



NASD E-Report:
School Board Meeting News
for All Employees

North Allegheny Board of School Directors

Wednesday, December 18, 2013

AGENDA

7:00 WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING

- Community Relations
- Redistricting Update
- International Baccalaureate (IB) Update (Written)
- Proposed Preliminary Budget Presentation
- Speakers (Agenda Items)
- Voting Items
- Speakers (Non-agenda Items)

- All Board members were in attendance. In addition, District Solicitor, Mr. Maiello; the Superintendent's Executive Council; and Mrs. Ryan were present. Student representatives Charles Sanders from NAI and David Bursic from NASH attended. Mrs. Sherri Ludwig, Business Manager, also attended in support of the Preliminary Budget presentation.

After calling the meeting to order, Mr. Jacobs announced that there would be no Executive Session following this meeting tonight.

SPEAKERS:

The following residents came forward to address the Board on the topic of Redistricting.

Nicolette Rothrock – Ms. Rothrock spoke on behalf of her neighborhood, Franklin Towne. She asked that it would not be redistricted again, after having been moved in the last three redistricting initiatives.

Dr. Ankur Gosalia – Dr. Gosalia spoke on behalf of the neighborhood of Spring Ridge, the children of which he thinks should continue to attend Franklin Elementary School.

Paige Serbin – Ms. Serbin spoke on behalf of the practice of 'grandfathering.' She referenced research that supports this option.

Brook Serbin (student) – Ms. Serbin reflected on the last redistricting and asked to be grandfathered as an 8th grader in this up-coming initiative for a number of personal reasons.

Bill Kollitz – Mr. Kollitz has four children in the District and supports grandfathering. He does not want to

see any child undergo two significant changes in two years.

REDISTRICTING UPDATE

Dr. Scherrer provided a brief update of the Redistricting Initiative. He reviewed the timeline, provided an overview of the focus group meetings and feedback process, and discussed next steps. At this time, the administration is in the process of reviewing all of the feedback that has been received from the community over the last six weeks. Work is on-going to develop the final recommended scenario that will be presented in January for Board consideration. It is anticipated that this final scenario will affect less than 300 students. The administration is also working through the potential logistics of ‘grandfathering’ current 4th and 7th grade students. Any potential options for grandfathering will not include transportation.

(The PowerPoint presentation that supported this update will be posted on the website.)

2014-2015 PRELIMINARY BUDGET OVERVIEW

By way of introduction, Mr. Jacobs made it clear that the Board would not be taking any vote on the Preliminary Budget at this meeting. The deadline for submission is mandated by the State. As such, the Preliminary Budget is required on a timeline that precedes the District’s knowledge of quite a bit of the critical information needed to create this document. That said, Mr. Hopkins presented the 2014-2015 Preliminary Budget and reinforced that the numbers included will most certainly change between now and the presentation of the Final Budget. As part of his presentation, he reviewed the budget process, with a month-by-month timeline.

After detailing revenue and expenditure comparisons from the 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 budgets, Mr. Hopkins indicated that the Preliminary Budget currently shows a projected budget shortfall of \$7.3M. He also provided a list of those items which have not been included in the Preliminary Budget - such as various technology projects, security projects, capital projects, etc. The next steps in the creation of the Final Budget include monitoring the evolution of the State budget and the 2013-2014 District Forecast, and studying the potential implications of the 2014-2015 index and exceptions options.

Board members had some discussion about this presentation when Mr. Hopkins concluded. One point of consideration included the pursuit of a PILOT program, meaning the establishment of a ‘payments in lieu of taxes’ program with non-profit organizations located within our District. The Solicitor indicated that there are some court-related issues relative to UPMC and other entities that may be resolved in the near future that will provide some direction to North Allegheny in terms of how to proceed on this matter. It was also suggested that local universities could be included in this program.

There was some additional discussion about alternative ways to fund or group the funding of the capital projects through 2015-2016.

The Board thanked Mr. Hopkins for his work and expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to start thinking about the potential challenges and solutions for this year’s financial circumstances.

Following these presentations, the Board took these actions on the voting items in the monthly Board folder.

CURRICULUM REPORT

I. PROGRAM OF STUDIES CHANGES

The Board approved the following changes to the *Program of Studies* for the 2014/2015 school year.

ENGLISH

Delete:

Writing Practicum *Full Year/Part Time*
Grades 9, 10, 11, 12 Credit .5

MUSIC

Add:

Songwriting 2 *Semester/Full Time*
Grades 9, 10, 11, 12 Credit .5

SCIENCE

Add:

AP Physics 1 *Full Year/Full Time*
Grades 11, 12 Credit 1.0

AP Physics 2 *Full Year/Full Time*
Grades 11, 12 Credit 1.0

Biology Practicum *Full Year/Full Time*
Grades 10, 11, 12 Credit 1.0

TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

Add:

Game Development *Semester/Full Time*
Grades 9, 10, 11, 12 Credit .5

Course Name Changes:

BUSINESS:

Diversified Occupations and Cooperative Work Experience Section

- Change from Career and Personal Success to **Career Development**

ENGLISH

- Change from English Practicum to **Literature Practicum**

MATHEMATICS:

- Change from Computer Mathematics A to **Computer Science A**
- Change from Computer Mathematics B to **Computer Science B**
- Change from Mathematics Practicum to **Algebra 1 Practicum**

SCIENCE:

- Change from AP Physics B to **AP Physics 1 & 2**

II. **NAI SPRING PLAY – *UP THE DOWN STAIRCASE***

The Board approved the NAI Spring Play, *Up the Down Staircase*, to be presented in the NAI Auditorium on **Thursday, February 20; Friday, February 21; and Saturday, February 22, 2014**. A Senior Citizens' performance will be held on Wednesday, February 19, 2014.

For Information

This play was reviewed by the NAI Play Selection Committee that is comprised of staff, parents, and Board Members and was unanimously approved. This play will provide over 50 students an opportunity to participate as cast and crew members.

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

I. **STUDENT TEACHING REQUESTS**

The following students have requested a student teaching assignment in the North Allegheny School District during the 2013/2014 school year.

<u>STUDENT TEACHER</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>SUPERVISING TEACHER</u>
Elizabeth Bright Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania	1/21/14 to 3/14/14 3/17/14 to 5/8/14	Christopher Jackson – PES Brenda Laughrey – NAI Heath/Physical Education
Brian Croach Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania	1/21/14 to 3/14/14 3/17/14 to 5/8/14	Linda Granite – MES Courtney Geary – CMS Music
Nickolas Enders Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania	1/21/14 to 3/14/14 3/17/14 to 5/8/14	Dean Boronyak - IES David Winkworth – IMS Heath/Physical Education
Joseph Joyce Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania	3/17/14 to 5/8/14	Linda Granite – MES Music

Kristen Linn Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania	1/21/14 to 5/8/14	Dustin Soxman – NAI English
Megan Marshall Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania	3/17/14 to 5/8/14	Jane Dear – BWE Grade 4
William Redd Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania	1/21/14 to 3/14/14 3/17/14 to 5/8/14	Stephen Baldanzi – NAI Stephen Kraus - PES Music
Maura Rushlander Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania	1/21/14 to 3/14/14 3/17/14 to 5/8/14	Amy Kegel – HES Stephen Baldanzi – NAI Music
Taylor Songer Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania	1/21/14 to 3/14/14 3/17/14 to 5/8/2014	Danielle Borkowski – FES John McNavage – NAI Benjamin Bower – NAI Heath/Physical Education
John Walsh Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania	1/21/14 to 3/14/14	James Kilar – BWE Grade 1
Gregory Welsh Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania	1/21/14 to 3/14/14 3/17/14 to 5/8/14	Paul Seneca – HES Michelle Ruiz – MMS Heath/Physical Education

FINANCIAL REPORT

I. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE APPROVAL LISTS

The Board approved a number of Accounts Payable lists.

II. BUDGETARY TRANSFERS

The Board approved several budgetary transfers within the framework of the 2013-2014 budget, in accordance with the provision of Section 687 of the School Laws of Pennsylvania.

159 PERCENT OF TOTAL BUDGET 0.0001%

TOTAL TRANSFERS FOR THE MONTH
TOTAL TRANSFERS YEAR TO DATE 73,559 PERCENT OF TOTAL BUDGET 0.0560%

III. APPOINTMENT OF DELINQUENT EARNED INCOME TAX COLLECTORS

The Board approved a Resolution as provided by the Solicitor naming Keystone Collection Group for appointment of the Delinquent Earned Income Tax Collector for the North Allegheny School District for the areas of Bradford Woods, Franklin Park, Marshall Township, and the Town of McCandless for the period of 2011 and prior.

For Information

In 2012, Act 32 was implemented for the District's municipalities. Act 32 requires all Political Subdivisions (PSD's) in the Commonwealth to choose an existing or new earned income tax collector for that District. North Allegheny School District is a member of the Allegheny North Tax Collection District (ANTCD). The ANTCD chose Keystone Collection Group as the earned income tax collector for the years 2012 and forward.

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

I. STUDENT ACTIVITIES ACCOUNTS PAYABLE APPROVAL LISTS

The Administration reported the following Student Activities expenditures for October 2013:

A.	Carson Middle	\$13,749.77
B.	Ingomar Middle	8,325.14
C.	Marshall Middle	27,755.40
D.	NA Intermediate	60,553.39
E.	NA Senior High School	70,236.21
F.	NA Athletic	85,210.01

FOR INFORMATION ONLY (Continued)

II. RECAPITULATION REPORT

Balance as of November 30, 2013		61,753,026
December Payroll Estimate	5,000,000	
Group Insurance Estimate	1,300,000	
Utilities & Advance Payments	800,000	
Accounts Payable Estimate	900,000	
Social Security & Retirement Estimate	1,230,000	
Sub Total		9,230,000
Total		52,523,026

III. EXPENDITURE/REVENUE 2013-14 FORECAST

		2013-14 BUDGET TOTAL	2013-14 5 MO ACTUAL	5 MO ACTUALS + FORECAST TOTAL	VARIANCE
REVENUE					
	LOCAL REVENUE	102,493,399	90,519,208	103,568,658	1,075,259 (1)
	STATE REVENUE	25,682,225	7,310,547	25,730,531	48,306 (2)
	FEDERAL REVENUE	1,748,294	-	1,730,058	(18,236)
	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	1,400,000	17,683,715	17,683,715	16,283,715 (3)
TOTAL REVENUE		131,323,918	115,513,470	148,712,962	17,389,044
EXPENDITURE					
1000	SALARIES	66,574,721	19,663,252	65,396,871	1,177,850 (4)
2000	BENEFITS	31,626,098	12,229,016	30,449,444	1,176,654 (5)
3000	PROF SRVCS	3,279,631	919,027	3,264,507	15,124
4000	PURCH PROP SRVCS	5,693,506	2,227,671	5,524,433	169,073
5000	OTHER PURCH SRVCS	6,185,211	2,147,819	6,297,192	(111,981)
6000	SUPPLIES	3,956,186	1,598,258	3,708,824	247,362 (6)
7000	REPLACEMENT EQUIP	1,113,404	589,880	1,001,363	112,041
8000	OTHER OBJECTS	5,125,180	2,247,735	4,940,718	184,462
9000	OTHER FINANCING	7,769,981	20,580,825	24,267,893	(16,497,912) (7)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		131,323,918	62,203,483	144,851,245	(13,527,327)

- (1) Includes potential real estate refunds. Current forecast also indicates positive earned income and deed transfer tax revenues.
- (2) Includes increased transportation subsidy.
- (3) Includes debt refunding proceeds.
- (4) Includes savings of unfilled positions (Administration, Professional, Transportation, Facilities and Confidentials).
- (5) Includes savings from delay in Affordable Care Act (ACA) and reduced premiums for 2014.
- (6) Includes projected savings in supplies.
- (7) Includes debt refunding payments and debt principal and interest variances.

	<i>Designated/ Assigned</i>	<i>Undesignated</i>
FUND BALANCE AS OF JUNE 30, 2013	6,950,286	8,408,704
LESS FUND BALANCE APPROPRIATION TO BUDGET	(900,000)	-
ESTIMATED 2013-14 REVENUES LESS EXPENDITURES	(110,007)	3,971,724
PROJECTED FUND BALANCE AS OF JUNE 30, 2014	5,940,279	12,380,428

IV. EXPENDITURE/REVENUE 2012-13 FORECAST

		BUDGET TOTAL	AUDITED ACTUALS	VARIANCE	
REVENUE					
	LOCAL REVENUE	99,488,272	101,491,360	2,003,088	(1)
	STATE REVENUE	24,384,248	24,133,708	(250,540)	(2)
	FEDERAL REVENUE	1,751,099	1,854,893	103,794	(3)
	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	730,000	758,675	28,675	
TOTAL REVENUE		126,353,619	128,238,636	1,885,017	
EXPENDITURE					
1000	SALARIES	66,747,537	64,854,431	1,893,106	(4)
2000	BENEFITS	28,926,871	27,128,899	1,797,972	(5)
3000	PROF SRVCS	3,082,159	2,747,017	335,142	
4000	PURCH PROP SRVCS	3,811,767	3,286,212	525,555	(6)
5000	OTHER PURCH SRVCS	7,122,828	6,628,727	494,101	(7)
6000	SUPPLIES	4,127,468	3,730,552	396,916	
7000	REPLACEMENT EQUIP	827,573	786,255	41,318	(8)
8000	OTHER OBJECTS	5,323,164	5,507,572	(184,408)	(9)
9000	OTHER FINANCING	6,384,252	12,394,103	(6,009,851)	(8)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		126,353,619	127,063,768	(710,149)	

- (1) Positive variance for current real estate and earned income tax.
- (2) Swaption variable rate payments affect the State reimbursement.
- (3) Additional ACCESS reimbursements.
- (4) Savings from a range of staffing efficiencies.
- (5) Medical projected current variance to full year.
- (6) Electricity and repair projects savings.
- (7) Contracted carriers savings due to the efficiency from changing from the AIU services.
- (8) Facility projects for 2012-13 transferred to Capital Reserve Fund for completion.
Transfer to Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of \$5.7M for capital improvements.
- (9) Swaption fees and interest.

	<i>Designated/ Assigned</i>	<i>Undesignated</i>
FUND BALANCE AS OF JUNE 30, 2012	7,870,075	7,044,047
LESS FUND BALANCE APPROPRIATION TO BUDGET	(730,000)	-
2012-13 REVENUES LESS EXPENDITURES	(189,789)	1,364,657
FUND BALANCE AS OF JUNE 30, 2013	6,950,286	8,408,704

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V. CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND RELATED INTEREST INCOME			
AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 2013			
	10/31/2013	NET	11/30/2013
	ENDING	CHANGE	ENDING
	BALANCE	BALANCE	BALANCE
GENERAL FUND			
PNC BANK *	\$ 62,813,497.53	\$ (1,060,472.03)	\$ 61,753,025.50
PSDLAF *	6,589.01	0.02	6,589.03
PLGIT *	859,809.42	-	859,809.42
WEST VIEW SAVINGS *	51,921.91	4.08	51,925.99
FEDERATED INVESTORS	113,621.93	0.90	113,622.83
TOTAL	\$ 63,845,439.80	\$ (1,060,467.03)	\$ 62,784,972.77
* Includes term investments - may involve penalty for early withdrawal.			
NOTE: Investments do not include accrued interest.			
CAFETERIA FUND			
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	\$ 1,091,417.96	\$ 57,049.10	\$ 1,148,467.06
PSDLAF	16,331.23	0.07	16,331.30
<i>STUDENT ACCOUNT BALANCES</i>			<i>(181,623.31)</i>
TOTAL	\$ 1,107,749.19	\$ 57,049.17	\$ 983,175.05
CAPITAL RESERVE FUND			
PNC CAPITAL RESERVE FUND	\$ 5,179,636.27	\$ (9,483.99)	\$ 5,170,152.28
<i>PROJECTS ENCUMBERED NET OF TRANSFERS</i>			<i>\$ 750,765.40</i>
<i>REMAINING BALANCE</i>			<i>\$ 5,920,917.68</i>
TECHNOLOGY FUND			
PLGIT	\$ 478,215.28	\$ (3,409.40)	\$ 474,805.88
<i>PROJECTS ENCUMBERED</i>			<i>\$ (335,003.74)</i>
<i>REMAINING BALANCE</i>			<i>\$ 139,802.14</i>
NASH/NEWMAN STADIUM CONSTRUCTION			
PNC 300 NASH CONSTRUCTION FUND	\$ 7,940.09	\$ 0.32	\$ 7,940.41
<i>PROJECTS ENCUMBERED</i>			<i>\$ (16,999.99)</i>
<i>REMAINING BALANCE</i>			<i>\$ (9,059.58)</i>
CMS/IMS CONSTRUCTION FUND			
PNC CMS/IMS CONSTRUCTION FUND	\$ 101,174.04	\$ 4.02	\$ 101,178.06
<i>PROJECTS ENCUMBERED</i>			<i>\$ (72,065.48)</i>
<i>REMAINING BALANCE</i>			<i>\$ 29,112.58</i>
CAPITAL FINANCING FUND			
US BANK CAPITAL FINANCING FUND	\$ 3,971,778.07	\$ 101.92	\$ 3,971,879.99
SWAPTION FUND			
PNC SWAPTION FUND	\$ 6,174,224.28	\$ (78,943.47)	\$ 6,095,280.81
NEWMAN STADIUM			
PSDLAF	\$ 88,854.40	\$ 0.37	\$ 88,854.77
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 76,983,233.35	\$ (1,095,250.01)	\$ 75,706,360.03

FOR INFORMATION ONLY (Continued)

**VI. SUMMARY OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES ACCOUNTS
AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2013**

BANK ACCOUNTS - STATUS	CMS STUDENT ACTIVITIES	IMS STUDENT ACTIVITIES	MMS STUDENT ACTIVITIES	NAI STUDENT ACTIVITIES	NASH STUDENT ACTIVITIES	NASH ATHLETIC STUDENT ACTIVITIES
CASH BALANCE - 09/30/2013	\$18,150.86	\$75,451.00	\$63,203.04	\$128,538.62	\$330,281.85	\$157,164.63
DEPOSITS - OCTOBER 2013	21,837.07	9,204.06	15,104.69	56,246.63	93,538.92	89,399.03
SUBTOTAL	39,987.93	84,655.06	78,307.73	184,785.25	423,820.77	246,563.66
EXPENDITURES - OCTOBER 2013	13,749.77	8,325.14	27,755.40	60,553.39	70,236.21	85,210.01
CASH BALANCE -10/31/2013	\$26,238.16	\$76,329.92	\$50,552.33	\$124,231.86	\$353,584.56	\$161,353.65
PLUS \$ IN:						
PLGIT MM	\$472.52	\$971.21	\$4,702.55	\$4,250.72	\$88,104.81	\$2,544.53

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

I. APPOINTMENT(S)

The Board approved the following Appointment(s):

Administrator

Elizabeth Colcombe Interim Principal, MES \$450.00
 (for M. Pasquinelli) per diem
 Effective 12/9/13-1/17/14

Confidential

Ann Hildabidle Central Registration Reporting \$44,015
 Assistant, CAO (pro-rated)
 (for K. Bash)
 Effective 12/9/13

Professional

Colleen Cavanaugh	7 th Grade Math & Reading, MMS (for B. Hull) Effective 1/10/14-6/13/14	Substitute Step 1 Column E \$17,356
Anthony Kremmel	6 th Grade, CMS (for J. Hudec) Effective 11/25/13-6/13/14	Substitute Step 1 Column A \$20,218

The Board approved the following Professional Substitute(s) to work on an as-needed basis starting at \$80.00/day.

Nancy Gutmann Danielle Williams	Bethanie Moreschi	Tao Wei Wei
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Paraprofessional

The Board approved the following Paraprofessional Substitute(s) to work on an as-needed basis starting at \$8.50/hour.

Jessica Barry	Caitlyn Cottrill	Lisa Meinert
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Classified

Scott Conner	Mechanic Level IV, Facilities (for T. Funk) Effective 1/6/14	\$22.72/hr.
Jeffrey Mundy	Class I Mechanic, Transportation (for D. Thompson) Effective 1/2/14	\$23.09/hr.

II. WAGE/STATUS CHANGE(S)

Professional

The Board approved a change from the day-to-day substitute rate to \$162.21 for Christina Genes, substituting at MES. The effective date for this change is 11/26/13.

The Board approved a change from the day-to-day substitute rate to \$162.21 for Deanna Scully Smith, substituting at MMS. The effective date for this change is 11/13/13.

The Board approved a change from the day-to-day substitute rate to \$157.95 for Nicholas Vranesevic, substituting at MMS/NAI. The effective date for this change is 10/25/13.

The Board approved a change from the day-to-day substitute rate to \$162.21 for Anthony Zimmerman, substituting at MCK. The effective date for this change is 10/29/13.

Paraprofessional

The Board approved a wage increase for the following Paraprofessional Employee(s) based on anniversary date of hire:

	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
Valerie Clinger	\$14.73/hr.	\$17.33/hr.	1/11/14

Classified

The Board approved a wage increase for the following Classified Employee(s):

	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
Ed Murphy	\$21.80/hr.	\$23.09/hr.	1/2/14

The Board approved a wage increase for the following Classified Employee(s) based on anniversary date of hire:

	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
Patricia Brown	\$18.18/hr.	\$19.17/hr.	1/2/14
William Erdelack	\$19.83/hr.	\$20.65/hr.	1/2/14
James Fazio	\$18.18/hr.	\$19.17/hr.	1/2/14
Alfred Gray	\$19.17/hr.	\$19.83/hr.	1/2/14
Raymond Melnyk	\$19.17/hr.	\$19.83/hr.	1/2/14

Cheryl Burmester-Belifuss	Transfer from Extra Board Driver, Transportation to Full Time Driver, Transportation Effective 1/2/14 (for D. Davis)	\$17.36/hr.
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Michael Hentosz	Transfer from Extra-Board Bus Driver, Transportation to Full-Time Bus Driver, Transportation Effective 12/9/13 (for M. Henry)	\$17.36/hr.
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III. LEAVE(S) OF ABSENCE – MARSHALL

The Board approved an unpaid Leave of Absence for Stephanie Marshall, Psychologist, CAO, effective November 22, 2013 through December 6, 2013.

IV. TUITION REIMBURSEMENT(S) FOR ADDITIONAL EDUCATION

The Board approved of Tuition Reimbursement(s), in accordance with the Administrative Compensation and Performance Plan, dated July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2018, for:

Brendan Hyland, NAI	<u>AMOUNT</u> \$1,926.24
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V. HONORARIA

		<u>PROJECT PERIOD</u>	
Michael Hambrick	Multicultural Student Union	9/10/13-5/30/14	\$500.00
Brandy Hugus	National Academic League	12/4/13-2/28/14	\$500.00
Scott Oldham	ESY Coordination	2/1/13-8/31/13	\$2,500.00
Michelle Buettner	Summer Days for work on Keystone Exams	8/5/13-8/16/13	\$1,000.00
Rhonda Bielawski	Summer Days for work on Keystone Exams	8/5/13-8/16/13	\$1,000.00
Diane Feliciani	Summer Days for work on Keystone Exams	8/5/13-8/16/13	\$1,000.00
Michael Hambrick	Summer Days for work on Keystone Exams	8/5/13-8/16/13	\$1,000.00
Bryan Kiggins	Summer Days for work on Keystone Exams	8/5/13-8/16/13	\$1,000.00
Marian McCormick	Summer Days for work on Keystone Exams	8/5/13-8/16/13	\$1,000.00
Rianna Raraigh	Summer Days for work on Keystone Exams	8/5/13-8/16/13	\$1,000.00
Jennifer Rosato	Summer Days for work on Keystone Exams	8/5/13-8/16/13	\$1,000.00
Kevin Thompson	Summer Days for	8/5/13-8/16-13	\$1,000.00

Megan Wallace	work on Keystone Exams Summer Days for work on Keystone Exams	8/5/13-8/16/13	\$1,000.00
Kelly Caldwell	SAT Prep Course	12/3/13-1/25/14	\$250.00
Rebecca Hulme	SAT Prep Course	12/3/13-1/25/14	\$1,350.00
Jonathan Lamm	SAT Prep Course	12/3/13-1/25/14	\$1,350.00
Kerri Patterson	Winter SAT Prep Course	12/3/13-1/25/14	\$900.00
Jennifer Pavely	SAT Prep Course	12/3/13-1/25/14	\$900.00

**HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT
ADDENDUM**

I. APPOINTMENT(S)

The Board approved the following Appointment(s):

Professional

Jerry Clark	English, NAI (for P. Kramer) Effective 1/27/14-6/13/14	Substitute Step 1 Column A \$15,321
Lana Greenawald	Speech & Language, FES (for C. Botti) Effective 1/27/14-6/13/14	Substitute Step 1 Column E \$15,734
Heather Scherling	Math, NASH (for J. Espinar) Effective 1/27/14-6/13/14	Substitute Step 1 Column A \$15,321

Classified

Michael Boeh	Substitute Bus Driver, Transportation (for C. Burmester-Belifuss) Effective 1/6/14	\$14.36/hr.
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II. WAGE/STATUS CHANGE(S)

Paraprofessional

Roseann Lederer	Transfer from Special Ed. Asst. LTS, MES To Special Ed. Asst. LTS, BWE Effective 1/6/14 – 6/12/14	\$13.00/hr. Class II-C 7 Hours/Day 187 Days/Yr.
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III. EXTENSION OF LEAVE(S) OF ABSENCE - FRANKENSTEIN

The Board approved an Extension of an unpaid Leave of Absence for Richard Frankenstein, Custodian, Facilities Department from July 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 to July 1, 2013 through March 14, 2014.

PROPERTY AND SUPPLIES REPORT

I. BID AWARD – FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - REPLACEMENT OF THE CHILLER

The Board awarded the base bid and alternate **1** for the replacement of the chiller at Franklin Elementary School to **Wayne Crouse, Inc.** for **\$344,310** as the lowest responsible bidder meeting the specifications for this work.

For Information

This project involves the replacement of chiller that was installed in 1999. This project was included in the 2014/15 Capital Funding Plan.

II. MARSHALL ELEMENTARY AND MARSHALL MIDDLE SCHOOLS AND MCKNIGHT ELEMENTARY AND NAI PAVING REPLACEMENT CONSULTANT

The Board accepted the proposal from **Richard P. Rauso, ASLA** for a cost of **\$30,800** to prepare the necessary plans and specifications and provide the necessary construction oversight services for the replacement of the parking lot and driveway paving at Marshall Elementary and Marshall Middle Schools that was installed in 1991/92 and at McKnight Elementary and NAI Schools that was installed in 1997/99. Any additional services shall be in accordance with the unit prices submitted with the proposal.

For Information

These projects were included as part of the 2014/15 Capital Funding Plan.

III. BRADFORD WOODS ELEMENTARY MULTIPURPOSE ROOM FLOORING, FOLDING DOOR AND BLEACHER REPLACEMENT CONSULTANT

The Board accepted the proposal from **Studio Z Architects** for a cost of **\$6,500** to prepare the necessary plans and specifications and provide the necessary construction oversight services for the replacement of the flooring, folding door and bleachers in the Multipurpose Room at Bradford Woods Elementary School that were installed in 1991/92. Any additional services shall be in accordance with the unit prices submitted with the proposal.

For Information

These projects were included as part of the 2014/15 Capital Funding Plan.

IV. DISTRICT WIDE PANIC ALARM SYSTEM CONSULTANT

The Board accepted the proposal from **Tower Engineering** for a cost of **\$13,132** to prepare the necessary plans and specifications and provide the necessary construction oversight services for the installation of panic alarm systems at all of the District's facilities.

For Information

This project was recommended by the Security Consultant as part of the recently completed Vulnerability Analysis of the District's facilities. Any additional services required shall be done in accordance with the hourly rates provided with their proposal.

V. BRADFORD WOODS ELEMENTARY, MARSHALL ELEMENTARY AND MARSHALL MIDDLE SCHOOLS FIRE ALARM AND PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEMS REPLACEMENT CONSULTANT

The Board accepted the proposal from **Tower Engineering** for a cost of **\$19,850** to prepare the necessary plans and specifications and provide the necessary construction oversight services for the replacement of the fire alarm and public address systems at Bradford Woods Elementary, Marshall Elementary and Marshall Middle Schools that were installed in 1991/92. Any additional services shall be in accordance with the unit prices submitted with the proposal.

For Information

These projects were included as part of the 2014/15 Capital Funding Plan.

VI. BRADFORD WOODS ELEMENTARY, MARSHALL ELEMENTARY AND MARSHALL MIDDLE SCHOOLS ROOFING REPLACEMENT CONSULTANT

The Board accepted the proposal from **Studio Z Architects** for a cost of **\$27,992** to prepare the necessary plans and specifications and provide the necessary construction oversight services for the replacement of the existing rubber roofing at Bradford Woods Elementary, Marshall Elementary and Marshall Middle Schools that were installed in 1991/92. Any additional services shall be in accordance with the unit prices submitted with the proposal.

For Information

These projects were included as part of the 2014/15 Capital Funding Plan.

VII. INGOMAR ELEMENTARY EXTERIOR LIGHTING REPLACEMENT CONSULTANT

The Board accepted the proposal from **Hornfect Engineering** for a cost of **\$3,465** to prepare the necessary plans and specifications and provide the necessary construction oversight services for the replacement of the exterior lights at Ingomar Elementary School that were installed in 1999. Any additional services testing shall be in accordance with the unit prices submitted with the proposal.

For Information

This project was included as part of the 2014/15 Capital Funding Plan.

VIII. ADDENDUM TO EXISTING GAS SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR MARSHALL ELEMENTARY AND MARSHALL MIDDLE SCHOOLS

The Board accepted the of Confirmation Agreement No. 10 from PA Gas Marketing LLC to our existing contract to provide the natural gas supplies required for Marshall Elementary and Marshall Middle Schools for \$4.221/Mcf for a term of January 1, 2014 thru December 31, 2014. A copy of the executed Confirmation Agreement No. 10 will be attached to the Official Minutes.

For Information

Our previous contract for the natural gas supply for the Marshall Campus expires on December 31, 2013. This contract addendum will provide for a fixed cost for the natural gas service at this location for this year. This price is a reduction of \$.02/Mcf from our current contract.

IX. FEE WAIVER REQUEST – GREEK ORTHODOX YOUTH ASSOCIATION

The Board granted a 100% waiver of rental fees from January 31, 2014 through January 30, 2019, or sooner, if the Board Policy/Administrative Procedures are changed in the future, for **Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church - Greek Orthodox Youth Association (GOYA)** - with the requirement that they submit their roster annually to verify their compliance with residency requirements for the continuation of the 100% waiver of rental fees. They have submitted the necessary information to utilize North Allegheny School District facilities pursuant to Administrative Procedures #7110 - General Provisions and Procedures for Use of School Facilities.

For Information

The above-named is a non-profit organization that has provided the documentation for a fee waiver. The organization is comprised of 85% North Allegheny residents and they are eligible for a 100% fee waiver for use of North Allegheny School District facilities. The information required by Administrative Procedures #7110 is on file in the Facilities Department offices.

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

I. FUTURE REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS

The Administration will be distributing Requests for Proposals for the design and construction oversight services for the following projects to be submitted for approval at the January 22, 2014 Board Meeting;

- Security improvements at NAI & IMS
- Replace fencing and gates around the bus parking lot at the Transportation Building and install fencing along the hillside and bleachers at NAI
- Replace the stair tower windows and doors at MMS
- Masonry Repairs at NASH

- Replace the Multipurpose Room, Track and Trainers' Room flooring at the Baierl Center
- Install variable speed drives on the chilled water pumps at NAI
- Repair the exterior wall plaster at CMS

II. DONATION – MARSHALL MIDDLE SCHOOL STAGE CREW

The Board accepted a donation of t-shirts for the MMS Stage Crew from Evil Lizard. The value of the donation is \$387.00.

**PROPERTY AND SUPPLIES REPORT
ADDENDUM**

I. NASH STUDENT LOCKER REPLACEMENT CONSULTANT

The Board accepted the proposal from **Studio Z Architects** for a cost of **\$4,500** to prepare the necessary plans and specifications for the replacement of the existing student lockers at NASH. Any additional services shall be in accordance with the unit prices submitted with the proposal.

For Information

The lockers were installed when the building was constructed in 1974. This project was included as part of the 2014/15 Capital Funding Plan.

II. DISTRICT WIDE – CONSULTANT FOR THE REPLACEMENT/INSTALLATION OF DATA WIRING

The Board accepted the proposal from **Tower Engineering** for a cost not to exceed **\$73,211** to prepare the necessary plans, specifications and construction oversight services for the replacement and/or modifications to the existing data wiring systems throughout the District. Any additional services shall be in accordance with the hourly rates that were submitted with the proposal.

For Information

This project will include the replacement of the existing Cat 5 data wiring with Cat 6A cabling at BWE, FES, HES, IES, McK, MES, PES and the Baierl Center that will allow for the installation of new switches and servers to improve the data network at these buildings. In addition two additional Cat 6a data wires will be installed at CMS/CAO, IMS, MMS, NAI, NASH and Facilities/Transportation buildings to allow for the future installation of a video management system throughout the District.

SPECIAL EDUCATION AND PUPIL SERVICES REPORT

I. AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NORTH ALLEGHENY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND PRESSLEY RIDGE

The Board approved the Contractual Agreement for services provided by Pressley Ridge School for Autism for one additional student from the North Allegheny School District beginning December 9, 2013, through January 23, 2014. The tuition for this student will be \$6,466.67.

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

I. STUDENT TEACHING REQUEST - SPECIAL EDUCATION

The following student has requested a student teaching position in the North Allegheny School District with our Special Education Department during the 2013/2014 spring semester.

<u>STUDENT</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>SUPERVISING TEACHER</u>
Emily Wyman Duquesne University	01/08/2014 – 04/22/2014	James Prosenjak, Speech/Language Teacher Marshall Elementary School

II. PRACTICUM REQUEST - SCHOOL COUNSELING/PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT

The following student has requested a School Counseling Practicum in the North Allegheny School District for the second semester of the 2013/2014 school year.

<u>STUDENT</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>SUPERVISOR</u>
Chuck Rhoads Duquesne University	01/08/2014 – 05/06/2014	Michelle Buettner NASH Counseling Department

STUDENT ACTIVITIES REPORT

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

I. NASH NEWS – *as reported by David Bursic*

Key Club recently raised \$400 with their Phones for the Philippines Drive. Students were asked to bring in unused mobile phones that would raise funds for the recent typhoon. The club is also collecting holiday decorations that will benefit underprivileged families. Finally, **Fashion Club and Key Club** are teaming up to hold the Candy-gram Sale. Proceeds go to Treasure House Fashions, an organization that provides disadvantaged women the opportunity to buy essential clothing.

Student Council – The Service Committee held their annual Santa’s Stocking Toy Drive. Homerooms and large clubs are assigned a child from the Glade Run shelter in Zelienople. The homeroom raises funds and buys toys for the child. Student Council leaders recently attended Glade Run, where they helped the organizers decorate the campus for the holidays. Last month, the Canned Food Drive raised 7,000 cans, almost double of last year’s drive! Special thanks to students, staff, and community for their donations.

National Honors Society organized a Blood Drive on Wednesday, December 4.

NASH Youth Group continues to hold meetings every Friday morning at 7:00 AM for students of the Catholic Faith.

Spanish Club recently held their monthly meeting. The club hopes to visit a Mexican restaurant in order to improve their speaking skills.

GOAL- Students had the opportunity to take the Pittsburgh Architecture Tour December 10. Attendees visited different areas of the city including the North Shore and Allegheny Commons Park.

DECA – Fifty-two students competed at the Regional District 2 Conference on December 5. Congratulations to Katie Franc, Jordan Lake, Tommy Oehmler, Andrew O’Connor, Marlee Tyler, Nick DelNano, Gina Rodi, and teams Kaylie Arlow and Marissa Locke; and Geoff Lyne and Jack Lawless on winning first place in their event. Over 40 students will attend the statewide competition in Hershey, PA.

II. NAI NEWS – *as reported by Charles Sanders*

French Club - French Club had a meeting where everyone designed a tee shirt. During this meeting, they learned about La Semaine Française, which is French week, and made posters and hung them up in the school to inform students about French week.

SADD - SADD went to a Seven Springs Conference where they attended different types of workshops and heard a great speaker. There were also two other field trips early in November.

HOSA - HOSA had their first guest speaker, a physical therapist in sports medicine, who presented to all the members at the November general meeting. They also elected officers during that meeting. They talked about information regarding the State Leadership Conference to those who are interested in attending. They are planning to do a gift wrapping project for the Humane Society at Ross Park Mall, visiting a nursing home, and organizing a Pictures with Santa fundraiser at our school. In December, they will divide up all the members into committees and

have another general meeting at which a Child Psychiatrist is coming to speak. They will get all the members' dues mailed to State HOSA and finish the affiliation process for their chapter.

Speech and Debate: November had some successful tournaments; however, Glenbrooks in Chicago took place just two weeks ago. Mike Tai and Sean Tao broke to octafinals in public forum. Also at West Allegheny they had their drama festival for some varsity members. Of the three schools, NA was first and went to the state level competition on December 6. That same weekend, there was the George Mason University Tournament in Virginia and a debate tournament at Taylor Alderdice. Furthermore in the next few weeks, there are two more Ohio tournaments that NA has just started to join this year.

Orchestra - Orchestra had a Strolling Strings event November 16 and December 6, 8, 11, 18. They rehearsed for the concert on December 12 and the actual concert was December 16.

Spring Play - Auditions for the spring play were on December 11, and a play will be submitted to the School Board for approval.

Student Council - Student Council completed their annual Santa Stocking in the past two weeks. Santa Stocking is a charity Student Council does in which each homeroom gets 1-3 kids whose parents cannot afford to purchase holiday gifts, so each homeroom gets gifts for the kid(s) that they receive to make their holiday a happy one.

Key Club - Key Club will be running a Mr. Roger's Sweater Drive this month; the date is yet to be determined.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

I. VACANT POSITION ON ALLEGHENY INTERMEDIATE UNIT (AIU) BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

The Board approved North Allegheny School Board Member, **Maureen Grosheider**, to fill the vacant position on the Board of Directors of the Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU) in a March 2014 special election concerning the vacancy.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

I. PROFESSIONAL SEMINAR REQUESTS

The Board approved the following professional seminar requests:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Conference</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
James Suhadolnik (Facilities)	Plant Growth Regulators (Turf Management) Sponsor: Greater Pittsburgh Chapter of Golf Course Superintendents Association of America Cranberry, PA	1/14/2014	\$ 90.00
Margaret Hunkele (CAO)	Attendance/Child Accounting Professional Association Spring Child Accounting Conference 2014 Sponsor: Attendance/Child Accounting Professional Association Hershey, PA	3/19-3/21/2014	\$ 1,017.64

II. SCHOOL CALENDAR – 2014/2015

The Board approved the attached Calendar for the 2014-2015 School Year.

North Allegheny School District

2014/2015 SCHOOL CALENDAR

NUMBER OF DAYS IN SESSION

MONTH	STAFF	STUDENTS
August 2014	5	2
September	21	21
October	23 *	22 *
November	18	16
December	16	16
January 2015	20	18
February	20	19
March	22	22
April	20	19
May	20	20
June	10	9
TOTAL	195	184

IN-SERVICE DAYS

1. August 25
2. August 26
3. August 27
October 13 – * Act 80 Day
4. October 27
5. November 3
6. November 4
7. January 19
8. January 26
9. February 16
10. April 2
11. June 12

First Day for Students – August 28, 2014

Last Day for Students – June 11, 2015

In-service days are identified as “IN” followed by the sequential number of the in-service day, “IN1” is the first in-service day and “IN2” is the second, etc.

“E” notes the end of a marking period for K-5 students.

“S” notes the end of a marking period for 6-12 students.

August 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 IN 1	26 IN 2	27 IN 3	28 Student's First Day 1	29 2	30
31						

September 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Labor Day	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Rosh Hashanah 20	26 21	27
28	29	30				
	7	8	9	10	11	
	12	13	14	15	16	
	17	18	19			
	22	23				

October 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 Yom Kippur
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 Act 80 Day Columbus Day	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 (E)	25
26	27 IN 4	28	29	30	31 Halloween (S)	
	27	28	29	30	31	
	32	33	34	35	36	
	37	38	39	40	41	
	42	43	44	45		

November 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3 No School IN 5	4 Election Day IN 6	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Veterans' Day	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 Thanks- giving	28	29
30						
	49	50	51	52	53	
	54	55	56	57	58	
	59	60	61			

December 2014

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	1 <i>No School</i>	2	3	4	5	6
		62	63	64	65	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	66	67	68	69	70	
14	15	16	17 <i>Hanukkah</i>	18	19	20
	71	72	73	74	75	
21	22	23	24 <i>Christmas Eve</i>	25 <i>Christmas</i>	26 <i>Kwanzaa</i>	27
	76	77				
28	29	30	31 <i>New Year's Eve</i>			

January 2015

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1 <i>New Year's Day</i>	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	78	79	80	81	82	
11	12	13	14	15 <i>Orthodox Christmas</i>	16	17
	83	84	85	86	87	
18	19 <i>MLK Day</i> IN 7	20	21	22	23 <i>(E/S)</i>	24
		88	89	90	91	
25	26 IN 8	27	28	29	30	31
		92	93	94	95	

February 2015

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	96	97	98	99	100	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	101	102	103	104	105	
15	16 <i>Presidents' Day</i> IN 9	17	18	19	20	21
		106	107	108	109	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	110	111	112	113	114	

March 2015						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	115	116	117	118	119	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	120	121	122	123	124	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	125	126	127	128	129	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	130	131	132	133	134	
29 Palm Sunday	30	31				
	135	136				

June 2015						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	176	177	178	179	180	
7	8	9	10	11 (E/S) Last Day of School	12 IN 11 Class of 2015 Graduation	13
	181	182	183	184		
14 Flag Day	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Father's Day	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

April 2015						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 (E/S) 137	2 IN 10	3 Good Friday	4 Passover
5 Easter	6 No School	7	8	9	10	11
		138	139	140	141	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	142	143	144	145	146	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	147	148	149	150	151	
26	27	28	29	30		
	152	153	154	155		

May 2015						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
					156	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	157	158	159	160	161	
10 Mother's Day	11	12	13	14	15	16
	162	163	164	165	166	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	167	168	169	170	171	
24	25 Memorial Day	26	27	28	29	30
		172	173	174	175	
31						

Snow Contingency Days

February 16, 2015

April 2, 2015

June 12, 2015

SPECIAL REPORTS

A.W. Beattie Career Center – Mr. Schwartzmier and Mrs. Blackburn

- Tomorrow night's meeting will be a holiday celebration and the Reorganization will be conducted. Limited business will be handled.

NA Foundation – Mr. Pagone

- At the recent meeting, details about up-coming events were discussed:
 - The Spring Fashion Show – “Hats Off for Education”
 - The Golf Outing
- Sponsors for both events are currently being recruited.
- Trustees are looking into being able to accept electronic payments.

NA Hall of Fame – Mr. Schwartzmier

- The committee has begun to plan for the 2014 Banquet. The ballot of candidates has been selected. The location of the event will remain the same. Some discussion has centered on specific projects that can be targeted for funding through this event.

Legislative Report – Mr. Mahler *(submitted as a written report)*

Federal Legislation:

The US House of Representatives passed the Murray-Ryan budget deal, which restored some of the sequestration cuts, including cuts for education funding. The entire PA delegation voted for the bill. It now moves on to the Senate, where it is expected to pass by a small margin. PA Senator Pat Toomey is expected to vote against this budget.

Our administration estimates that the direct impact on North Allegheny will be relatively small, preventing funding cuts of approximately \$85,000. However, there may be indirect impacts related to State funding and the impact on School Based Access Program for IEPs is unknown at this point. We currently receive Access reimbursements of approximately \$800,000 to \$1 million per year.

Pennsylvania Legislation:

Senate Bill 1085, Charter School Reform: There has been no significant action since Mrs. Bishop's report on November 20, though it came up for “second consideration” on December 9. This is the first opportunity for Senators who are not members of the committee to which the bill was assigned to offer an amendment to the bill. It does not appear that any amendments were offered. However, Senate Majority Leader Dominic Pileggi, R-9, of Chester, said the bill will not come up for a vote until January at the earliest. When it does, he said, the bill likely will include amendments.

NOTE: On “third consideration,” Senators can amend a bill only by unanimous consent of the Senate. However, debate takes place and the various Senators can express their support or opposition to the bill. At the conclusion of debate, each Senator votes on the bill as the roll is called. In the Senate, a simple majority -- or 26 -- of Senators must vote yes on the bill for it to pass.

The Pennsylvania School Boards Association applauds the passage of the first pieces of a legislative package being sent to Gov. Tom Corbett that provides new and strengthened protections regarding child abuse:

- Senate Bill 23 -- Amends the definition of "perpetrator" to include current and former spouses and paramours of parents, as well as certain family members. The bill also includes additional provisions for expunction of records in circumstances where the perpetrator was under the age of 18.
- Senate Bill 28 -- Enhances criminal penalties for child abuse, as well as for instances of false reporting of suspected child abuse.
- Senate Bill 30 -- Provides for a statewide database for anyone who files a false claim of child abuse. Also provides parameters for expedited appeals of indicated reports.
- Senate Bill 34 -- Amends the Professional Educator Discipline Act to expand its jurisdiction and allows revocation of teaching certificates through the state Department of Education in instances of founded reports of child abuse.
- Senate Bill 1116 -- Streamlines the duties and responsibilities of Multidisciplinary Investigative Teams to allow for a more open and expedited process of investigating reports of child abuse.

PSBA will continue to work with the General Assembly as the remainder of the legislative package progresses through the Senate and House.

The State House passed a bill that amends the state's wiretap law, considered one of the most restrictive in the country, to give school boards the ability to use audio recordings on school buses, which are already equipped with soundless video cameras. The Senate is not likely to review this until next year.

The State House passed bill 810, which would require drug testing for prospective school district employees. The bill applies to anyone with direct contact with children, including prospective employees of public and private schools, intermediate units, vocational and technical schools, independent contractors and their employees beginning April 1, 2015. A controlled substances testing report would have to be submitted and paid for by the applicant after an offer of employment is made.

House Bill 1741 was amended on the House floor and is still awaiting final action. As amended, the bill requires school boards to provide a public notice on the district website and in a local newspaper before voting on a collective bargaining agreement or any proposed employment contract for a professional educator who is not a member of an employee organization. The notice must be posted at least 48 hours prior to board’s public meeting to vote on the agreement, and remain posted on the website for an additional 30 days.

The House Education Committee approved several bills. The one with the most potential impact is HB 1506, which delays the timeframe for implementation of five Keystone Exams that

will eventually be required for graduation by 2020-21 (Algebra I, Literature, Biology, English composition, civics & government). The bill also allows, rather than requires, PDE to develop the remaining five exams (algebra II, geometry, US history, chemistry, world history) subject to annual appropriation.

There are now 26 sponsors (the number needed to pass a bill in the Senate) for **Senate Bill 76**, which would eliminate property taxes in favor of sales and income taxes. **House Bill 1189** addresses similar issues. Both are in the committee stage.

The Pennsylvania Department of Education released updates to School Performance Profile last week. Based on a scale of 100, the average SPP score for traditional public schools was 77.1, brick and mortar charter schools was 66.4 and cyber charters was 46.8. NASH was given a rating of 94.1 and NAI was given a score of 90.6. Next year, the two schools will be reported as a single institution.

SPEAKERS:

The following residents came forward to address the Board on the topic of Redistricting.

Veena Bhide – Ms. Bhide spoke on behalf of Spring Ridge. She asked the administration to reconsider the plan to redistrict this neighborhood.

Joe Lesinski – Mr. Lesinski resides in Franklin Towne. He asked the Board to select the plan that moves the fewest children as possible. He would also ask that Franklin Towne would not be moved, given their history.

Amy Adams – Ms. Adams also spoke as a representative of Franklin Towne. She believes it would be unjust to move this neighborhood for a fourth time and asked the Board to select another option.

Melissa Simon – Ms. Simon has children who attend FES, but are targeted for redistricting. She would like the Board to put this Redistricting Initiative off for one year to allow for more study.

Sonya Zahorchak – Ms. Zahorchak also lives in Franklin Towne. She presented a petition to the Board representing 87 signatures of individuals who object to the 4th redistricting of this same neighborhood.

Amy Rafferty – Ms. Rafferty spoke to support ‘grandfathering,’ specifically for 8th graders. She emphasized that these students are already involved in sports, clubs, and activities. She feels that this kind of change will make 8th graders more vulnerable to poor choices.

Uday Palled – Mr. Palled put forward once again his key point relative to Spring Ridge. He proposed moving the demarcation line and adjusting the plan to eliminate moving any children into MES.

Mark Marnich – Dr. Marnich would like to see a lasting plan put into place. He urged that the least number of students should be moved and also suggested a ‘phased-in’ plan. He pointed out that the largest class at FES is the 4th grade class and the kindergarten class coming in is the smallest in a number of years. The ‘overcrowding’ at FES may resolve itself in two years.

Himani Jain - Ms. Jain urged the Board and the Transportation to make the best decision for all students and families. Although she is not being affected, she feels the numbers should be more carefully reviewed.

Randy Hollaway – Mr. Hollaway’s family is being redistricted from MES to BWE. His family is well-rooted in the MES family and he asked to stay there. He submitted a petition from the families on Matterhorn Drive.

Heather Rak – Ms. Rak spoke on behalf of the families on Matterhorn Drive. She indicated that the estimated number of children in the identified neighborhood needs to be re-calculated. She also submitted a petition from residents of Matterhorn Drive representing their desire not to be redistricted.

Shannon Bolibruck – Ms. Bolibruck is concerned about security in the schools. Although the District has made some advances on these issues, she feels they are not moving quickly enough. She wants to see the front doors locked in all buildings and understands this will happen in February.

Kathy Evans -- Ms. Evans asked the Board to please move forward with security issues. She also asked the Board to review the redistricting plan which transfers students from PES to HES and from HES to PES.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 PM.

The next meeting of the NA Board of School Directors is scheduled for
January 15, 2014

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

*For the Board meeting schedule, agendas, and the official minutes, as well as copies of the
various reports presented - please refer to the NA website <http://www.northallegheny.org/>.*