

NORTH ALLEGHENY SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOVEMBER 19, 2008 – REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

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

Board Absent: Mrs. Boujoukos, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Pagone

Students in Attendance: Mr. Hamm-NASH; Ms. Peng-NAI

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

MST in Attendance: None.

The Board of School Directors of the North Allegheny School District convened for a **Regular Meeting** on **Wednesday, November 19, 2008** in the **Board Room** of the **Central Administrative Offices**.

REGULAR MEETING

Mrs. Bishop called the meeting to order at *.7:32 p.m.* and all stood and recited *The Pledge of Allegiance*.

Mrs. Bishop welcomed everyone in attendance. Mrs. Bishop announced that the Board met in Executive Session at the conclusion of the meeting on October 22, 2008 to discuss a personnel matter with respect to Administrative employees. The Board will be meeting in Executive Session at the conclusion of this meeting to discuss a litigation matter.

CALENDAR AND AGENDA

Mrs. Bishop reviewed the Agenda for this meeting and the Calendar for December 2008. Tonight the Board will hear the Foundation's Annual Report to the Board. On December 3, 2008, the Board will have their Annual Reorganization Meeting and choose Officers for the year. Entertainment will be provided. The December 3rd meeting will also be a Work Session. On December 10, 2008, the Board will have their Regular Meeting and there are no reports scheduled for December at this time. The Reorganization Meeting must take place during the first week in December and the Regular Meeting is scheduled early due to the winter holiday break.

Announcement

Mrs. Bishop shared with the community some sad news regarding a community member, Mr. George Muhlberg, who passed away recently. She extended the condolences of the Board to the family. Mr. Muhlberg was a long-time resident of the District, had been an active volunteer who served on the District’s Financial and Support Services Committee, as well as the Act 50 Study Commission, and he also chaired the Local Tax Study Commission. His financial services were greatly valued, as was his counsel, friendship and support.

RECESS

Mrs. Bishop recessed the Regular Meeting of the School Board at **7:37 p.m.** so that the Board could receive the Annual Report of the North Allegheny Foundation. Mrs. Bishop explained that all the Members of the School Board are also Members of the North Allegheny Foundation. Dr. Green is the Executive Director of the Foundation. The purpose of this meeting is to receive and vote on the Annual Report as well as the Foundation’s Financial Report.

NORTH ALLEGHENY FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORT

Mrs. Bishop introduced Libby Blackburn, Chair of the Foundation, who gave the report.

A summary of the highlights of this report is provided below:

- The Foundation provides seed money for new, innovative programs to enhance the education of our students and to award and administer scholarships.
- Since 1989, the Foundation has awarded more than \$142,000 in grants and 26 scholarships totaling \$30,600.
- In 2007-2008, eight grants were funded, with teachers at six schools receiving awards totaling \$16,530.
 - TSA (NAI, IMS, MMS) \$5,264
 - Technology in the Preschool (NASH) \$1,462
 - Disc Golf (NASH) \$1,283
 - Just Vote It! (MMS) \$ 333
 - Home “Word” Bound (IES) \$ 800
 - 21st Century Classroom (FES) \$7,388
- The 2007-2008 Maiello, Brungo & Maiello Golf Classic generated more than \$23,000, an increase of more than 15% over the previous year.

Several Trustees attended the meeting and Mrs. Blackburn introduced them. In attendance and showing their support were: Dr. Anna Marie Breaux, Chair of the Scholarship Committee; Cynthia Navadeh, Newsletter Chair, and Tracy McDonough, Marketing Chair.

Mrs. Blackburn thanked Dr. Green and all the Officers and Trustees for their work, as well as Deb Adamczyk, former Chairperson of the Foundation, all of whom have made the Foundation what it is today. She also thanked NA employees, Lynn Reaghard, Maureen Dominick, Kathy Nicklas and Rose Mary Ryan who support the Foundation in various ways. She expressed a special thank you to the Board for their ongoing contributions and support.

Mrs. Blackburn invited everyone to join them at their next Annual Golf Outing, sponsored by Maiello, Brungo & Maiello, which will be held on Monday, June 15, 2009 at Diamond Run. It will be the Foundation's 10th year golf outing celebration.

Mrs. Bishop said that we are very fortunate at North Allegheny to have a Foundation, especially one that is so vibrant and successful and we are fortunate to have community members like the Trustees who serve and devote so much time and effort on behalf of the teachers and students of this District. She thanked Mrs. Blackburn and said she has done a wonderful job in taking over as Chair of the Foundation and leading them forward.

Mrs. Blackburn and the Trustees received a round of applause from everyone in attendance.

Dr. Green also added her comments and thanks and said that under Mrs. Blackburn's direction, the Foundation is flourishing. She said the Foundation has been responsive to the needs of the District, and as the economy has shifted, and with Act 1 and limitations on what the School District can do, the Foundation has provided opportunities for our teachers with grants that have been funded.

Questions from the Board

Mr. Schwartzmier mentioned that United Way contributions can be designated to the Foundation and wanted to be sure that everyone is aware of this.

Mrs. Blackburn responded that an all-District e-mail was sent out with the Foundation's code number in hopes that people will respond. She said they are grateful for all contributions and feel it is a privilege to serve this School District.

Mr. Shuckrow thanked Maiello, Brungo & Maiello for their generous support as Title Sponsor every year for the golf outing.

Mrs. Blackburn also thanked them and said that Maiello, Brungo & Maiello has also committed to being the Title Sponsor for this year's golf outing.

VOTE ON THE NORTH ALLEGHENY FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL REPORT

A motion was made by Mrs. Grosheider, seconded by Mr. Shuckrow, to accept the Foundation Annual Report and the Financial Report.

Roll Call Vote. Results: 6-Yes; 0-No. Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT OF FOUNDATION MEETING

Mrs. Bishop adjourned the meeting of the North Allegheny Foundation at **8:00 p.m.** and called for a recess.

RECESS

The Board recessed at this time.

RECONVENED

The Board reconvened at **8:11 p.m.**

MINUTES

On motion by Mr. Hubert, seconded by Mrs. Ludwig, the Board approved the published minutes of the October 22, 2008 Work Session and the October 29, 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: 6-Yes; 0-No. Motion Carried.

SPEAKERS ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no speakers who came forth to speak.

VOTING ITEMS

The Board approved all items as contained in the Board Folder of November 19, 2008.

CURRICULUM REPORT

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

I. Camp Kon-O-Kwee Fifth Grade Program – Camp Dates

The Board approved the following dates for the Outdoor Education Program for fifth grade students for the 2009-2010 school year:

September 23, 24, 25, 2009	McKnight Elementary
September 30, October 1, 2, 2009	Bradford Woods Elementary
October 7, 8, 9, 2009	Hosack/Peebles Elementary
October 14, 15, 16, 2009	Franklin/Ingomar Elementary
October 21, 22, 23, 2009	Marshall Elementary

II. Camp Kon-O-Kwee Fifth Grade Program Cost – 2009-2010

The Board approved the cost of the Outdoor Education Program for fifth grade students for the 2009-2010 school year. The cost per student will be \$100.

III. Honoraria

The Board approved honorarium payment of \$75 for one night and \$150 for two nights for the following staff members who taught and provided overnight supervision for fifth graders at Camp Kon-O-Kwee during the 2008-2009 school year:

Bradford Woods Elementary

Begley, Margee (1)
 Bielawski, Mike (2)
 Broadbent, Rhonda (2)
 Cooper, Diana (2)
 Flaherty, Mimi (1)
 Kilar, Jim (2)
 Lundy, Ryan (2)
 McElroy, Jennifer (2)
 Meinert, Lisa (2)
 Miko, Ashley (2)
 Neumeyer, Renae (2)
 Raible, Lori (1)

Ingomar Elementary

Berendowski, Lisa (2)
 Boronyak, Dean (2)
 Codol, Kendra (2)
 Giglio, Flo (2)
 Miller, Kathy (2)
 Mounts, Dustin (2)
 Slavin, Mariah (2)
 Smoyer, Jim (2)

Franklin Elementary

Beierle, Jennifer (2)
 Casciotti, Ryan (2)
 Fischbaugh, Rachel (2)
 Leasure, Adam (1)
 Nudi, Marie (2)
 Schlenke, Elizabeth (2)
 Wood, Carol (2)
 Yeakel, Harry (2)

Marshall Elementary

Butts, Jenna (2)
 Cech, Natasha (2)
 Clements, Patrick (2)
 Daniels, Gail (2)
 Deily, Dana (2)
 Esswein, Heather (2)
 Harrison, Kristy (2)
 Herrnberger, Darla (2)

Hosack Elementary

Bricker, Robert (2)
Butler, Matthew (1)
DeVenzio, Amy (2)
Kralic, Christina (2)
Landy, Danielle (2)
Moses, Rayne (1)
Seneca, Paul (1)
Sundo, Deb (2)

Hudec, Brian (2)
Hutton, Christina (2)
Litz, Deb (2)
McLaughlin, Julie (2)
Rich, Susan (2)
Schwoebel, Jason (2)
Werner, Barbara (2)
Zaccari, Kristen (2)
Zallow, Denise (2)

McKnight Elementary

Anderson, Beth (1)
Berendowski, Diana (2)
Biro, Christie (2)
Danko, George (2)
Graner, Jan (2)
Hudec, Brian (2)
Kiray, Crystal (1)
Kozak, Carol (2)
Litz, Deb (1)
Litz, Dick (2)
Morton, Dennis (1)
Smith, Erin (2)
Stewart, Kelly (2)
Stokes, Darla (2)
Vandergrift, Joann (2)

Peebles Elementary

Antoon, Lynn (2)
Belz, Rachel (2)
Bosack, Judy (2)
Cornelius, Dana (2)
Jackson, Chris (2)
Kraus, Steve (2)
Landy, Danielle (1)
Yeakel, Harry (2)
Zunski, Penny (1)

Roll Call Vote. Results: 6-Yes; 0-No. Motion Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

On motion by Mrs. Grosheider, seconded by Mr. Shuckrow, the Board approved Items I through IV 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 dated October 2008 in the amount of \$14,755,373.72.
- B. Accounts Payable list dated November 2008, in the amount of \$153,852.24.
- C. Supplemental Capital Reserve Fund Accounts Payable dated October 2008 in the amount of \$255,267.27.

- D. Supplemental Technology Fund Accounts Payable dated October 2008, in the amount of \$0.00.
- E. Supplemental 2000 NASH/Newman Stadium Construction Fund Accounts Payable dated October 2008, in the amount of \$31,953.50.
- F. Supplemental CMS/IMS Construction Fund Accounts Payable dated October 2008, in the amount of \$4,350.00.
- G. Supplemental Cafeteria Fund Accounts Payable dated October 2008, in the amount of \$357,521.44.

II. Budgetary Transfers

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

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
2100-300 Purch Prof & Tech Svcs Support Svcs – Pupil Personnel	1200-100 Salaries Special Programs - Elem/Secondary	\$ 325
TOTAL TRANSFERS FOR THE MONTH:	325	PERCENT OF TOTAL BUDGET: 0.0003%
TOTAL TRANSFERS YEAR TO DATE:	520	PERCENT OF TOTAL BUDGET: 0.0005%

III. Collateral Security Reports

The Board approved the collateral securities reports submitted by the depositories for the quarter ended September 30, 2008, which are included with this report.

IV. Student Activities Accounts Expenditures

The Board approved the student activities expenditure listings for the months of July 2008 through September 2008.

Roll Call Vote. Results: 6-Yes, with an abstention by Mr. Hubert to Item I for his personal expenses; 0-No. Motion Carried.

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

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

I. Resignations

The Board approved the following Resignations:

Judith Braden	Secondary School Counselor, MMS Effective 01/23/09 31 Years @ NA	Retirement
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II. Appointments

The Board approved the following Appointments:

Paraprofessional

Ellen Cavaliere	Transfer from Secretary to Facilities Director To Secretary to Assistant Principal, MES Effective 11/06/08	\$17.13/hr. Class I-B 8 Hours/Day 216 Days/Yr.
Jody Garber	Special Education Assistant, MES Effective 11/10/08	\$11.58/hr. Class II-C 7 Hours/Day 187 Days/Yr.
Susan Vukson	Secretary to Facilities Director Effective 11/10/08	\$14.53/hr. Class I-A 8 Hours/Day 260 Days/Yr.

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

Margaret Ambrose
Janice Duch
Judith Waskowicz

Classified

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TYPE OF WORK</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>START DATE</u>
Pamela Jean Dugas	From Probationary Bus Driver To Extra Board Driver	No Change	10/31/08
Tracie Hilliard	Probationary Bus Driver	\$14.01/hr.	11/10/08
Jay Nestor	From Utility Custodian, MES To Regular Relief Custodian – As Assigned	\$14.26/hr.	11/10/08

III. Wage Status Changes

The Board approved wage increase for the following Paraprofessional Employees (This increase is based on anniversary date of hire):

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Sandra Levy	\$12.98/hr.	\$14.71/hr.	12/01/08
Michele Kavanagh	\$11.58/hr.	\$13.12/hr.	12/11/08

IV. Child Rearing Leaves of Absence – Melissa Ignatuk, Jill Majors, Kelly Rosenwasser, Debra Wygant

The Board approved an unpaid Child Rearing Leave of Absence for Melissa Ignatuk, Teacher, Carson Middle School and Marshall Middle School, upon the exhaustion of her sick days. Her last day of work will be February 27, 2009 and her unpaid leave will be effective March 31, 2009 through the First Semester of the 2009/2010 School Year.

The Board approved an unpaid Child Rearing Leave of Absence for Jill Majors, Teacher, NAI, upon the exhaustion of her sick and personal days. Her last day of work will be January 13, 2009 and her unpaid leave will be effective March 6, 2009 through April 9, 2009.

The Board approved an unpaid Child Rearing Leave of Absence for Kelly Rosenwasser, Teacher, NASH, upon the exhaustion of her sick and personal days. Her last day of work will be December 5, 2008 and her unpaid leave will be effective the afternoon of December 23, 2008 through the end of the 2008/2009 School Year.

The Board approved an unpaid Child Rearing Leave of Absence for Debra Wygant, Speech/Language, Marshall Elementary, upon the exhaustion of her sick days. Her last day of work will be January 29, 2009 and her unpaid leave will be effective February 6, 2009 through the end of the 2008/2009 School Year.

V. Leave of Absence – Linda Luxton

The Board approved an unpaid Medical Leave of Absence for Linda Luxton, Transportation Technician, Transportation Department, effective October 20, 2008 through November 7, 2008.

VI. Honoraria

The Board approved the following Honoraria Applications:

		<u>Submitted</u>	
James Basilone	Pittsburgh Regional Science and Engineering Fair	10/24/08	\$ 250.00
Diane Hinds	“ “	10/24/08	\$ 250.00
Lynne Burk	Creating a WebQuest Session 2	10/30/08	\$ 150.00

Margaret Foster	“ “	10/30/08	\$ 150.00
Kristen Falkner	Publisher Projects for Your Classroom	10/20/08	\$ 75.00
Kristen Falkner	Web Page for Elementary Teachers	10/20/08	\$ 75.00
Karen Sanguigni	Study Group	11/05/08	\$ 150.00
Janice Spohn	Study Group	11/05/08	\$ 150.00

TOTAL HONORARIA 2008/2009 EXPENDITURES THRU 11/19/08 \$55,525.00

VII. Supplemental Contracts

The Board approved the following Supplemental Contracts:

¹ *Eric Cassidy	Assistant Jr. High Wrestling Coach	\$1,850.00
¹ Ed Roman	Winter Intramurals – CMS Basketball	\$ 776.00
¹ Jim Basilone (s)	Winter Intramurals – IMS Basketball	\$ 338.00
¹ Ryan Gabos (s)	Winter Intramurals – IMS Basketball	\$ 338.00
¹ *Richard Stover (s)	Girls Gold Soccer Head Coach	\$1,310.00

Spring Musical

Ernie Pontiere	Director	\$3,310.00
*Sarah McGraw	Assistant Director	\$3,230.00
*Andrea Ronk	Choreographer	\$1,930.00
Penney Miller (s)	Vocal Director	\$1,300.00
Lisa Pontiere (s)	Vocal Director	\$1,300.00
Ernie Pontiere	Orchestra Director	\$2,880.00
Sarah Lavelle	Assistant Orchestra Director	\$1,190.00
¹ *Eric Mitchell (s)	Technical Director – Stage	\$1,550.00
¹ *Stephen Graham (s)	Technical Director – Sound	\$1,000.00

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

		<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Philip Perrone	Winter Intramurals - MMS Basketball	\$ 851.00	\$881.00

The Board approved the following cancellation of Supplemental Contract:

Doug Brinkley Winter Intramurals – CMS Basketball

* 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

Susan Senneway	Transfer from Supervisory Assistant, MCK To Communication Arts Assistant, PES/HES/MCK Effective 11/20/08	\$15.44/hr. Class II-C 4 Hours/Day 187 Days/Yr.
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The Board approved the following as substitute/clerical aides at \$7.50/hr. as needed, effective November 1, 2008:

Andrea Mascari
Sandra Olesnevich
Amy Lou Wagner

Classified

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TYPE OF WORK</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>START DATE</u>
Randall Dauer	From PT Custodian To Utility Custodian, HES	\$11.21/hr.	12/01/08

II. Wage Status Changes

The Board approved a change from the day-to-day substitute rate to \$152.39 for Ken Moser, long term sub for Jennifer Pavely, Teacher, North Allegheny Intermediate School. The effective date for this change is October 8, 2008 through the last date of the assignment, October 31, 2008.

The Board approved a change from the day-to-day substitute rate to \$152.39 for Erin Smith, long term sub for Debra Goehring, Teacher, McKnight Elementary School. The effective date for this change is October 8, 2008.

III. Recognition for Additional Education

The following professional employees have successfully completed approved Masters Programs or ten increments above the Masters Degree since July 1, 1996. Therefore, under Appendix A, Section IV of the Collective Bargaining Agreement, the Administration recommends approval of a \$1,500 Educational Incentive Award to be paid to:

James Basilone
Antonio Caruso
Tracey Cima
Gail Etter
Debra Goehring
Rebecca Hulme
Crystal Kiray

Jennifer Marnich
Erin Pitaro
William Saunders
Michelle Schwoebel
Dustin Soxman
Darlene Span
Sharon Volpe

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

Tracie Michalowski

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

Roll Call Vote. Results: 6-Yes; 0-No. Motion Carried.

PROPERTY AND SUPPLIES REPORT

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

I. Easement Agreement with AdVenture Development, LLC

The Board approved an Easement Agreement with AdVenture Development, LLC. The resolution will be attached to the Official Minutes.

II. Temporary Construction Easement Agreement with AdVenture Development, LLC

The Board approved a Temporary Construction Easement Agreement with AdVenture Development, LLC. The resolution will be attached to the Official Minutes.

Roll Call Vote. Results: 6-Yes; 0-No. Motion Carried.

SPECIAL EDUCATION AND PUPIL SERVICES REPORT

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

I. Contracted Special Education Services with the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit

The Board approved the contract with the Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit Special Education Programs and Services for the 2008 – 2009 school year for the enrollment of one District special education student for \$31,161.00.

Roll Call Vote. Results: 6-Yes; 0-No. Motion Carried.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES REPORT

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

I. North Allegheny Orchestra Students – PMEA Western Region Orchestra Festival – McDowell High School – Erie, Pennsylvania

The Board approved for the North Allegheny Orchestra students to travel to Erie, Pennsylvania from **Wednesday, March 18 through Saturday, March 21, 2009** to participate in the PMEA Western Region Orchestra Festival. Approximately **8 students** will be participating in this trip.

II. North Allegheny Orchestra Students – Williamsburg, Virginia

The Board approved for the North Allegheny Intermediate High School String and Chamber Orchestra students and the North Allegheny Senior High School String and Honors Chamber Orchestra students to travel to Williamsburg, Virginia from **Thursday, March 26 through Sunday, March 29, 2009** to participate in adjudication, clinics and performances. Approximately **140 students** will be participating in this trip.

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

The Board approved waiver of Board Policy #3330 and approval of the Orchestra students attending the PMEA All-State Orchestra Festival in Valley Forge, PA (listed below) during the period of April 22 through April 25, 2009. The students will be missing three (3) consecutive days of school.

IV. North Allegheny Orchestra Students – PMEA All-State Orchestra Festival – Valley Forge, Pennsylvania

The Board approved for the North Allegheny Orchestra students to travel to Valley Forge, Pennsylvania from **Wednesday, April 22 through Saturday, April 25, 2009** to participate in the PMEA All-State Orchestra Festival. Approximately **8 students** will be participating in this trip.

Roll Call Vote. Results: 6-Yes; 0-No. Motion Carried.

Additional Information

Mrs. Bishop asked the students if they had any information to share regarding their buildings.

Ms. Peng reported that the Gobble for Cans project is continuing this week and they hope to gather over 33,000 cans, which will benefit the North Hills Community Outreach Center. Key Club is hosting the Mr. Rogers' Sweater Drive. NAI's Winter Dance will take place on December 12 and they are awaiting the announcement of the theme.

Mr. Hamm reported that the Marching Band took 2nd place in the Band of the Year competition sponsored by WPXI and he congratulated them. The Key Club Arts Supply Drive was a service project which raised \$1500 and over 900 arts supplies for people with Cerebral Palsy. The PASC State Conference took place last week and all workshops went well. He said the most exciting part of the conference was the announcement of the Advisor of the Year. Last year, for District 3, two advisors were named at the high school and middles levels, and both were from North Allegheny. Mrs. Kathy Coll, who retired last year, was named as the High School Advisor of the Year and Mrs. Judy Braden was named as the Middle Level Advisor of the Year. Mrs. Coll was named High School Advisor of the Year for the State, which was a wonderful honor for the District.

Mrs. Bishop noted that NASH's fall play, *Lend Me a Tenor*, is taking place this week and she encouraged everyone to support the students in this wonderful endeavor.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

On motion by Mrs. Grosheider, 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

The Board approved the following professional seminar requests:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Conference</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Tammy Andreyko	Pennsylvania Middle School Association State Board Meeting Sponsor: PMSA State Board of Directors State College, PA	1/9-1/10/2009	\$ 255.00

ADDENDUM

I. Professional Seminar Requests

The Board approved the following professional seminar requests:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Conference</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Carla Baldwin	Pennsylvania Promotes Best Practices in School Psychology Sponsor: PATTAN Pittsburgh, PA	11/25/2008	\$ 22.23

Roll Call Vote. Results: 6-Yes; 0-No. Motion Carried.

Dr. Green mentioned the two policies that are First Readings this month which will be requested for adoption next month. They are: #3585, Anti-Bullying Policy and #4160, Right-to-Know Requests.

Mrs. Bishop then congratulated Dr. Green on the just-announced honor of being named the first recipient of the University of Maryland's College of Education, Clarence Newell Distinguished Service for Public Education Award. The award is named in honor of Dr. Clarence Newell, a 94-year-old Professor Emeritus at the University, who was at one time Dr. Green's advisor. Dr. Green will be honored at the University's Commencement on December 21, 2008. The Board congratulated her on this prestigious award and she received a round of applause.

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

Mr. Maiello provided a written report to the Board.

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

Mrs. Ludwig reported on the following:

- Some Beattie culinary students participated in a recent episode of 'Extreme Home Makeover' filmed in the Pittsburgh area.
- Mrs. Ludwig attended an event on October 30 when dignitaries from China and the University of Pittsburgh were hosted at Beattie. They saw an Asian Studies class in progress and had a good experience together.
- At the October 23, 2008 Beattie Board meeting, it was confirmed that NASD will be charged \$40 for each student that is participating in the Asian Studies program.
- The total enrollment at Beattie is 607 this year, which is a decrease from previous years.

- The next Beattie meeting will be on November 20 and Dr. Fineberger from the Lehigh Career and Technical Institute will be speaking at this meeting.

Mr. Schwartzmier reported that the design phase for the renovation project at Beattie is going well. They received a cost estimate and they are continuing to monitor the budget.

North Allegheny Foundation

There was nothing new to report after tonight's presentation.

Hall of Fame

Mr. Schwartzmier reported that no meeting has taken place since the banquet in October.

Legislative Report

Mr. Shuckrow announced that Representative Mike Turzai was voted the Minority Whip by the Republicans in the State House; Senator Jane Orie is the Senate Majority Whip; and Congressman Altmire was re-elected and serves on the Education Committee. This is very beneficial to North Allegheny to have this strong representation which will aid in future legislative issues that North Allegheny decides to advocate or oppose.

Regarding GCA's, Mr. Shuckrow noted that the Governor is lobbying the National Chambers of Commerce for their support, and there seems to be no stopping this promotion even though there is a moratorium .

It appears that there will be some uncertainty with the State Budget through the rest of this fiscal year, and possibly next year.

Mrs. Grosheider reported that the PSBA liaisons met on November 3 to discuss the legislative priorities for the upcoming year. The #1 legislative topic agreed upon was opposing the Graduation Competency Assessments. In addition, she shared the letter that our Board sent to the Governor on this topic with PSBA, encouraging them to suggest that other districts could do something similar.

SPEAKERS

There were no Speakers who came forward.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Bishop adjourned the meeting at **8:55 p.m.** The Board met in Executive Session to discuss a litigation matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Mary Ryan, Secretary
North Allegheny School Board