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School Board Meeting News
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North Allegheny Board of School Directors

**Board Reorganization Meeting
Wednesday, December 4, 2013**

AGENDA

7:00 REORGANIZATION MEETING

- **Election of Officers**
- **Entertainment**
- **Refreshments/Social (break)**
- **Reorganization**

- All Board members were in attendance. In addition, District Solicitor, Mr. Maiello; the Superintendent's Executive Council with the exception of Dr. Scherrer and Dr. Bradley; and Mrs. Ryan were in attendance. David Bursic, NASH student representative, was also present. Mrs. Bjalobok, principal of PES, also attended.

Mrs. Grosheider called the meeting to order. Mrs. Ryan did a roll call of the sitting Board members.

At the beginning of the meeting, the newly elected Board members – Mrs. Fisher, Mr. Mahler, Mr. Pagone, Mr. Russell, and Mr. Schwartzmier – took the Oath of Office as administered by Judge Smith.

The new Board members took their seats at the Board table, following a round of applause and congratulations. The next order of business was the election of Board leadership.

Mr. Schwartzmier was elected to serve as temporary President to begin the process.

A nomination was made and a roll call vote was taken. **Mr. Jacobs was elected President.**

Then, Mr. Schwartzmier was nominated as Vice President. Mrs. Fisher was also nominated as Vice President.

There was considerable comment relative to this vote offered by various Directors.

Mrs. Fisher was elected Vice President in a roll call vote.

Mr. Jacobs offered comments to this effect following his election as Board President:

I would like to thank my fellow Board members for their confidence in my ability to serve in this role. I am humbled to be sitting in this seat, given the example set by Mrs. Grosheider over her many years of service. Her vast institutional knowledge and experience will continue to be a tremendous asset to our District. (*Mr. Jacobs led the room in a standing ovation to honor Mrs. Grosheider at this time.*)

I am also proud to be serving with Mrs. Fisher in this leadership capacity. I know that her talent and skills will undoubtedly help the Board to stay focused on the tasks ahead. I am proud to serve with a talented administration and to serve a community dedicated to providing an outstanding educational experience for all of our students.

Mrs. Fisher also offered comments which are summarized here:

I would like to thank my fellow Board members who supported me tonight. This is a very poignant moment for me as an NA graduate. I came the whole way up through this system. Exactly 20 years ago, I was a senior preparing for graduation. I now consider it an honor to help lead this District and look forward to the challenge.

It has been said that each generation goes further than the one before it. That is because it stands on the shoulders of the one that preceded it. The tie that binds all of us at the table here tonight is that each of us wishes to make a positive difference in the lives of the students in our community as a whole. We are extremely fortunate to be in a community that is so dedicated and so passionate about public education. We have parents who are so excited about the future of North Allegheny. I look forward to embracing the energy and the enthusiasm in this room. I look forward to working with every Board member, the administration, and everyone in this room - because together we are NA.

Following those comments, Mr. Jacobs proceeded to introduce the evening's entertainment:

The North Allegheny Senior High School Honors Chamber Choir is made up of students in grades 10, 11, and 12 who are selected by audition only. These same singers are also members of the over 450-student High School Choral Program grades 9-12, and are members of the Senior High School Concert Choir. The Chamber Choir has enjoyed much success performing in Disney's Magic Kingdom, Chicago, Nashville, Boston, and New York City, in past adjudications, competitions, and tours. It has captured the hearts and souls of the surrounding Pittsburgh community with its ability to learn and perform a large variety of different styles of music. The group was founded by its director, Ernest M. Pontiere, in 1991 - meeting only once a week after school with a handful of students. As its popularity grew, it became part of the school's curriculum and a scheduled class in 1993. The Choir then became an Honors Course in 2003 and is still going strong, producing an average of five to seven music majors every year.

The Choir treated everyone to a beautiful performance of a varied selection of music that was enjoyed by all. They concluded with the *NA Alma Mater*, with an invitation for the audience to join in the singing.

Following the performance, everyone was invited to enjoy refreshments and a brief reception to congratulate the new Board members.

After the break, Mr. Jacobs continued with the Reorganization Meeting to make these appointments:

- Mr. Schwartzmier and Mrs. Blackburn were elected through a vote to continue in their roles as representatives to A. W. Beattie.
- Mrs. Grosheider will do the Curriculum Report.
- Dr. Greenberg will do the Finance Report.
- Mrs. Blackburn will do the Transportation Report.
- Mr. Mahler will do the Human Resources Report.
- Mr. Schwartzmier will do the Property and Supplies Report.
- Mr. Russell will do the Special Ed & Pupil Services Report.
- Mrs. Fisher will be the Protocol Officer.
- Mr. Pagone will work with the Foundation, with Mr. Russell as the alternate.
- Mr. Mahler will do the Legislative report, with Mrs. Fisher as the alternate.
- Mr. Schwartzmier will be the representative to the Hall of Fame, with Mr. Russell as the alternate.
- Mrs. Blackburn will work with the Summer Recreation Program, with Mr. Mahler as the alternate.

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SPEAKERS:

There were four speakers who came forward to comment at the conclusion of the meeting on these topics:

1. Mr. Uday Pallad – Redistricting

Mr. Pallad has children at FES. He asked the administration to reconsider their assignment of the Spring Ridge children in the various redistricting proposals.

2. Daphne Aglietti – Redistricting

Ms. Aglietti has children at PES. She asked that her neighborhood could remain at PES, after she worked so hard to keep PES open last year.

3. Saaida Gosalia – Redistricting

Ms. Gosalia has children at FES. She asked the Board to reconsider the current proposal regarding the movement of Spring Ridge children. She also updated the petition that has been circulated at Spring Ridge.

4. K. Prasad – Redistricting

Mr. Prasad also spoke in reference to Spring Ridge. Their neighborhood is .5 miles from FES. He also feels strongly that these stressors are unnecessary and could be harmful to children in their development.

(For additional details relative to the comments of speakers, please refer to the Official Minutes provided by the Board Secretary.)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 PM.

There was no Executive Session following the meeting.

The next meeting of the NA Board of School Directors is scheduled for
December 18, 2013.

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*This update is provided by the Director of Communications and Development
immediately following the actual meeting.*

*For a copy of the Official Minutes of the meeting, please contact the
North Allegheny School Board Secretary, Rose Mary Ryan, at
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