

NORTH ALLEGHENY SCHOOL DISTRICT
SEPTEMBER 24, 2008 – REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

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

Board Absent: Mr. Shuckrow

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

Also in Attendance: Dr. Green, Mr. Lucas (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, August 27, 2008** in the **Board Room** of the **Central Administrative Offices**.

REGULAR MEETING

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

Mrs. Bishop welcomed everyone in attendance. She announced that the Board did not meet in Executive Session at the conclusion of the meeting on September 17, 2008. The Board will meet in Executive Session at the conclusion of this meeting to discuss a real estate matter and contract negotiations with a bargaining unit.

CALENDAR AND AGENDA

Mrs. Bishop reviewed the Agenda for this meeting and the Calendar for October 2008. There are no reports scheduled for October 22. On October 29, 2008, the Board will hear the Report of Student Achievement. Mrs. Bishop commented that it is one of the highlights for the Board and is hopeful that others will attend to hear the good news of the students.

ENROLLMENT AND FACILITIES REPORT AND CAPITAL FUNDING PLAN

Mrs. Bishop said these reports are timely because we are currently in the early stages of developing our preliminary budget for 2009-2010 and these reports help to identify the District's funding needs in Facilities, Transportation and Technology.

ENROLLMENT AND FACILITIES REPORT

Dr. Green commented that the Enrollment and Facilities Report will give us a snapshot view of where we are in the District with enrollment and where we are projected to be a few years out. She said the Capital Funding Plan is constructed each year to give a comprehensive look over the next five years of some of the major projects that we would be potentially considering for the School District. During the review tonight, they will also note the major projects that have been completed this year.

Dr. Green introduced **Mr. Roger Botti**, Director of Assets, Transportation and Technology, who presented the **Enrollment and Facilities Report**.

Mr. Botti gave a summary of the Annual Enrollment and Facilities as follows, using the third-day enrollments, three-year average retention rates, birth data from the County and State, and the houses that have been built in the past year.

- The Projected Enrollment is a combination of data projections per grade level based on the three-year average retention rate. The combination of these projections shows that the projected enrollment for the 2009/2010 school year will be approximately 8035 students. The District will see a slight decline in enrollment over the next five years. The projected enrollment for the 2013/2014 school year is approximately 7835 students. The enrollment for the six elementary grade levels will decrease by approximately 295 students over the next five years while the enrollment at the seven secondary grade levels will increase by approximately 49 students.
- The Current Enrollment is called the Third Day Enrollment, which is the actual student count for every grade which is taken on the third day of the new school year. The third day enrollment for the **2008/2009** school year is **8081**, which is an increase of 27 students more than last year's total of 8054. The six elementary grades decreased by 13 students while the seven secondary grades increased by 40 students.
- Although the District has seen a decline in birth rate over the last several years, it is interesting to note that the District continues to see a higher spike in kindergarten to first grade retention rate over the last three years.
- The available capacity for all District buildings should be adequate over the next two years. Considerations should be given to the fact that there is an increasing enrollment at Franklin Elementary. Also, the other issue that could potentially impact capacity would be if the District decided to implement a full-day kindergarten program.

Questions from the Board

Mrs. Grosheider commented that she has reviewed reports from the past five years to determine how accurate we have been in the long-term projections and it was determined that they have been fairly accurate and our facilities should be okay. She is concerned with our birth-to-kindergarten number and said that it is the one place where we see a dip, with students coming back for first grade. She said that we are not meeting the needs of some of the parents in the community and we need to take a look at that. She commended Dr. Green and Dr. Stropkaj for taking a look at all-day kindergarten.

Mrs. Grosheider asked if we have seen any indication in the southern part of the District with some of the older homes of any turnover of new students enrolling.

Mr. Botti said he agrees that in the southern portion we are not seeing the growth that we are seeing in other parts of the District.

Mrs. Grosheider does not believe that we will see a slight decline in those areas as predicted because of our low millage rate and the good housing and schools in that part of the District.

Dr. Green commented on the Newcomers Coffee this year and said that individuals who were not residents of the community attended because they wanted to learn more about North Allegheny as they considered whether to move into the District. Also, with Westinghouse moving nearby, we might want to consider inviting those employees to view the presentation this year.

Mrs. Bishop asked how the Venango Trails has been factored into the numbers that were presented.

Mr. Botti said that we estimate that the growth in the Marshall Elementary area will be 172 students but the school has the capacity to handle the increased enrollment.

Mrs. Bishop brought up all-day kindergarten. Dr. Green said we are looking at several different options.

Dr. Stropkaj visited the Fox Chapel School District and learned about their all-day kindergarten program. Fox Chapel began their process in the early 1990's but did not implement the program until 1998-99. In the study, we are looking at several options and all the potentials as well as costing-out those plans.

Dr. Green also mentioned that there is a philosophical consideration because one model is a developmental model and the other is an academic model which has an effect on the curriculum and the grades after kindergarten. It was also noted that there are many families who are not in favor of a full-day kindergarten and prefer only a half-day. There is much to be reviewed before bringing this forward because it is a complex topic.

Mrs. Boujoukos commented that the District facilities will be able to address the needs of our students until the 2011/2012 school year. After that time, she wondered how far ahead we will have to look if we need to make changes to our facilities.

Dr. Green said that it is an ongoing project and the District is continually data-driven before it makes informed decisions and recommendations.

Mr. Botti said the timeframe for making decisions usually involves an 18-month window. They are constantly looking at data.

Mrs. Boujoukos asked for the most recent upgrades on the new turf and track to be added in future reports.

Mr. Schwartzmier commented that half of the impact of new housing is in the Marshall Elementary area but Marshall's numbers actually dropped this year. He also noted that Franklin Park seems to have peaked off in the Franklin area.

Mrs. Bishop thanked Mr. Botti for the report and said that these reports are important to provide enrollment trends and facilities' needs so that important decisions can be made.

CAPITAL FUNDING PLAN

Dr. Green introduced **Mr. Rob Gaertner**, Director of Facilities.

Mr. Gaertner gave an overview on the following:

- The Capital Funding Plan supports investments and capital projects of between \$25,000 and \$250,000. This report provides a five-year projection of potential investments and capital projects.
- The report detailed 26 projects that were completed or will be completed under the 2007/2008 Capital Funding Plan in the amount of \$3,337,911.
- Mr. Botti provided an overview of the transportation fleet and the proposed five-year plan for vehicle replacement.
- Mr. Gaertner listed more than 20 proposed facilities projects for the future.

Questions from the Board

Mr. Schwartzmier suggested that when the repaving of the Marshall Middle School lot is done that they should combine the lighting project with that.

Mr. Gaertner said they just listed the projects separately but they will do these projects together.

Mr. Schwartzmier commented on the expense of \$75,000 for the multi-purpose flooring at Bradford Woods Elementary.

Mr. Gaertner said there are moisture issues and they are not sure what they are going to find.

Mrs. Ludwig commented that the maintenance that we do in the District is very important and even our oldest facilities are holding up well. As a result, we do not need major renovations.

Mrs. Grosheider said that we have 17 full-size buses that are either 14 years or older or have more than 140,000 miles, and we are going to be replacing 10 full-size buses and two mid-size buses this year. She asked if we should actually be buying more for our fleet.

Mr. Botti said he is comfortable with the purchases that we will be making this year.

Mrs. Grosheider asked about some projects that were deferred and they still are not completed, like the painting of the lockers at NASH.

Mr. Gaertner said things are maintained, but other projects are more pressing.

Mrs. Boujoukos asked why some projects are listed ahead of others.

Mr. Gaertner said that he ranks the projects according to need.

Mrs. Boujoukos asked if the project with the numbering of the doors has been completed yet.

Mr. Gaertner said that NASH and NAI have been completed, with the exception of a couple of inside doors. They are currently working on the middle schools.

Mrs. Boujoukos asked how the greenhouse at NAI fits into our curriculum.

Dr. Steinhauer said he will get back with details.

Mr. Pagone asked if we have looked at alternative fuel sources for our vehicles.

Mr. Botti said he is aware of grant funding to purchase vehicles that would use alternative fuel but they are much more expensive than a regular diesel bus. You would also need to get a fueling station and it is a very expensive endeavor.

Mr. Pagone asked if Mr. Botti could look into the cost of propane vs. diesel.

Mr. Pagone asked that after the numbering plan is completed on all of the schools to be sure to give this information to the police, fire and EMS.

Mr. Gaertner said this will be done and, in fact, it has been a cooperative effort with the police department.

Mr. Hubert asked that when projects are completed or deferred to another time that it be indicated as such in the report.

Mrs. Bishop thanked the presenters for the reports and reiterated how useful these reports are to the Board in getting a panoramic view of the District. She said that not all projects will be funded but the School Board will take a look and decide what is most important as they work with the Administration on priorities.

Mr. Botti and Mr. Gaertner received a round of applause for the work on these reports.

MINUTES

On motion by Mr. Hubert, seconded by Mrs. Ludwig, the Board approved the published minutes of the August 20, 2008 Special Meeting/Work Session and the August 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: 8-Yes, with an abstention by Mrs. Boujoukos to the August 27 Minutes; 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 September 24, 2008.

CURRICULUM REPORT

Mrs. Ludwig reported on two items for information only.

REMAINDER OF THE BOARD FOLDER

Mr. Hubert requested that the entire Board Folder be approved at one time in the interest of saving time. Mrs. Bishop suggested that the Property and Supplies Report be approved separately and, with no objections from the Board, the remainder of the Board Folder could be requested for approval.

PROPERTY AND SUPPLIES REPORT

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

I. Termination – Planned Maintenance for Refrigeration Systems Services Contract

The Board approved the contract with Combustion Service and Equipment to provide Planned Maintenance for Refrigeration System Services at all of the District's facilities, for a term of July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2009, be terminated, effective September 25, 2008, due to the contractor's inability to provide the services required.

For Information

This contractor has not been able to provide the required maintenance services for the refrigeration equipment and, in accordance with the specifications for the contract, they were notified that this contract would be terminated.

II. Bid Award – Planned Maintenance Program for Refrigeration Systems

The Board approved the acceptance of the bid from Tudi Mechanical Systems, Inc. for \$28,979.00 for the 2008/09 year with the hourly rates of \$75.00/hour for regular time and \$112.50/hour for overtime and \$28,979.00 for 2009/10 year and \$5,068.00 for the fall of 2010 with the hourly rates of \$75.00/hour for regular time and \$112.50/hour for overtime as the lowest responsible bidder meeting the specifications for the preventative maintenance of the refrigeration equipment at: Bradford Woods, Franklin, Hosack, Ingomar Elementary, Marshall Elementary, McKnight Elementary, Peebles Elementary, Carson Middle, Ingomar Middle, Marshall Middle, NAI and NASH from October 1, 2008 to December 31, 2010.

For Information

This work will involve the inspection and preventative maintenance work on the major equipment used for cooling at each of these facilities. 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.

III. Bid Award – Snow Plowing and Salting Services

The Board approved the acceptance of the bids from the following contractors for the Snow Plowing and Salting Services for a term from October 1, 2008 to June 30, 2011, as the lowest responsible bidder meeting the specifications.

<u>CONTRACTOR</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>Plowing</u>	<u>Salting</u>	<u>Playground</u>
Niggel Lawn Care	Bradford Woods Elementary	2008/09	\$180.00	\$295.50	\$40.00
Wessel Lawn Mower Repair		2009/10	\$200.00	\$290.00	No Bid
Wessel Lawn Mower Repair		2010/11	\$200.00	\$290.00	No Bid
Niggel Lawn Care	Hosack Elementary	2008/09	\$180.00	\$295.50	\$35.00
		2009/10	\$190.00	\$315.50	\$35.00
		2010/11	\$200.00	\$325.50	\$35.00

Niggel Lawn Care	McKnight Elementary	2008/09	\$180.00	\$291.50	\$40.00
		2009/10	\$190.00	\$311.50	\$40.00
		2010/11	\$200.00	\$321.50	\$40.00
Niggel Lawn Care	Marshall Campus	2008/09	\$435.00	\$619.00	\$40.00
		2009/10	\$445.00	\$639.00	\$40.00
		2010/11	\$455.00	\$649.00	\$40.00
Kunning Lawn Service	Franklin Elementary	2008/09	\$150.00	\$120.00	\$45.00
		2009/10	\$155.00	\$125.00	\$45.00
		2010/11	\$155.00	\$125.00	\$45.00
Kunning Lawn Service	Ingomar Elementary	2008/09	\$160.00	\$120.00	\$45.00
		2009/10	\$160.00	\$125.00	\$45.00
		2010/11	\$160.00	\$125.00	\$45.00
Wessel Lawn Mower Repair	NASH	2008/09	\$725.00	\$650.00	
		2009/10	\$725.00	\$650.00	
		2010/11	\$725.00	\$650.00	
Wessel Lawn Mower Repair	Ingomar Middle School	2008/09	\$275.00	\$325.00	
		2009/10	\$275.00	\$325.00	
		2010/11	\$275.00	\$325.00	
Wessel Lawn Mower Repair	Peebles Elementary	2008/09	\$200.00	\$290.00	No Bid
		2009/10	\$200.00	\$290.00	No Bid
		2010/11	\$200.00	\$290.00	No Bid
Admiral Tree Service	NAI	2008/09	\$500.00	\$450.00	
		2009/10	\$525.00	\$475.00	
		2010/11	\$575.00	\$535.00	
Admiral Tree Service	Carson Middle School	2008/09	\$375.00	\$450.00	
		2009/10	\$395.00	\$435.00	
		2010/11	\$415.00	\$475.00	

IV. Change Orders

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

The complete change order document is attached to the Official Minutes.

Peebles Elementary Roof Replacement

Number	Description	Contract	Amount
RC-02	Add flashing for two roof drains and relocate one existing roof drain over the Library	Alex Roofing	\$1,539,83

RC-03	Provide additional fascia extender around the Library	Alex Roofing	\$1,359.26
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Roll Call Vote. Results: 8-Yes; 0-No. Motion Carried.

MOTION TO APPROVE REMAINDER OF THE BOARD FOLDER

On motion by Mrs. Grosheider, seconded by Mr. Schwartzmier, the Board approved all items as contained in the Board Folder of September 24, 2008 and as listed below:

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Board approved Item I 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 August 2008, in the amount of \$6,270,574.74.
- B. Accounts Payable list dated September 2008, in the amount of \$247,774.07.
- C. Supplemental Capital Reserve Fund Accounts Payable list dated August 2008, in the amount of \$699,995.98.
- D. Supplemental Technology Fund Accounts Payable list dated August 2008, in the amount of \$12,620.92.
- E. Supplemental 2000 NASH/Newman Stadium Construction Fund Accounts Payable list dated August 2008, in the amount of \$48,236.70.
- F. Supplemental CMS/IMS Construction Fund Accounts Payable list dated August 2008, in the amount of \$319.00.
- G. Supplemental Cafeteria Fund Accounts Payable list dated August 2008, in the amount of \$3,105.43.

TRANSPORTATION REPORT

This report contained an item for information only.

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

The Board approved Items I through IX and the Addendum, Items I through as contained in the Board Folder and as listed below.

I. Resignations

The Administration recommends approval of the following Resignations:

Linda Bauer	Grade 4, HES Effective 08/28/08 36 yrs. @ NA	Retirement
Amy Frolo	Probationary Bus Driver Transportation Effective 09/02/08	Resigned

II. Appointments

The Board approved the following Appointments:

Professional

Nancy Moryc	From Special Education Assistant, IMS to Special Education Teacher, MMS Effective 08/28/08	Sub Form Step 2 Column E \$30,307 (Prorated)
John Vesci	Technology Education, IMS Effective 08/28/08	Per Diem Sub \$148.33/Day

Paraprofessional

Maria Schwer	Transfer from Supervisory Assistant, IES To Special Education Assistant, FES Effective 09/15/08	\$11.58/hr. Class II-C 7 Hours/Day 187 Days/Yr.
Carol Sena	½ Time Bookkeeper, NAI Effective 08/25/08 (Replaces R. Demianczyk)	\$12.85/hr. Class I-B 4 Hours/Day 216 Days/Yr.

Amy Sewell	Special Education Assistant, IMS Effective 09/15/08 (Replaces N. Moryc)	\$11.58/hr. Class II-C 7 Hours/Day 187 Days/Yr.
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Paraprofessional

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

Elizabeth Ciccone
Susan Holleran

Classified

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TYPE OF WORK</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>START DATE</u>
Richard Gardner	Probationary Bus Driver	\$14.01/hr.	09/15/08
Kimberli Hay	From Probationary Driver To Extra Board Bus Driver	No Change	09/04/08
James Windsheimer	Utility Employee Facilities	\$11.21/hr.	09/10/08

III. Professional Employment Change

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

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Benjamin Bower	Effective 8/27/08	Effective 09/15/08

IV. Wage Status Changes

The Board approved the following adjustments to previously approved Professional Salaries:

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Dustin Soxman	\$50,867 (7D)	\$51,551 (7E)	08/25/08
Rebecca Lamanna	\$56,182 (12F)	\$56,801 (13F)	08/25/08

The Administration recommends approval of the following wage changes for Transportation Department Employees:

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Terri Hutson*	\$16.48	\$16.89	08/15/08
Richard McClone*	\$16.89	\$17.30	08/18/08
William Manganaro*	\$17.30	\$18.13	07/29/08
Larry Rice*	\$15.82	\$16.48	06/08/08

*Anniversary Increase

V. Child Rearing Leave of Absence – Leslie Garvin

The Board approved an unpaid Child Rearing Leave of Absence for Leslie Garvin, Teacher, Carson Middle School, upon the exhaustion of her sick days. Her last day of work will be March 6, 2009 and her unpaid leave will be effective April 27, 2009 through the end of the 2008/2009 school year.

VI. Leave of Absence Diane Sobon

The Board approved an unpaid Medical Leave of Absence for Diane Sobon, Utility Custodian, Bradford Woods, effective August 12, 2008 through September 15, 2008.

VII. Extension of Leave of Absence – Kenneth Kalb

The Board approved an Extension of an unpaid Medical Leave of Absence for Mr. Kenneth Kalb effective through September 30, 2008.

VIII. Honoraria

The Board approved the following Honoraria Applications:

		<u>Submitted</u>	
¹ Maureen Lengel	ESY Program	05/28/08	\$2,500.00
² Melissa Castner	APPEAL Orientation	09/05/08	\$ 150.00
² Tracy Devlin	“ “	09/05/08	\$ 150.00
² Stephen Heckmann	“ “	09/05/08	\$ 150.00
Zach Hull	“ “	09/02/08	\$ 150.00
² Jean Leri	“ “	09/05/08	\$ 150.00
Mike McConegly	“ “	09/05/08	\$ 150.00
Heather Richards	“ “	09/02/08	\$ 150.00
Mike Saville	“ “	09/02/08	\$ 150.00
² JoAnn Witt	“ “	09/05/08	\$ 150.00
Charlene Yendell	“ “	09/02/08	\$ 150.00
³ Doug Brinkley	IMPACT Orientation	09/02/08	\$ 200.00
³ Jeremy Rak	“ “	09/02/08	\$ 200.00
Christian Shane	Instructional Strategies	09/08/08	\$ 250.00
	Course Development		
Karen Goodman	Multi-Media Projects K-8	09/09/08	\$ 75.00
Linda Kamzelski	ASAP Program	09/08/08	\$2,100.00
Bryan Kiggins	“ “	09/02/08	\$2,100.00
Beth McCandless	“ “	09/02/08	\$ 525.00
Courtney Vadnais	“ “	09/02/08	\$ 525.00
Karyn Dobda	SAT Prep Course	09/03/08	\$ 900.00
John Fellers	“ “	09/08/08	\$1,600.00
Rebecca Hulme	“ “	09/08/08	\$ 450.00
Ronald Lutz	“ “	09/08/08	\$ 900.00
Thomas Mooney	“ “	09/03/08	\$ 900.00

Sandy Stein	“	“	09/02/08	\$ 900.00
Christine Walters	SAT Prep Course		09/03/08	\$ 900.00
Bruce Allen	Science Research Coordinator		09/09/08	\$ 750.00

TOTAL HONORARIA 2008/2009 EXPENDITURES THRU 09/24/08 \$41,625.00

¹ Work completed 08/15/08

² Work completed 08/18/08

³ Work completed 09/08/08

IX. Supplemental Contracts

The Board approved the following Supplemental Contracts:

¹ Antonio Caruso	NASH – Building Liaison English	\$1,095.00
¹ William McClelland(s)	NAI – Building Liaison Social Studies	\$ 600.00
¹ William Hildenbrand(s)	NAI – Building Liaison Social Studies	\$ 600.00
¹ *Timothy Hreha(s)	Assistant Forensics Coach	\$ 950.00
Sharon Volpe	Debate Coach	\$3,000.00
¹ *Brian Bacchus	Soccer – Assistant Varsity Head Coach (F)	\$3,300.00
¹ *Kevin Cox	Soccer – Middle School Head Black Coach (F)	\$2,800.00
¹ *Ian Ross	Soccer – Middle School Head Gold Coach (F)	\$2,000.00
¹ *Jessica Nellis(s)	Field Hockey – 7/8 Grade Head Coach	\$1,600.00
Darlene O’Laughlin(s)	Field Hockey – 7/8 Grade Head Coach	\$ 800.00
¹ Berchman Grinage	Fall Intramurals – MMS Flag Football	\$ 776.00
Matthew McCusker	Fall Intramurals – McKnight	\$ 811.00
¹ William Love	Faculty Manager – NAI	\$5,000.00
Beth Frisco	Fall Intramurals – Bradford Woods	\$ 811.00
*Daniel Long	Volleyball – Varsity Assistant Coach (F)	\$1,351.00

The Board approved the following adjustments to previously approved Supplemental Contracts:

		<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
¹ Tawnia St. Amant	bFall Cheerleading – IMS	\$1,600.00	\$1,950.00
Ryan Gabos	Basketball – IMS 7 th Grade Head Coach (F)	\$2,595.00	\$3,085.00
Colleen Schmiech	NASH - National Honor Society	\$1,619.00	\$3,000.00
¹ *Aaron Terracio	Assistant Forensics Coach	\$ 900.00	\$1,150.00

The Board approved cancellation of the following Supplemental Contract:

*Brian Bacchus	Soccer – Middle School Head Gold Soccer Coach (F)
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* Not a District Employee

¹ First Time Supplemental Contract Holder in this position

^(s) One contract shared by more than one person

SPECIAL EDUCATION AND PUPIL SERVICES REPORT

The Board approved Items I and II and the Addendum, Item I, as contained in the Board Folder and as listed below:

I. Agreement Between North Allegheny School District and PLEA (Programs for Living, Education, and Advocacy)

The Board approved the educational services agreement for the continuation of services provided by PLEA for the school year 2008/2009. The price for educational services is \$48,860.00 for the one North Allegheny School District student enrolled for the period beginning September 2008 through June 2009.

II. Agreement Between North Allegheny School District and Pressley Ridge

The Board approved the Letter of Agreement for the continuation of services provided by Pressley Ridge for one student from the North Allegheny School District for the period beginning September 2, 2008 through January 6, 2009. Pressley Ridge will bill North Allegheny School District on a semester basis at a rate of \$25,000.00.

ADDENDUM

I. Holy Family Learning Emsworth Day School Program

The Board approved the acceptance of the Agreement between the Holy Family Learning Emsworth Day School and the North Allegheny School District for a special education student placement in the instructional program at an educational cost not to exceed \$18,318.00 for the 2008/2009 school.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES REPORT

The Board approved Items I through V, and the Addendum, Item I, as contained in the Board Folder and as listed below:

I. NAI Student Council Retreat – Clarion University, Clarion, Pennsylvania

The Board approved for the NAI Student Council students to travel to Clarion, Pennsylvania from **Friday, October 24 through Sunday, October 26, 2008** to participate in a Retreat. Approximately **30-40 students** will be participating in this event.

II. PASC (PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS) State Conference – South Western High School – Hanover, Pennsylvania

The Board approved for the Student Council Members from NASH, NAI, Carson Middle School, Ingomar Middle School and Marshall Middle Schools to travel to South Western High School in Hanover, Pennsylvania from **Thursday, November 13 through Saturday, November 15, 2008** to participate in the PASC State Conference. Approximately **40-50 students** will be participating in this event.

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

The Board approved waiver of Board Policy #3330 and approval of the Band students attending “The Windy City Classic” National Band Adjudication and Competition and the NBA Chicago Bulls Pre-game Performance in Chicago, IL (listed below) during the period of March 25 through March 29, 2009. The students will be missing three (3) consecutive days of school.

IV. North Allegheny Bands – “The Windy City Classic” National Band Adjudication and Competition and the NBA Chicago Bulls Pre-Game Performance – Chicago, Illinois

The Board approved for the NASH and NAI Wind Ensembles, NASH Symphonic Band, NASH Concert Band Jazz Ensemble I, Jazz Ensemble II, Jazz Ensemble III, Marching Band, Percussion Ensemble, Marching Band Dance Team, Marching Band Majorettes and Marching Band Flag Team to travel to Chicago, Illinois from **Wednesday, March 25 through Saturday, March 29, 2009** to participate in “The Windy City Classic” Band Adjudication and Competition. Approximately **250 students** will be participating in this trip. The Marching Band will also do a program performance for the March 26 Chicago Bulls vs. Miami Heat NBA Basketball Game.

V. Sewing & Design Class @ NAI and Contemporary Fashions & Fashion Art @ NASH – New York City Fashion Tour – New York, New York

The Board approved for the students of fashion design from NAI and NASH to travel to New York, New York from **Thursday, April 23 through Sunday, April 26, 2009** to participate in a New York City Fashion Tour. Approximately **100 students** will be participating in this trip.

ADDENDUM**I. Air Force JROTC – Orlando, Florida**

The Board approved for the students of the Air Force JROTC to travel to a military base from **Friday, January 23 (after school) through Wednesday, January 28, 2009** to visit Patrick Air Force Base and Kennedy Space Center in Orlando, Florida. A total of **23**

students will be participating in this trip. The students will only miss two days of school because Monday, January 26 is an in-service day.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

The Board approved adoption of the following revised policies, as attached to the end of these minutes.

I. Second Reading and Request for Adoption of Revised Board Policy #9200 – Standards for Effective School Governance

In accordance with Board Policy #1710, the Board requested adoption of the attached revised Board Policy #9200, Standards for Effective School Governance (as adopted from the Pennsylvania School Boards Association), as attached.

II. Second Reading and Request for Adoption of Revised Board Policy #9300 – Code of Conduct for School Board Members

In accordance with Board Policy #1710, the Board requested adoption of the attached revised Board Policy #9300, Code of Conduct for School Board Members (as adopted from PSBA Code of Conduct), as attached.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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>
David Woten	2008 "Next Steps" Conference Sponsor: Educational Testing Service Princeton, NJ	9/25- 9/27/2008	\$ 95.87
David Woten	Pearson Digital Arts Storytelling Workshop Sponsor: Pearson New York, NY	9/27- 9/30/2008	\$ 116.12
David Woten	2008 National State Teacher of the Year – PA Teacher Forum Sponsor: National State Teachers of the Year Organization Harrisburg, PA	10/5- 10/7/2008	\$ 458.22

Shari Chalmers Cheryl Mondin	2008 Pennsylvania Payroll Olympics – The Statewide Conference Sponsor: Western Pennsylvania Chapter – American Payroll Association Cranberry, PA	10/6/2008	\$ 141.44 \$ 141.44
Sandra Stein	Training of Trainers Sponsor: Sopris West Publishing Company Denver, CO	10/10- 10/16/2008	\$2,424.00*
Kathleen Lewetag	IDEA-B State Performance Data Reporting Fiscal Program Determinations Sponsor: Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Education Harmarville, PA	10/15/2008	\$ 21.14
Joanne Sullivan	Cooperative Education Conference Sponsor: Penn State University & the PA Co-op Association State College, PA	10/16- 10/17/2008	\$ 225.00
David Schmidt	Office of Safe And Drug-Free Schools Project Directors Meeting Sponsor: United States Department of Education Washington, DC	10/17/2008	\$ 577.00**
Barbara Zaun	Pennsylvania State Modern Language Association Conference 2008 Sponsor: Pennsylvania State Modern Language Association Greentree, PA	10/17- 10/18/2008	\$ 215.00
Nicole Morrison Amy Romac	Strategies & Materials that Support the Differentiated Classroom Sponsor: Staff Development for Educators Pittsburgh, PA	10/20/2008	\$ 189.00 \$ 189.00

Amy Kegel	Incorporating Jazz into the Music Curriculum Sponsor: Rosemarie Piccioni, Ed.D. Pittsburgh, PA	10/28/2008	\$ 10.00
Kathleen Lewetag	Attendance/Child Accounting Professional Association – Fall Conference Sponsor: Attendance/Child Accounting Professional Association Cranberry Township, PA	10/31/2008	\$ 12.44
*ACCESS Funds			
**PEP Funds			

ADDENDUM

<u>Name</u>	<u>Conference</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Joy Ed	Pennsylvania Governor's Conference for Women Sponsor: Governor Edward Rendell & PA Commission for Women Pittsburgh, PA	10/2/2008	\$ 125.00
John DeMann	2008 Association of School Psychologists of Pennsylvania/Penn State Conference Sponsor: ASPP State College, PA	10/14- 10/15/2008	\$ 225.00
Dr. Brian Miller	Principals' Institute Sponsor: National association of Secondary School Principals Arlington, VA	10/24- 10/26/2008	\$ 360.58
Dr. Patricia Green	National Conference on Education	2/19-	\$2,165.00
Dr. Brian Miller	Sponsor: American Association of	2/21/2009	\$2,131.55
Dr. Timothy Steinhauer	School Administrators		\$2,367.40
David Woten	San Francisco, CA		\$2,131.55

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

Additional Information

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

Andy Hamm reported that NASH would be having their Open House on Thursday, September 25th and they will be teaching the parents about eSembler, the new grading system. Homecoming will be the following weekend with the parade and game on Friday, October 3 and the dance on Saturday, October 4, with the 50's theme of "Homecoming Hop." Students from NASH, NAI, Carson, Marshall and Ingomar all attended the PAL Conference (Principals, Advisors, Leaders) today at the Chadwick and they discussed ways to engage all students in student activities in all buildings. They also met with students from all over Pennsylvania and it was a great opportunity and many great ideas were shared. Mr. Hamm also brought up a concern with an Activity Bus that goes from NAI to NASH on Tuesdays and Thursdays. They are full and not all the kids are getting to NASH. Dr. Green said she will have our Administrators look into this.

Lili Peng reported that NAI had their Open House on Tuesday, September 23rd and the parent attendance was very good. They also taught the parents how to use the eSembler program. Homecoming is next weekend for NAI and their theme is "Hollywood" and the students have been busy working on the decorations. NAI's Fall Play is *Anne of Green Gables* and this year there will be a small orchestra pit. Students enrolled in the Mandarin Chinese course are speaking very positively about it and are pleased with the distance learning. The students like the teachers and learning about the Chinese culture. Ms. Peng reiterated the problem with the Activity Bus that the students utilize after school.

Mrs. Boujoukos expressed her interest in the PAL Conference and asked for the minutes of that meeting. She said that having kids connected to activities is an extraordinarily worthwhile goal and those who are involved in activities are the least likely to develop risky behavior.

Mr. Hamm and **Ms. Peng** will send Mrs. Boujoukos the detailed notes.

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

Mr. Lucas provided a written report to the Board.

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

Mr. Schwartzmier reported that the construction project is coming along well in the design phase. The Building & Grounds Committee will meet on Thursday, September 25th, prior to the regular Beattie meeting. Mrs. Ludwig added that the Personnel Committee is working on enrollment because enrollment is significantly down this year. Beattie has visited both NAI and NASH at their Open Houses to help parents to learn about the programs that Beattie has to offer. Mrs. Ludwig thinks it would be helpful to see where programs are redundant.

Mr. Hubert brought up the fact that he saw one of the Chinese teachers walking along Babcock Boulevard and thought that may be a safety concern in the next month or so when it is dark at the end of the school day. Dr. Green explained that the Chinese teachers are on a limited budget and she claims that they are in dire need. They are funded by the Confucius Institute. Mrs. Grosheider suggested an honorarium or stipend from the school districts and Mr. Schwartzmier and Mrs. Ludwig said they will discuss these concerns at their meeting tomorrow night.

North Allegheny Foundation

Mr. Cunningham reported that the Foundation met on Tuesday, September 16th and took action and approved one grant for Ingomar Elementary School for the purchase of two Smart Boards for approximately \$6,000. The net proceeds for the golf outing this past June was \$23,273, which is the most that this event has raised. Mr. Cunningham recognized the efforts of Terry Fedele and thanked her for her leadership. The 2009 Golf Outing will be held at Diamond Run, which is a new venue, and it will be the 10th anniversary of the golf outing fundraiser. The Trustees elected a new Trustee at this meeting, Cynthia Navadeh, who has 30 years of journalism experience.

Hall of Fame

Mr. Schwartzmier said that the Committee met earlier today for a preparatory meeting for the banquet to be held on Thursday, October 2, 2008. Tickets are available through the Athletic Office and the dinner will be at the Chadwick. He will report on the event at the next meeting.

Legislative Report

Mr. Cunningham reported that the Pennsylvania General Assembly went into session on September 16. On the PSBA website, there were opinions recently on the issue of the Right to Strike on the part of public school teachers in the State of Pennsylvania. There was no legislation that was passed, however. Mr. Cunningham also reminded everyone that Tuesday, November 4, 2008 is Election Day.

Mrs. Grosheider mentioned that HB1277, which was designed to provide a health care plan for school employees, is not now scheduled to come to a vote. Amendments have been proposed and it is sitting in the House Appropriations Committee. PSBA had lobbied extensively against adoption of this bill without amendment. Mrs. Grosheider communicated directly with Representative Turzai about this bill, asking him to please not support it unless the amendment was attached to it. It will probably be brought up again in the spring session. Mrs. Bishop thanked Mrs. Grosheider for contacting Representative Turzai.

Mrs. Bishop said she received a phone message today from one of Senator Orie's legislative assistants asking if we had any specific legislative concerns that we would like to bring to their attention. She is planning to discuss the Graduation Competency Assessments with him. The legislature passed Act 61 last year prohibiting the State Board of Education from going any further with the GCAs that we have been lobbying against all year. The PDE has issued a

request for proposals for development of 10 graduation competency assessments as well as a diagnostic assessment tool for students. She said we need to track this very carefully.

Dr. Green said the PDE is very focused on making the GCAs happen in September 2009. The PDE requested that all districts submit what they use as the graduation requirement showing proficiency before graduation. North Allegheny submitted three binders with information, and PDE has to review all the information that has been sent to them from all districts. PDE will be soliciting teachers from across the state to do the work of reviewing the information sent in by the districts.

Mrs. Bishop said the *School Leader News* indicates that PSBA Executive Director, Tom Gentzel, has already responded in a letter to the Secretary of Education raising several questions about this entire process and emphasizing that PDE has not made it clear how it is going to determine if the local assessments are aligned with the state academic standards and the PSSA. She also wondered how they will determine whether all these assessments from all the school districts are valid or not.

Dr. Green mentioned that Dr. Donna Durno, Executive Director of AIU3, announced her retirement, effective March of 2009. Dr. Durno has been significant in making certain that she has kept all the Superintendents in Allegheny County very informed and Dr. Green said we will be losing a very good friend.

Speakers

No Speakers.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Bishop adjourned the meeting at **9:18 p.m.** The Board met in Executive Session to discuss a real estate matter and contract negotiations with a bargaining unit.

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Respectfully submitted,

Rose Mary Ryan, Secretary
North Allegheny School Board