websites.

SPEAKERS

No Speakers.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Grosheider adjourned the meeting at **10:04 p.m.** The Board met in Executive Session at the conclusion of the meeting to discuss two personnel matters with respect to Administrative employees and one issue concerning a bargaining unit.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Mary Ryan, Secretary
North Allegheny School Board