



NASD E-Report:

School Board Meeting News
for All Employees

North Allegheny Board of School Directors

**Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 24, 2016**

AGENDA

6:00 EXTRA-CURRICULAR COMMITTEE MEETING

7:00 REGULAR MEETING

- Speakers (Agenda Items)
- Voting Items
- Speakers (Non-Agenda Items)

8:30 EXECUTIVE SESSION

- All Board members were in attendance, with the exception of Mrs. Fisher. In addition, District Solicitor, Mr. Brungo; the Superintendent's Executive Council, with the exception of Mr. Botti; and Mrs. Ryan were in attendance. Student representatives Noah Fenton from NAI and Allie Cummings from NASH were also present.

Mr. Kevin Mahler, Vice President, presided over this meeting in the absence of Mrs. Fisher. He explained that Mrs. Fisher was in Washington, D.C. for an event at the U.S. Capitol to honor former and current employees of the Joint Committee on Taxation.

Mr. Mahler announced that the Board will be meeting in Executive Session following the meeting to discuss a personnel matter.

SPEAKERS:

There were no residents who came forward to address the Board.

The Board took the following action on these items in the monthly Board folder.

CURRICULUM REPORT

I. CAMP KON-O-KWEE FIFTH GRADE PROGRAM – CAMP DATES

The Board approved the following dates for the Outdoor Education Program for fifth grade students for the 2016-2017 school year:

September 26 – 28, 2016	Franklin Elementary
September 28 – 30, 2016	Marshall Elementary
October 5 – 7, 2016	McKnight Elementary
October 17 – 19, 2016	Bradford Woods Elementary and Ingomar Elementary
October 19 – 21, 2016	Hosack Elementary and Peebles Elementary

II. CAMP KON-O-KWEE FIFTH GRADE PROGRAM COST – 2016-2017

The Board approved the cost of the Outdoor Education Program for fifth grade students for the 2016-2017 school year. The cost per student will be \$125.

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

I. STUDENT TEACHING REQUESTS – SPECIAL EDUCATION

The following students have requested student teaching positions in the North Allegheny School District, within the Special Education Department, during the second semester of the 2015-2016 school year:

<u>Student Teacher</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Supervising Teacher</u>
Jessica Seidl LaRoche College	3/1/2016 - 4/26/2016	Jessica Bettilyon IMS Learning Support
Kayla Bartok LaRoche College	3/14/2016 - 4/26/2016	Amy Stinelli MCK Learning Support
Kayla Nanna Liberty University	3/4/2016 - 4/11/2016	Amy Kay NAI Learning Support

FINANCIAL REPORT

I. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE APPROVAL LISTS

The Board approved the following Accounts Payable lists:

- A. Supplemental Accounts Payable list dated January 2016, in the amount of \$14,662,373.38.
- B. Accounts Payable list dated February 2016, in the amount of \$172,018.02.
- C. Supplemental Capital Reserve Fund Accounts Payable list dated January 2016, in the amount of \$70,657.79.
- D. Supplemental Technology Fund Accounts Payable list dated January 2016, in the amount of \$15,999.49.
- E. Supplemental 2000 NASH/Newman Stadium Construction Fund Accounts Payable list dated January 2016, in the amount of \$0.00.
- F. Supplemental BW/Marshall Construction Fund Accounts Payable list dated January 2016, in the amount of \$517,814.34.
- G. Supplemental Capital Financing Fund Accounts Payable list dated January 2016, in the amount of \$900.00.
- H. Supplemental Cafeteria Fund Accounts Payable list dated January 2016, in the amount of \$0.00.

II. COLLATERAL SECURITY REPORTS - DEPOSITORIES

The Board accepted the collateral securities reports submitted by PNC Bank and First National Bank for the quarter ended December 31, 2015.

III. STUDENT ACTIVITIES ACCOUNTS EXPENDITURES

The Board acknowledged the Student Activities expenditure listings for the months of October through December 2015.

IV. BUDGETARY TRANSFERS

The Board approved the following budgetary transfers within the framework of the 2015-2016 budget, in accordance with the provision of Section 687 of the School Laws of Pennsylvania:

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1300-600 Supplies Vocational Education Programs	1300-700 Property Vocational Education Programs	\$ 1,952
2100-600 Supplies Support Svcs – Pupil Personnel	2800-500 Other Purchased Services Support Services - Central	\$ 380
2300-800 Other Objects Support Services - Administration	2300-600 Supplies Support Services - Administration	\$ 187
2200-500 Other Purchased Services Support Svcs – Instructional Staff	2200-300 Purch Prof & Tech Svcs Support Svcs – Instructional Staff	\$ 115
2300-500 Other Purchased Services Support Services - Administration	2200-600 Supplies Support Svcs – Instructional Staff	\$ 99
1100-600 Supplies Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	1100-700 Property Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	\$ 664
1100-500 Other Purchased Services Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	1100-700 Property Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	\$ 140
1100-800 Other Objects Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	1100-700 Property Regular Programs – Elem/Sec	\$ 159

TOTAL TRANSFERS FOR THE MONTH	3,696	PERCENT OF TOTAL BUDGET	0.0026%
TOTAL TRANSFERS YEAR TO DATE	15,145	PERCENT OF TOTAL BUDGET	0.0105%

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

I. STUDENT ACTIVITIES ACCOUNTS PAYABLE APPROVAL LISTS

The Administration reported the following Student Activities expenditures for December 2015:

A.	Carson Middle	\$ 9,075.46
B.	Ingomar Middle	6,271.97
C.	Marshall Middle	6,867.05
D.	NA Intermediate	20,917.13
E.	NA Senior High	59,252.82
F.	NA Athletic	74,892.77

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II. RECAPITULATION REPORT

Balance as of January 31, 2016		49,531,748
February Payroll Estimate	3,500,000	
Group Insurance Estimate	1,300,000	
Utilities & Advance Payments	800,000	
Accounts Payable Estimate	900,000	
Social Security & Retirement Estimate	1,173,000	
Sub Total		7,673,000
Total		41,858,748

III. EXPENDITURE/REVENUE 2015-16 FORECAST

		2015-16 BUDGET TOTAL	2015-16 7 MO ACTUAL	7 MO ACTUALS + FORECAST TOTAL	VARIANCE
REVENUE					
	LOCAL REVENUE	110,738,874	100,428,274	110,448,007	(290,867) (1)
	STATE REVENUE	30,993,654	14,093,432	30,797,180	(196,474) (2)
	FEDERAL REVENUE	1,863,563	(99,110)	1,820,334	(43,229)
	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	-	22,476	32,476	32,476
TOTAL REVENUE		143,596,091	114,445,072	143,097,997	(498,094)
EXPENDITURE					
1000	SALARIES	68,764,524	33,937,951	68,330,846	433,678 (3)
2000	BENEFITS	38,917,360	20,254,487	38,974,685	(57,325) (4)
3000	PROF SRVCS	3,559,370	1,594,415	3,354,804	204,566
4000	PURCH PROP SRVCS	4,155,805	2,384,268	4,142,864	12,941
5000	OTHER PURCH SRVCS	6,920,772	3,621,887	6,920,577	195
6000	SUPPLIES	4,480,479	2,102,951	4,315,734	164,745
7000	REPLACEMENT EQUIP	670,850	254,096	642,415	28,435
8000	OTHER OBJECTS	6,681,106	2,570,764	5,378,553	1,302,553 (5)
9000	OTHER FINANCING	9,445,825	5,972,135	9,602,135	(156,310) (5)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		143,596,091	72,692,954	141,662,613	1,933,478

* Budget Estimates are based on past year(s) average. Some variances may occur due to timing differences from year to year.

- (1) Current forecast indicates positive real estate interims and deed transfers. Current real estate received in January.
- (2) State revenues are unknown due to the timing of the approval of the Commonwealth's Budget.
- (3) Includes savings of unfilled positions, leaves of absences. Line items have been updated with final non-elective terminal and severance pays in addition to increase in supplemental costs.
- (4) Reflects receipt of first two months of the year invoices for medical for 2016 and year to date analysis of costs.
- (5) Includes debt principal and interest variances consisting of a reduction in principal and interest due to the 2015 bond. In addition, positive variances are projected to occur due to the 2014 Swaption.

	<i>Designated/ Assigned</i>	<i>Undesignated</i>
FUND BALANCE AS OF JUNE 30, 2015	5,161,733	10,494,173
LESS FUND BALANCE APPROPRIATION TO BUDGET	-	-
ESTIMATED 2015-16 REVENUES LESS EXPENDITURES	225,041	1,210,343
PROJECTED FUND BALANCE AS OF JUNE 30, 2016	5,386,774	11,704,516

FOR INFORMATION ONLY (Continued)**IV. CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND RELATED INTEREST INCOME AS OF JANUARY 31, 2016**

	12/31/2015 CASH BALANCE	NET CHANGE	01/31/2016 CASH BALANCE	PROJECTS ENCUMBERED	01/31/2016 REMAINING BALANCE
GENERAL FUND					
PNC BANK *	\$ 42,621,395.97	\$ 6,910,351.84	\$ 49,531,747.81	\$ -	\$ 49,531,747.81
PSDLAF *	6,590.11	1.00	6,591.11	-	6,591.11
PLGIT *	860,566.32	-	860,566.32	-	860,566.32
WEST VIEW SAVINGS *	52,033.41	4.09	52,037.50	-	52,037.50
FEDERATED INVESTORS	113,650.78	14.63	113,665.41	-	113,665.41
TOTAL	\$ 43,654,236.59	\$ 6,910,371.56	\$ 50,564,608.15	\$ -	\$ 50,564,608.15
*Includes term investments - may involve penalty for early withdrawal. These investments do not include accrued interest.					
CAFETERIA FUND					
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	\$ 1,111,833.90	\$ 360,745.80	\$ 1,472,579.70	\$ (194,684.97)	\$ 1,277,894.73
PSDLAF	16,333.79	2.42	16,336.21	-	16,336.21
TOTAL	\$ 1,128,167.69	\$ 360,748.22	\$ 1,488,915.91	\$ (194,684.97)	\$ 1,294,230.94
CAPITAL RESERVE FUND					
PNC CAPITAL RESERVE FUND	\$ 3,042,663.43	\$ 31,961.98	\$ 3,074,625.41	\$ (1,912,470.00)	\$ 1,162,155.41
TECHNOLOGY FUND					
PLGIT TECHNOLOGY FUND	\$ 419,996.44	\$ 11,779.93	\$ 431,776.37	\$ (180,191.74)	\$ 251,584.63
NASH/NEWMAN STADIUM CONSTRUCTION					
PNC 300 NASH CONSTRUCTION FUND	\$ 7,946.31	\$ 0.31	\$ 7,946.62	\$ (16,999.99)	\$ (9,053.37)
CAPITAL FINANCING FUND					
US BANK CAPITAL FINANCING FUND	\$ 62,192.72	\$ (898.90)	\$ 61,293.82	\$ (68,174.21)	\$ (6,880.39)
BW/MARSHALL CONSTRUCTION FUND					
PNC BW/MARSHALL CONSTRUCTION FUND	32,475,233.98	(6,713,179.13)	25,762,054.85	(25,499,601.55)	\$ 262,453.30
SWAPTION FUND					
PNC SWAPTION FUND	\$ 5,400,518.95	\$ 37,977.32	\$ 5,438,496.27	\$ -	\$ 5,438,496.27
NEWMAN STADIUM					
PSDLAF	\$ 73,868.66	\$ 10.91	\$ 73,879.57	\$ -	\$ 73,879.57
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 86,264,824.77	\$ 638,772.20	\$ 86,903,596.97	\$ (27,872,122.46)	\$ 59,031,474.51

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**V. SUMMARY OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES ACCOUNTS
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2015**

BANK ACCOUNTS - STATUS	CMS STUDENT ACTIVITIES	IMS STUDENT ACTIVITIES	MMS STUDENT ACTIVITIES	NAI STUDENT ACTIVITIES	NASH STUDENT ACTIVITIES	NASH ATHLETIC STUDENT ACTIVITIES
CASH BALANCE - 11/30/2015	\$48,466.23	\$69,281.94	\$55,394.60	\$137,927.50	\$399,943.79	\$80,444.29
DEPOSITS - DECEMBER 2015	10,464.79	3,320.63	1,308.28	27,591.63	42,969.38	52,344.80
SUBTOTAL	58,931.02	72,602.57	56,702.88	165,519.13	442,913.17	132,789.09
EXPENDITURES - DECEMBER 2015	9,075.46	6,271.97	6,867.05	20,917.13	59,252.82	74,892.77
CASH BALANCE - 12/31/2015	\$49,855.56	\$66,330.60	\$49,835.83	\$144,602.00	\$383,660.35	\$57,896.32
PLUS \$ IN:						
PLGIT MM	\$472.75	\$971.70	\$4,705.00	\$4,252.95	\$88,150.99	\$2,545.83



**DEPOSITORY BANK COLLATERAL
PENNSYLVANIA POOL REPORT**

January 31, 2016

Total Public Deposits Covered by ACT 72 Pool:	\$1,987,055,298
Total FHLB Letter of Credit:	\$2,200,000,000
Total Securities Market Value:	\$ <u>0</u>
	\$2,200,000,000

The collateral covers the total amount of public funds on deposit with PNC Bank, NA after FDIC coverage and is in compliance with the requirements specified under ACT 72 at the opening of each business day.

All time and savings deposits owned by a public unit and held by the same official custodian in an insured depository institution within the State in which the public unit is located are added together and insured up to \$250,000. Separately, all demand deposits owned by a public unit and held by the same official custodian in an insured depository institution within the State in which the public unit is located are added together and insured up to \$250,000

The securities custodian for the Act 72 Pool is the Federal Reserve Bank.
Issuer of the Letter of Credit is the Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh.

Should you have any questions, please contact your Account Representative.

A member of The PNC Financial Services Group
Three PNC Plaza 225 Fifth Avenue Pittsburgh Pennsylvania 15222 2707



First National Bank

One F.N.B. Boulevard, Hermitage, PA 16148-3363
724-981-6000

January 14, 2016

North Allegheny Schools
Attention: Lynn Reaghard
200 Hillview Lane
Pittsburgh, PA 15237

RE: Collateral letter

In accordance with your request, I am writing to confirm the arrangements under which public fund deposits are secured with us.

Please be advised that First National Bank of Pennsylvania complies with Act No. 72 of the 1971 Pennsylvania Session. Under the terms of this act, the Bank continuously secures Public Fund Deposits covered by this act which are not secured by applicable FDIC insurance coverage. Securities as permitted under the act are segregated as collateral for these deposits. It is the responsibility of the Bank, the performance of which is enforced by the bank supervisory agencies to which we report, to maintain this collateral in an amount at least equal to our daily total deposits from participating public bodies.

As of December 31, 2015, the uninsured public deposits eligible under Act No. 72 amount to: \$1,286,620,966.39. On this date First National Bank of Pennsylvania's Pooled Pledge Account consisted of securities segregated as collateral for these deposits having a par value of \$1,311,130,729.79 and market value of \$1,314,054,956.99.

Securities serving as collateral are held in the name of First National Bank of Pennsylvania at the Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh and the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston. If you are in need of further information, please do not hesitate to call me at (724) 983-3271.

Sincerely,

Linda Byler
Treasury Accountant

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HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

I. RESIGNATIONS

The Board approved the following Resignations:

James Basilone	Grade 6, IMS Effective 6/6/2016 22 Years @ NA	Retirement
Diana Berendowski	Grade 4, MCK Effective 6/6/2016 32 Years @ NA	Retirement
Jackie Casey	Nurse Assistant, IES & MES Effective 6/3/2016 21 Years @ NA	Retirement
Frances Cech	Art, PES Effective 6/6/2016 27 Years @ NA	Retirement
Christina Chesmar	Special Education Assistant, NASH Effective 6/3/2016 23 Years @ NA	Retirement
Candida Craven	Speech, PES & MCK Effective 6/6/2016 24 Years @ NA	Retirement
Jennifer Deller	Student Services Assistant, MCK Effective 2/19/2016	Resignation
Nancy Fretwell	Principal Secretary, NASH Effective 6/30/2016 23 Years @ NA	Retirement
Jan Graner	Grade 4, MCK Effective 6/6/2016 31 Years @ NA	Retirement
Karen Jones	Learning Support, IMS Effective 6/6/2016 24 Years @ NA	Retirement

Patricia Karki	Nurse, BWE, HES & PES Effective 6/6/2016 21 Years @ NA	Retirement
Jean Leri	Grade 8, MMS Effective 6/6/2016 17 Years @ NA	Retirement
Kenneth Monz	Utility Custodian, Facilities Effective 1/29/2016	Resignation
Janet Mountain	Special Education Assistant, MMS Effective 6/3/2016 21 Years @ NA	Retirement
Judy Thomas Ackerman	English, NAI Effective 6/6/2016 21 Years @ NA	Retirement
Eileen Townsend	Art, MES Effective 6/6/2016 15 Years @ NA	Retirement
JoAnn Vandergrift	Grade 5, MCK Effective 6/6/2016 29 Years @ NA	Retirement
Pebin Waters	Student Services Assistant, FES Effective 6/3/2016 25 Years @ NA	Retirement
William Young	Assistant Principal, NASH Effective 6/29/2016 21 Years @ NA	Retirement

II. APPOINTMENTS

The Board approved the following Appointments:

Professional

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

Brian Fink
Elizabeth Pferdehirt
Sara Watkins

Timothy Hoban
Charles Samek

Rebecca Mason
Linda Scalamogna

Paraprofessional

Maria Parkes	Transfer from Special Ed. Asst. LTS, NAI to Special Ed. Assistant, IMS Effective 2/4/2016 (Replaces K. McCartney)	\$13.49/hr. Class II-C 7 Hours/Day 187 Days/Yr.
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The Board approved the following Paraprofessional Substitutes to work on an as-needed basis starting at \$9.50/hour.

Paul Geissler	Renu Sehgal	Amy Wagner
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Classified

Adam Easterday	Temporary Custodian, MCK (for K. Monz) Effective 2/8/2016	\$10.50/hr.
Dennis Kaczmarkiewicz	Maintenance Level IV, Facilities Effective 2/22/2016	\$23.42/hr.

Student Employee

The Board approved the following Student Employee to work on an as needed basis as part of the Stage Crew at \$8.75/hr.:

Matt Hanson

III. WAGE/STATUS CHANGES

Professional

The Board approved a change from the day-to-day substitute rate to \$165.64 for Erin Brennan, substituting at Location NASH. The effective date for this change is 2/17/2016.

The Board approved a change from the day-to-day substitute rate to \$161.34 for Kim Bucklew, substituting at Location BWE. The effective date for this change is 2/10/2016.

The Board approved a change from the day-to-day substitute rate to \$161.34 for Shannon Coulter, substituting at Location MMS. The effective date for this change is 2/8/2016.

The Board approved a change from the day-to-day substitute rate to \$161.34 for Judy Flaherty, substituting at Location IMS. The effective date for this change is 1/11/2016.

The Board approved a change from the day-to-day substitute rate to \$161.34 for Emily Teare, substituting at Location BWE. The effective date for this change is 2/22/2016.

Classified

Bob Buchert	Transfer from Utility Custodian, Facilities To Substitute Utility Maintenance, Facilities Effective 2/25/2016 - TBD (for K. Lewarchik)	No Change
Ben Hugo	Transfer from Maintenance, Facilities To Substitute Level IV Maintenance, Facilities Effective 2/25/2016 - TBD (for S. Conner)	\$23.42/hr.
Kevin Lewarchik	Transfer from Utility Maintenance, Facilities To Substitute Level IV Maintenance, Facilities Effective 2/25/16 - TBD (for G. Morelli)	\$23.42/hr.
Edward Murphy	Transfer from Mechanic, Transportation to Head Mechanic, Transportation Effective 3/14/2016 (for M. Koch)	\$26.85/hr.
Carol Whiteside	Transfer from Utility Relief Custodian, Facilities to Regular Custodian, MCK Effective 2/15/2016 (for G. Reed)	\$15.94/hr.

IV. LEAVES OF ABSENCE – CONNER, FINCH, IRWIN, SEIGFRIED

The Board approved an unpaid Leave of Absence for Scott Conner, Maintenance, Facilities Department, effective February 18, 2016 through April 29, 2016.

The Board approved an unpaid Leave of Absence for Patricia Finch, Teacher, North Allegheny Intermediate & North Allegheny Senior High School , effective February 29, 2016 through April 22, 2016.

The Board approved an unpaid Leave of Absence for Leighton Irwin, Bus Driver, Transportation, effective December 18, 2015 (p.m.) through April 15, 2016.

The Board approved an unpaid Leave of Absence for Leonard Seigfried, Bus Driver, Transportation, effective February 16, 2016 through April 29, 2016.

V. CHILD REARING LEAVES OF ABSENCE – FRANCK, RUSNIC

The Board approved an unpaid Child Rearing Leave of Absence for Christy Franck, Teacher, Bradford Woods Elementary School and Marshall Elementary School, effective March 16, 2016 (p.m.) through June 6, 2016 (a.m.).

The Board approved an unpaid Child Rearing Leave of Absence for Ashley Rusnic, Teacher, Carson Middle School, effective March 7, 2016 through June 6, 2016 (a.m.).

VI. EXTENSION OF LEAVE(S) OF ABSENCE – HALLEY

The Board approved an Extension of unpaid Leave of Absence for Frances Halley, Nurse Assistant, Ingomar Middle School and Carson Middle School, from January 15, 2016 through February 12, 2016 to January 15, 2016 through March 4, 2016.

VII. RECOGNITION FOR ADDITIONAL EDUCATION

The Board approved the following Education Incentive Awards to the employees who has/have successfully completed an approved Master’s Program or qualifying credits above the Master’s Degree.

\$1,500 Award – Master’s Degree

- Amanda DeRuyter
- Keith Gillis
- Marie Noonan
- Gabrielle Scanga

Note:

All Education Incentive Awards are one-time payments and are not to be added to base salary.

VIII. HONORARIA

The Board approved the following Honoraria Applications:

		<u>PROJECT PERIOD</u>	
Lindsey Wrigley	FBLA - NAI	8/31/2015-8/31/2016	\$500.00

IX. SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

The Board approved the following Spring 2015-2016 School Year Supplemental Contracts:

- * Not a District Employee
- ¹ First Time Supplemental Contract Holder for a specific contract
- ^(s) One contract shared by more than one person

Supplemental Contract Resignations/Cancellations

*Steven Ferringer 7th/8th Grade Assistant Volleyball Coach (M) \$1,800.00

Supplemental Contract Additions/Changes

¹ Michael Buchert	Middle School Assistant Track Coach	\$3,650.00
^{1*} Matthew Robertson	Middle School Assistant Track Coach	\$2,100.00

Human Resources Report Discussion:

Concerning Item I, multiple Board members expressed their gratitude toward the employees who are retiring. Dr. Scherrer noted that Mr. William Young’s retirement has been added since last week.

PROPERTY AND SUPPLIES REPORT

I. RENEWAL OF FEE WAIVER REQUEST – MCCANDLESS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (MCAA)

The Board granted a 100% waiver of rental fees from February 25, 2016 through February 24, 2021, or sooner, if the Board Policy/Administrative Procedures are changed in the future, for **McCandless Athletic Association (MCAA)** – 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 100% 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.

II. REPLACEMENT OF THE TURF AT NEWMAN STADIUM

The Board accepted the pricing from the following contractor as part of the National Joint Powers Alliance Purchasing Agreement for the replacement of the turf at Newman Stadium.

Turf Replacement Contractor

Shaw Sports Turf	\$372,000.00
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For Information

This project was included in the 2016-2017 Capital Funding Plan. The agreement for the replacement of the turf at Newman Stadium has been reviewed and approved by the Solicitor.

III. BID AWARD – NASH - REPLACEMENT OF THE POOL GLASS BLOCK WINDOWS

The Board approved that the bid for the Replacement of the Pool Glass Block Windows at NASH be awarded to R. A. Glancy and Sons, Inc. for \$37,000.00 as the lowest responsible bidder meeting the specifications.

For Information

This project involves the replacement of 10 glass block windows in the Pool area that have numerous cracked glass blocks. These windows were installed in 1974. This project was included in the 2016-2017 Capital Funding Plan.

Discussion

Before the Property and Supplies Report was presented, Dr. Scherrer noted that the District confirmed that there is a safety concern with the current glass block windows. Mr. Brungo advised the Board that his understanding of the condition of the glass block windows is that there is a potential safety concern there, and that if there would be a delay in fixing the issue, the District could be putting itself at legal risk if an accident occurs. Because the glass block is part of the building, if someone was injured, the District could be sued for damages up to \$500,000.

IV. CABLE TV AGREEMENT

The Board approved an agreement with the Town of McCandless to utilize their Education/Government channel. The term of the agreement is from March 13, 2016 to June 30, 2020.

For Information

The term of the agreement is contingent upon the approval by the Town of McCandless at their February 22, 2016 meeting.

V. CHANGE ORDERS

The Board approved the following change orders to the construction contract for the following project.

The complete change order document will be attached to the Official Minutes.

<u>Marshall Elementary – Renovations</u>			
Number	Description	Contractor	Amount
GC-04	Provide additional supports for the bulkhead in the LGI	Gurtner Construction	\$1,395.62
EC-01(Rev)	Recessed Light Replacement	Merit Electrical Group	(\$68.93)

Marshall Middle – Renovations

Number	Description	Contractor	Amount
GC-15	Provide new door locks with intruder locking on the doors in the Guidance Suite	R. A. Glancy & Sons	\$2,643.55
EC-07	Replace underground wiring for two pole lights on the main driveway per unit price.	Right Electric	\$3,000.00

VI. BID REJECTION – PAVING REPLACEMENT AT NASH

The Board rejected the bids for the Paving Replacement at NASH.

For Information

The scope of work for this project will be modified and the project will be rebid and submitted for award in March.

VII. BID REJECTION – REPAIR THE FLOOR SETTLEMENT IN THE MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM AT PEBBLES ELEMENTARY

The Board rejected the bid to Repair the Floor Settlement in the Multi-Purpose Room at Pebbles Elementary School.

For Information

The only bid for this project exceeded the budget for this project, so this will be rebid and submitted for award in March.

VIII. DISPOSAL OF CAFETERIA TABLES – UNNECESSARY AND UNUSED

The Board approved declaring 16 cafeteria tables at Franklin Elementary School, 12 cafeteria tables at Hosack Elementary School, and 18 cafeteria tables at Pebbles Elementary School as unnecessary and unused for the purpose of disposing of said tables.

IX. DQE COMMUNICATIONS LLC NETWORK SERVICES AGREEMENT

The Board accepted the agreement between DQE Communications LLC and North Allegheny School District to provide a wide area network (WAN) connection and Internet service for all District schools and locations. The agreement begins on July 1, 2016 and expires on June 30, 2019. The monthly cost of the agreement is \$13,500 per month.

The agreement is contingent upon execution of a contract acceptable to the Solicitor.

For Information:

Bidding on this proposal was completed following E-rate regulations with the filing of the E-rate Form 470. Quotes were received by three vendors; the proposal was for 10 Gbps of WAN service to nine building locations (CAO, BWE, MMS, FES, IMS, IES, HES, PES and NASH) and one Gbps of Internet bandwidth to CAO for District-wide use.

The services from DQE Communications will provide North Allegheny with a WAN bandwidth increase that is 10 times what we have currently and five times the Internet bandwidth we receive from our current provider. This increased bandwidth will provide resources for applications such as multimedia, streaming video, and VoIP as well as provide for future initiatives.

X. BID AWARD – FIRE AND PANIC ALARM SYSTEMS MONITORING

The Board accepted the base bid and alternate number 1 from Intertech Security LLC as the lowest responsible bidder meeting the specifications for the remote monitoring for all of the fire and panic alarm systems in each of the District’s buildings. The fire alarm monitoring is for a term of March 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019. The panic alarm system monitoring is for the term of March 1, 2017 to June 30, 2019.

Fire Alarm System Monitoring			
<u>Year</u>	<u>Yearly Cost</u>	<u>Serv. Tech Reg. Time</u>	<u>Serv. Tech Overtime</u>
2015/16	\$ 800.00	\$ 115.00/hour	\$ 115.00/hour
2016/17	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 115.00/hour	\$ 115.00/hour
2017/18	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 118.00/hour	\$ 118.00/hour
2018/19	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 122.00/hour	\$ 122.00/hour

Panic Alarm System Monitoring			
<u>Year</u>	<u>Yearly Cost</u>	<u>Serv. Tech Reg. Time</u>	<u>Serv. Tech Overtime</u>
2016/17	\$ 900.00	\$ 115.00/hour	\$ 115.00/hour
2017/18	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 118.00/hour	\$ 118.00/hour
2018/19	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 122.00/hour	\$ 122.00/hour

For Information

This contract is for the remote continuous monitoring of all of the fire and panic alarm systems at all of the District’s buildings. The hourly costs submitted as part of the bids will be used if any repairs are required to these systems during the time of the contract. The monitoring agreement will be the same as the one that was approved by the School Board on January 27, 2016.

XI. NORTH ALLEGHENY INTERMEDIATE HIGH SCHOOL RENOVATIONS CONSULTANT

The Board rescinded the contract with Axis Architecture, P. C. and the accepted the proposal from Apostolou Associates, Inc. for a cost of \$201,362.00 to prepare the necessary plans and specifications and provide the necessary construction oversight services for the renovations at North Allegheny Intermediate High School. This proposal also includes a feasibility study of additional work that may be requested to enhance the educational environment at North Allegheny Intermediate High School. Any additional services shall be in accordance with the unit prices submitted with the proposal.

For Information

Acceptable contract terms could not be reached with Axis Architecture. The selection of this consultant is subject to the execution of a contract that is acceptable to the Solicitor. This project will be funded by the most recent bond issue.

Property and Supplies Report Discussion:

Concerning Item III, Mrs. Blackburn asked what specifically the danger is with the glass block windows. Dr. Scherrer said that the Capital Funding Plan had identified this issue months ago. Mr. Gaertner said that one glass block is broken and there are over 20 other blocks that have cracks, moisture inside or other signs of failure, and noted that it has proven impossible to replace only the blocks that are broken or showing signs of damage. Mr. McClure noted that the replacement bid is under budget.

Mr. McClure also noted the turf and track replacement is expected to come in under budget.

SPECIAL EDUCATION AND PUPIL SERVICES REPORT

I. AGREEMENT BETWEEN NORTH ALLEGHENY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND TOTAL LEARNING CENTER

The Board approved the Individual Student Enrollment Agreement for services provided by Total Learning Center (TLC) for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year. The North Allegheny School District agrees to enroll two students: #15/16-102TLC and #15/16-103TLC in TLC's Total Prep Program with a prorated curriculum cost of \$6,388.89 per student, along with 19 weeks of counseling services at \$2,660.00 per student, for a total enrollment cost of \$9,048.89 per student.

II. SPEECH AND LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CUMBERLAND THERAPY, INC.

The Board accepted the Agreement between the North Allegheny School District and Cumberland Therapy, Inc. to provide the North Allegheny School District students speech and language pathology services by a licensed and qualified Speech and Language Pathologist. The Speech and Language Pathologist will provide coverage for a resignation position through the end of the 2015-2016 school year. The fee for these services will be charged at \$68.00 per hour and billed monthly.

III. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH WATSON INSTITUTE SOCIAL CENTER FOR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT (WISCA)

The Board approved the Educational Services Agreement for the special education and support services provided by the Watson Institute Social Center for Academic Achievement (WISCA) at the W. Bruce Thomas Education Center in Sharpsburg, Pennsylvania, for one student (#15-16-WISCA102) for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year. WISCA is designed to meet the individual needs of children and adolescents with Asperger's Disorder and high-functioning Autistic Disorder who require therapeutic intervention and supports that cannot be delivered in a traditional setting. The annual cost of \$41,400.00 will be pro-rated to the student's start date of February 16, 2016.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES REPORT

I. WAIVER OF BOARD POLICY #3330 – STUDENT FIELD TRIPS

The Board approved a waiver of Board Policy #3330 and approval of the students to experience print, TV media opportunities, art museums, and cultural opportunities, in New York, New York during the period of **March 16, 2016 through March 19, 2016**. The students will be missing three (3) consecutive days of school.

II. NORTH ALLEGHENY HIGH SCHOOL NATV AND *THE NORTH STAR* STUDENTS – NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK.

The Board granted permission for the North Allegheny High School NATV and *The North Star* students to travel to New York City, New York from **Wednesday, March 16 through, Saturday, March 19, 2016** to experience print and TV media opportunities, art museums, and cultural opportunities. There will be **30 students** participating in this trip.

For Information

This trip was originally approved in August 2015. Due to changes to the transportation schedule from Pittsburgh to New York with the Megabus, the departure time needed to be changed, which now has the students missing three consecutive days of school.

III. WAIVER OF BOARD POLICY #3330 – STUDENT FIELD TRIPS

The Board granted a waiver of Board Policy #3330 and approval of the Band students attending the PMEA All-State Band Festival (listed below) during the period of **March 30, 2016 through April 2, 2016**. The students will be missing three (3) consecutive days of school.

IV. THE PMEA ALL-STATE BAND FESTIVAL, HERSHEY, PENNSYLVANIA

The Board granted permission for the North Allegheny Band students to travel to the PMEA All-State Band Festival from **Wednesday, March 30, 2016 through Saturday, April 2, 2016**, to participate in the PMEA All-State Band Festival in Hershey, PA. There will be **eight (8) students** participating in this trip.

V. GOAL STUDENTS – CARSON MIDDLE SCHOOL, INGOMAR MIDDLE SCHOOL, AND MARSHALL MIDDLE SCHOOL - PORT ISOBEL EAST, TANGIER, VIRGINIA

The Board granted permission for the Carson, Ingomar, and Marshall Middle School GOAL and regular education students to travel to CBF Port Isobel East, Tangier, Virginia from **Thursday, March 31, 2016 through Saturday, April 2, 2016** to participate in an Environmental Study sponsored by the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. There will be **28 students** participating in this trip.

VI. WAIVER OF BOARD POLICY #3330 – STUDENT FIELD TRIPS

The Board approved a waiver of Board Policy #3330 and approval of the students attending the State FBLA State Leadership Conference and Competition, in Hershey, Pennsylvania during the period of **April 11, 2016 through April 13, 2016**. The students will be missing three days of school.

VII. NORTH ALLEGHENY HIGH SCHOOL FBLA GROUP – STATE FBLA LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE AND COMPETITION – HERSHEY, PENNSYLVANIA

The Board granted permission for the North Allegheny High School FBLA Chapter to travel to the State Leadership Conference and Competition in Hershey, Pennsylvania from **Monday, April 11 through Wednesday, April 13, 2016** to participate in the State Leadership Conference and Competition. There will be **15 students** participating in this trip.

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

I. NASH NEWS – *as reported by Allie Cummings*

Student Council: Student Council will host MORP on Saturday February 12th. The theme this year is the Mad Hatter. They have been hard at work for the last few weeks getting everything prepared for the dance. The Spirit Committee and Publicity Committee have been spreading the word, so everyone at NASH knows about the dance. There will be approximately 500 students in attendance.

STEMinism: STEMinism held a seminar for summer research opportunities, promoting programs such as UPCI and the Magee Research Internship. Their members are proudly sporting their new #STEMinism crewnecks and t-shirts! On Thursday, February 4th, Grace Jin and Amanda Hildenbrand presented STEMinism at the AIU Math & Science Collaborative Networking Event at the Carnegie Science Center. On Tuesday, February 9th, they held the Hear Me: Gender Bias and STEM Campaign at NASH. Representatives from the CMU School of Computer Science, National Robotics Engineering Center, and CREATE Lab came to interview six of their members about their experiences. The podcasts will be published online and shared with educators, Google, school superintendents, and other parties to improve STEM education.

National Honors Society: Throughout the year, NHS has volunteered at Ingomar Elementary and Hosack Elementary, tutoring students once a week. They have also helped TRY, a special needs organization, with events by spending time with members of the community who have mental disabilities at the organization's dances, bingo nights, and other fun events. They also spend time at World Vision, packing up boxes to send to Third World countries. Students have also woken up early on Saturday mornings to help with SATs. So far, NHS has completed 1,068 hours of service and they plan on continuing to serve the rest of the year! This month they are also planning on making valentines for people in nearby nursing homes.

NASH Ski Club: NASH Ski Club went on their third ski trip to Seven Springs on Friday, February 5th. A group of 32 students went skiing for the evening and enjoyed the outdoors and physical activity. Their last trip is planned for Sunday, February 21st.

German Club: This month, German Club at NASH is celebrating Karneval. This is a tradition celebrated throughout Germany each year leading up to Lent. They will be celebrating at their second meeting of the month with food, music, games, and creating masks and floats that represent the festivities in Germany. They will also be preparing for their competition at German Day at Washington and Jefferson College coming up next month. They will be competing in events including writing, poetry recitation, posters and drawings, and the culture bowl.

Interact: Interact has a coin drive this month. They will be using the money to fund education for two Filipino students. It will be on February 18th.

Science Club NAI/NASH: Students from NAI and NASH took part in the regional competition for Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science Regional Meet at Duquesne University on Saturday, February 6, 2016. The students who received a first place have the opportunity to move on to the state PJAS competition, at Penn State University May 15th-17th.

Twenty students met the deadlines regarding paperwork, experimentation, and registration for the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science Regional Fair (the earliest of our fairs). On Saturday, February 6th, 18 students presented their results from their research projects to panels of judges at the fair.

This year, 10 out of 18 NA students who attended took first place in their sections. In addition, eight special awards were claimed by our students!

Scholastic Art and Writing: The regional Scholastic Art and Writing awards for the Pittsburgh Arts Region that includes Allegheny and Butler counties are now on display at CCAC North now through February 20th. The exhibit is open to the public 9 a.m. till 9 p.m. Monday through Friday. The award ceremony is on Saturday, February 20th with a closing reception at 12:30 p.m., and the ceremony is at 2 p.m. in the Gym. The North Allegheny Strolling Strings will open the ceremony.

NASH Honors Chamber Orchestra: The NASH Honors Chamber Orchestra is honored to be performing at the 2016 Pennsylvania Music Educators Association State Convention. They are one of only two high school orchestras from across the state selected by audition as a model program to perform for the convention audience of music educators. Their performance will take place on Thursday, March 31st at the Hershey Lodge in Hershey, PA.

II. NAI NEWS – *as reported by Noah Fenton*

Spring Play: The spring play is in final preparation for their performances from February 18th–20th. The senior citizen's show is on February 17th at 3:30pm. There will be four other shows for the public. The tickets are \$6.00 at the door. The cast and crew are excited for opening night.

Chess Club: Students currently play league matches against other schools from Western PA. We are currently undefeated and the top team in our section.

Social Studies Club: New Social Studies Club officers were selected for the second semester and planning is underway for the spring trip to Washington, D.C. We have a unique opportunity to tour the Capitol Building.

Talent Show: There was a great turnout for the Talent Show tryouts. We are planning to turn it into more of a fundraiser with collaboration from the Key Club to benefit Save the Children. The show is scheduled to take place next month.

Table Tennis Club: The Table Tennis Club continues with its monthly meetings, averaging an attendance of about 45-50. We are planning a school-wide tournament for February 29th.

German Club: Earlier this month, German students celebrated Fat Tuesday, known as *Karneval*, by making fried dough, known as *Krapfen*.

French Club: French Club met on Thursday, February 4th. Students made decorations for Mardi Gras and received pen pal letters. On Mardi Gras, students brought in various homemade and store bought French foods. Students received beads and listened to Cajun music to celebrate.

NJHS: NJHS is currently running the after-school achievement program and also volunteering during lunch period to run a Lunch Bunch Mentoring Club. NJHS is also working on planning a Spring Fling party for the Friend Connection.

MSU: The Multi-Cultural Club met and discussed a variety of activities and ideas for the rest of the year. The club will visit the Nationality Rooms in the spring.

Key Club: During February, Key Club is holding a Carnation Sale that will run in tandem with Student Council's Data Match fundraiser. Proceeds from the Carnation Sale will benefit the Save the Children Foundation. We also made 45 craft bags for Caitlin's Smiles, which benefits chronically and terminally ill children, and will be donating them to that organization later this month.

JCL: The February meeting for the Junior Classical League will celebrate Lupercalia, our version of Valentine's Day. Students eligible received the information and permission forms for the annual PAJCL state convention which will occur in May.

Student Council: Student Council continues to finalize plans of the Project Water Dodgeball Tournament. All slots for teams sold out within 10 minutes of registration opening! Student Council is also in the home stretch for the completion of the LOUNGE project. The former Student Activities Office has had new carpet installed and is ready for furniture soon.

FOCUS 2020: Students and staff continue to work diligently finding new ways to use the laptops. At this half-way point in this first year of the initiative, attitudes regarding new technology have warmed up to FOCUS 2020. Blackboard integration has also increased as teachers are putting tests and the majority of assignments online for students to access.

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>
Roger Whisler (NAI/IMS)	Pennsylvania Music Educators Association Western Pennsylvania Region Orchestra Festival Sponsor: PMEA State College, PA	2/25- 2/27/2016	\$ 492.70
Kathleen Kearney (MCK)	Mental Health Issues in the Classroom Sponsor: PESI Rehab Pittsburgh, PA	3/7/2016	\$ 99.99*
Matthew Buchak (NASH)	Student Assistant Professionals Training Sponsor: UPMC Pittsburgh, PA	3/15- 3/17/2016	\$ 350.00
John Morey Larissa Spaniol (IMS)			\$ 350.00
			\$ 435.00
Christina Damon (NASH)	Cultural Trip Sponsor: NATV and <i>The North Star</i> New York, New York	3/16- 3/19/16	\$ 1,210.00*
Sarah Lavelle Todd Stefan (NASH)	Pennsylvania Music Educators Association Annual Conference Sponsor: PMEA Hershey, PA	3/30-4/2/2016	\$ 1,272.75
			\$ 1,338.75
Tammy Nelson (IES)	Herbert L. Retcofsky Memorial "Light, Color, and Spectroscopy for Kids" Workshop Sponsor: Spectroscopy Society of Pittsburgh Pittsburgh, PA	3/31/2016	\$ 20.00
Kelly Mankovich (MES)	Virginia Hamilton Library Conference: 2016 Sponsor: College of Education, Health & Human Services Kent, OH	4/7-4/8/2016	\$ 374.50

Elizabeth Gallagher (IMS/NASH)	State Pennsylvania Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Conferences Sponsor: PAFCS Indiana, PA	4/8-4/10/2016	\$ 142.50
Charity Istone (NAI)	Pennsylvania Association of School Nurses & Practitioners Annual Education Conference Sponsor: PASNAP State College, PA	4/8-4/10/2016	\$ 335.00*
Leslie Vrotney (CMS/IMS)			\$ 612.76
Jordan Langu (NASH)	Pennsylvania Future Business Leaders of America State Conference Sponsor: PA FBLA Hershey, PA	4/11- 4/13/2016	\$ 603.00
Susie Bjalobok (PES)	2016 PAFPC Annual Conference Sponsor: PAFPC Champion, PA	5/4/2016	\$ 296.00**
Janet Pisani (IMS)			\$ 220.00**
Courtney Dallesandro (NAI)	43 rd PSLA Annual Conference “Extending Our Reach” Sponsor: PA School Librarians Association Hershey, PA	5/12- 5/14/2016	\$ 662.26
Catherine Colalella (CAO)	2016 Pennsylvania Department of Education Data Summit Sponsor: Pennsylvania Department of Education Hershey, PA	5/22- 5/25/2016	\$ 1,097.09

*ACCESS Funds

**Title I Funds

II. SECOND READINGS – BOARD POLICIES

The Board approved adoption of the following Board Policies. Board Policies are attached as a separate document.

- 121 – Field Trips
- 122 – Extracurricular Activities
- 610 – Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotation
- 611 – Purchases Budgeted

- 702 – Gifts, Grants, Donations correction made 1/4 - sent to Board 1/8 in Capsule
- 706.1 – Textbook Disposal
- 716 – Integrated Pest Management
- 720 – Instructional Supplies, Furniture, and Equipment
- 721 – School Buses
- 902 – Publications Program

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

I. FIRST READINGS – BOARD POLICIES

The following policies will be requested for adoption at the Regular Meeting of the Board of School Directors on March 23, 2016. Board Policies are attached as a separate document.

- 114 – Gifted Education
- 123.2 – Concussion Management
- 224 – Responsibility for School Property
- 229 – Student Fundraising
- 918 – Title I Parental Involvement

Superintendent’s Report Discussion:

Dr. Scherrer noted that Board policies are now available to the public on the website. Mr. Mahler thanked the Administration for their work on making the Board policies and Board folder available on the website 24 hours prior to the meeting.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Budget and Finance Committee – Mr. Russell

- There has been no meeting held since the last report. The agenda for the next meeting is being finalized and is expected to discuss the budget gap.
- Next meeting is March 16.

Building and Grounds Committee – Mr. McClure

- There has been no meeting held since the last report.
- Items expected to be discussed in the near future include a new bid on NASH driveway and the NAI sinkhole issue.
- Next meeting is March 23.

Education Committee – Mr. Mahler

- The committee met last week and discussed the Administration’s presentations on gifted education and standardized testing.

Extra Curricular Committee – Mrs. Blackburn

- The first committee meeting was held earlier this evening with approximately 20 community members in attendance. During the meeting, discussion included policies dealing with extra curricular activities and a feasibility study in hopes of a future renovation to the NASH pool as it hasn't been updated in many years.
- A future meeting is expected to discuss the bathrooms at the NASH fields.
- Mrs. Blackburn noted that any community member who would like to discuss an issue at the meeting should email her at least a week in advance.
- Summer Recreation will be held June 13-July 8 at Knob Hill, McKnight Elementary and Franklin Elementary; offering the program for less than \$100.

Citizens Advisory Committee – Mr. Russell

- No meeting held since last report.
- Next meeting is March 15.

Technology Advisory Committee – Mr. Russell

- No meeting held since last report.
- Next meeting March 10.

A.W. Beattie Career Center – Mr. Disque and Mr. Finley

- Beattie has been running since June without a contract; a new contract was ratified at the last meeting with decent savings for NA.
- The Center has a bond refinance opportunity; because NA bears the highest percentage of responsibility for Beattie's interest based on attendance, NA would expect savings.
- Beattie will be purchasing a new SUV for their Building and Grounds.

NA Foundation – Mr. Meyer

- The February 16 meeting was cancelled due to the District's snow closure. The meeting is rescheduled for March 1 where they will discuss the position of a paid Executive Director.

Legislative Report – Ms. Filiaggi

State Budget Update...

While the legislature is preparing for 2016-17 budget hearings and the primary election, there has been no movement on the 2015-16 state budget, and optimism about the chances of getting it done over the next few months is fading. Governor Wolf's proposed 2016-17 budget plan and budget address seems to have ruffled lots of feathers in the legislature and prevented any forward movement on

anything for the time being. Thus it is clear that continuation of the impasse spells continued financial chaos for school districts awaiting their BEF funding and PlanCon reimbursement.

Last week, Governor Wolf gave his 2016-17 budget address. While the budget address itself didn't actually include much discussion of the governor's specific priorities for the next fiscal year, it did include the clear message that something needs to be done to prevent the significant cuts that will result if a \$2 billion deficit isn't closed moving forward. While the message was obvious, it did not do much to move the opposing sides in this ongoing budget debate any closer together.

Specifics of the Proposed 2016-17 Budget:

Basic Education Funding/RTL: For 2016-17, the governor proposed an increase to BEF of \$200 million, to be driven out to districts through the new basic education funding formula. The governor is also proposing that the Ready to Learn Block Grant (at \$250 million) be rolled into the BEF line. This proposed increase is on top of the \$377 million that the governor is still asking for in 2015-16.

Special Education Funding: For 2016-17, the governor proposed an increase to SEF of \$50 million, to be driven out to districts through the new special education funding formula. In addition to this proposal, the governor also continues to push for an additional \$20 million to be added to SEF in 2015-16 (for a total increase of \$50 million).

PlanCon: For 2016-17, the governor is proposing to fund the PlanCon line item at \$306 million (same as the 2014-15 funding level). Since the budget the governor signed back in December contained no PlanCon appropriation (due to the intent that the budget was accompanied by legislation to authorize a PlanCon borrowing), the governor is proposing to add \$281 million to the PlanCon line for 2015-16. If something is not done soon (either appropriating money for the 2015-16 budget OR approving the borrowing legislation), there will be no dollars available to pay those districts that are owed routine PlanCon reimbursements this fiscal year.

Social Security: The 2015-16 budget approved by the governor included ONLY 10 months of funding for Social Security, with the state pushing the remaining two payments into the next fiscal year. The governor proposed 12 months of funding in 2016-17, although the payments will lag by two months, so the first two months of payments in the next fiscal year would cover May and June of the current fiscal year. This certainly has the potential to create a cash flow issue in this fiscal year, which is exacerbated by the fact that districts are currently missing at least half of their BEF payments and all their PlanCon payments.

Career & Technical Education: The governor carried forward his budget asks for CTEs from 2015- 16, asking for a \$15 million increase in the CTE line, \$8 million in grants for career and college Education Update February 16, 2016

Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators Proud Leadership for Pennsylvania Schools counseling for middle and high school students and \$5 million in CTE equipment grants. Early Childhood: The governor proposed significant increases for early childhood again in 2016-17, asking for a \$50 million increase in Pre-K Counts and a \$10 million increase in Head Start.

Need Revenues for 2016-17 – To cover the \$2 billion structural deficit for 2016-17 and provide for the new spending the governor is proposing, his budget includes a series of tax increases, including an increase in the statewide PIT (from 3.07% to 3.4%), an expansion of the sales tax base (to digital downloads, cable services and movie tickets), a cigarette tax, a tobacco tax, an e-cigarette tax and a severance tax.

**We're now in a situation in which the legislature has to deal with two budgets – and they have to do so in an election year. At the moment, there is no clear pathway or strategy forward, and we expect lots of strategizing on both sides over the next month to try to nail down a plan before the legislature returns to Harrisburg. At this point, the hope is that there is a slim chance that the 2015-16 budget could be wrapped up over the next few months, a budget that would provide the funding that was in the budget the governor blue-lined in December

(which included a \$100 million increase to BEF). As for 2016-17 and trying to tackle a tax vote in an election year, it is very uncertain how this will shake out.

January Revenues – According to the PA Department of Revenue, Pennsylvania collected \$2.5 billion in General Fund revenue in January, which was \$6.2 million, or 0.3 percent, more than anticipated. Fiscal year-to-date General Fund collections total \$15.9 billion, which is \$9.2 million, or 0.1 percent, above estimate. Sales tax and PIT revenues were up, while corporate tax and realty transfer tax revenues were down last month.

In Other Legislative News...

Legislative Schedule – Both the House and Senate are in recess until appropriations hearings are completed in mid-March.

Non-Appropriations Meetings on the Schedule –

Monday, March 14: House and Senate Education Committees – joint hearing to discuss the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA), the reauthorization of ESEA. With so much authority given to states regarding standards, assessment and accountability, there is a lot of work to be done prior to full implementation of ESSA in 2017-18.

Friday, March 18: Select Subcommittee on Technical Education & Career Readiness – to hold a hearing at the Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce.

In State News...

Court Decision on Charter Enrollment Caps – On the day that the Philadelphia School Reform Commission approved three new charter schools, the state Supreme Court issued a ruling Tuesday that could have grave implications for the cash-strapped district's finances and operations for years to come. The court ruled that the SRC had no legal power to suspend portions of the state charter law and school code. The ruling strips the commission of extraordinary powers it believed it had - and used. It was too soon to say exactly what the fallout for the school system would be - district lawyers offered no official comment - but early indications were ominous. By declaring unconstitutional a portion of the takeover law that the SRC has relied on heavily, many of the major actions the commission

has taken in recent years - up to and including bypassing seniority in teacher assignments - could be subject to reversal. *Read the rest of the story: [“State Supreme Court Rules Against SRC; Fallout Unknown”](#)* (from *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, 2/17/16).

Teacher Shortages – Some teachers burn out. Others fret about the behavioral problems they face every day. Many worry about endless testing and a growing list of responsibilities. Whatever the reason, the number of Pennsylvanians who want to teach has fallen to alarmingly low levels, an LNP analysis shows, and educators are now warning of a looming crisis in the classrooms. Many districts have already felt the impact in the scarcity of substitute teachers. But education officials say schools will begin feeling the full impact of a teacher shortage in about a year and a half when they will be forced to compete more aggressively for fewer qualified candidates. "The substitute shortage — that's just the canary in the coal mine," said George Drake, the dean of Millersville University's College of Education. "The real crisis is the shortage of the pool of students going into teaching. We are very concerned about the drop." On the losing end, many say, will be students. *Read the rest of the story: [“Lancaster County Will Feel Shortage of Classroom Teachers in Less Than Two Years”](#)* (from *lancasteronline.com*, 2/22/16).

Solicitors Report– Mr. Brungo

- A written report has been distributed to the Board for review.
- Nathan Mains, Executive Director of PSBA, held a town hall meeting last night that was attended by many of the superintendents in AIU4 to discuss the budget issue.
- Introduction of Sarah Steers, a new associate at the firm who is going to be working with them in the area of school law.

SPEAKERS:

The following residents came forward to address the Board.

Theresa Beining – Ms. Beining addressed the need for restrooms at the high school softball fields, which are also used for many other student teams and activities.

Michael Ryder – Mr. Ryder provided his support for restrooms at the softball fields.

Allyson Minton – In regard to the Superintendent Search, Ms. Minton expressed her support to keep the current Acting Superintendent, Dr. Scherrer, as Superintendent of Schools.

John Harrison – Mr. Harrison expressed his gratitude in seeing the Board listen to what the public is

asking for, in regard to the placement of the Board policies and agenda online 24 hours prior to the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM.

The next meeting of the NA Board of School Directors is scheduled for
March 16, 2016

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*This update is provided by Kaitlyn Zurcher, Public Relations Assistant,
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/>.*