



## ***NASD E-Report:***

School Board Meeting News  
for All Employees

North Allegheny Board of School Directors

**Board Meeting  
Wednesday, March 23, 2016**

AGENDA

- 5:00 DIVERSITY CONTEST WINNERS' RECEPTION
- 6:00 BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING
- 6:15 EXECUTIVE SESSION
- 7:00 REGULAR MEETING
  - Diversity Report Presentation
  - Speakers (Agenda Items)
  - Voting Items
  - Speakers (Non-Agenda Items)

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

Mrs. Fisher noted that all committee meetings are open to the public; all are welcome to join the meetings even after the 6:00 p.m. start. Please join them in the Board Room after you arrive.

Mrs. Fisher announced that the meeting was preceded earlier in the evening by the annual Diversity Contest Winners' Reception, followed by the Building & Grounds Committee meeting.

Mrs. Fisher said that the Board will not be meeting in Executive Session following the meeting, but noted for the record that the Board met in Executive Session on March 14 and 21 to discuss personnel matters related to the Superintendent search.

Mrs. Fisher also noted that the Board met in Executive Session prior to the meeting to conduct an administrative interview. Dr. Scherrer introduced the Board Action Item regarding the appointment of Mrs. Jaime Vernocy as Principal of Bradford Woods Elementary:

**I. PRINCIPAL—BRADFORD WOODS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

The Board approved the appointment of **Mrs. Jaime Vernocy** to the position of Principal, Bradford

Woods Elementary School, at an annual salary of \$110,000 (pro-rated). The effective date of appointment is June 6, 2016.

Mrs. Vernocy began her teaching career in 2008 as an Elementary Teacher in the Beaver Area School District working in inclusion settings. Mrs. Vernocy serves in her current role as the Elementary Principal at North Clarion County School District and, due to the small size of the District, has taken on many unique and challenging tasks. She has accomplished remarkable things in her tenure at North Clarion.

Mrs. Vernocy graduated from the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg with a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and Elementary Education. She received a Master's in the Art of Teacher from the University of Pittsburgh and a Principal's Certification and Supervisor of Curriculum Certification from Gannon University.

Mrs. Vernocy has exemplary skills in the area of data-drive instruction, professional development, curriculum mapping, and differentiation. She proved herself through the interview process to be caring, strong and goal-oriented. We are confident that Mrs. Vernocy will be a valuable addition to the Bradford Wood School community. Her enthusiasm for the educational process and love of children will be evident in everything she does.

Mrs. Vernocy introduced herself to the community and expressed her excitement to start working and getting to know everyone at Bradford Woods.

## **DIVERSITY REPORT PRESENTATION:**

Dr. Scherrer introduced the report, noting how proud the District is to honor diversity in the community. Dr. Bradley presented the Diversity Report to the Board. The report is available to read on the North Allegheny website under School Board—Presentations from Meetings.

### **Discussion:**

Mrs. Blackburn noted that she attended the Winner's Reception earlier, during which she saw how talented students are and thoroughly enjoyed their poems, short stories and artwork.

Mr. McClure noted that the Diversity Report indicates that the District's diversity efforts are very on-point, especially in regard to the data showing the number of harassment incidents, noting that it almost seems inconsequential given the size of the District.

Mr. Russell pointed out that there were nearly 600 entries to this year's Diversity Contest, noting the broad acceptance of students embracing the concept of diversity.

## **SPEAKERS:**

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

Mrs. Fisher noted for the record that, because she was absent at the February voting meeting held on February 24, she must abstain from all voting items from that meeting.

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

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

### **I. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE APPROVAL LISTS**

The Board approved the following Accounts Payable lists:

- A. Supplemental Accounts Payable list dated February 2016, in the amount of \$6,777,717.46.
- B. Accounts Payable list dated March 2016, in the amount of \$144,252.57.
- C. Supplemental Capital Reserve Fund Accounts Payable list dated February 2016, in the amount of \$290,397.10.
- D. Supplemental Technology Fund Accounts Payable list dated February 2016, in the amount of \$16,014.06.
- E. Supplemental 2000 NASH/Newman Stadium Construction Fund Accounts Payable list dated February 2016, in the amount of \$0.00.
- F. Supplemental BW/MARSHALL Construction Fund Accounts Payable list dated February 2016, in the amount of \$138,305.29.
- G. Supplemental Capital Financing Fund Accounts Payable list dated February 2016, in the amount of \$31,924.33.
- H. Supplemental Cafeteria Fund Accounts Payable list dated February 2016, in the amount of \$480,600.66.

### **II. AIU PROGRAM OF SERVICES BUDGET**

The Board approved the proposed 2016-2017 Allegheny Intermediate Unit Program of Services Budget. The budget totals \$2,021,183 (reflection of District share only). The North Allegheny School District's contribution will be approximately \$158,017. This is a net decrease of approximately \$10,879 due to the elimination of instructional media services.

### **III. 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>
3200-600 Supplies Student Activities	1100-600 Supplies Regular Programs-Elem/Secondary	\$ 100
1100-600 Supplies Regular Programs-Elem/Secondary	2300-800 Other Objects Support Services - Administration	\$ 800
TOTAL TRANSFERS FOR THE MONTH	900	PERCENT OF TOTAL BUDGET 0.0006%
TOTAL TRANSFERS YEAR TO DATE	16,045	PERCENT OF TOTAL BUDGET 0.0112%

**FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

**I. STUDENT ACTIVITIES ACCOUNTS PAYABLE APPROVAL LISTS**

The Administration reported the following Student Activities expenditures for January 2016:

A.	Carson Middle	\$ 7,568.06
B.	Ingomar Middle	2,269.87
C.	Marshall Middle	3,151.37
D.	NA Intermediate	24,189.87
E.	NA Senior High	90,707.62
F.	NA Athletic	36,234.53

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**II. RECAPITULATION REPORT**

Balance as of February 29, 2016		44,461,665
March Payroll Estimate	4,500,000	
Group Insurance Estimate	1,300,000	
Utilities & Advance Payments	800,000	
Accounts Payable Estimate	900,000	
Social Security & Retirement Estimate	1,508,000	
Sub Total		9,008,000
Total		35,453,665

**III. EXPENDITURE/REVENUE 2015-16 FORECAST**

	2015-16 BUDGET TOTAL	2015-16 8 MO ACTUAL	8 MO ACTUALS + FORECAST TOTAL	VARIANCE
<b>REVENUE</b>				
LOCAL REVENUE	110,738,874	102,281,065	110,550,161	(188,713) (1)
STATE REVENUE	30,993,654	12,406,422	30,777,366	(216,288) (2)
FEDERAL REVENUE	1,863,563	(78,339)	1,807,655	(55,908)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	-	22,476	22,476	22,476
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>143,596,091</b>	<b>114,631,624</b>	<b>143,157,658</b>	<b>(438,433)</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
1000 SALARIES	68,764,524	39,040,386	68,360,704	403,820 (3)
2000 BENEFITS	38,917,360	25,360,604	39,033,158	(115,798)
3000 PROF SRVCS	3,559,370	1,997,222	3,396,101	163,269
4000 PURCH PROP SRVCS	4,155,805	2,621,131	4,052,536	103,269
5000 OTHER PURCH SRVCS	6,920,772	3,910,146	6,869,760	51,012
6000 SUPPLIES	4,480,479	2,408,453	4,249,309	231,170
7000 REPLACEMENT EQUIP	670,850	291,288	662,281	8,569
8000 OTHER OBJECTS	6,681,106	2,817,158	5,322,566	1,358,540 (4)
9000 OTHER FINANCING	9,445,825	5,972,135	9,602,135	(156,310) (4)
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>143,596,091</b>	<b>84,418,523</b>	<b>141,548,550</b>	<b>2,047,541</b>

\* 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 earned income taxes and deed transfers.
- (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) 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.

	Designated/ Assigned	Undesignated
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	11,079	1,598,029
PROJECTED FUND BALANCE AS OF JUNE 30, 2016	5,172,812	12,092,202

**FOR INFORMATION ONLY (Continued)****IV. CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND RELATED INTEREST INCOME AS OF FEBRUARY 29, 2016**

	<b>01/31/2016</b>		<b>02/29/2016</b>		<b>02/29/2016</b>
	<b>CASH</b>	<b>NET</b>	<b>CASH</b>	<b>PROJECTS</b>	<b>REMAINING</b>
	<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>CHANGE</b>	<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>ENCUMBERED</b>	<b>BALANCE</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>					
PNC BANK *	\$ 49,531,747.81	\$ (5,070,083.22)	\$ 44,461,664.59	\$ -	\$ 44,461,664.59
PSDLAF *	6,591.11	1.11	6,592.22	-	6,592.22
PLGIT *	860,566.32	-	860,566.32	-	860,566.32
WEST VIEW SAVINGS *	52,037.50	4.38	52,041.88	-	52,041.88
FEDERATED INVESTORS	113,665.41	16.45	113,681.86	-	113,681.86
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 50,564,608.15</b>	<b>\$ (5,070,061.28)</b>	<b>\$ 45,494,546.87</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 45,494,546.87</b>
*Includes term investments - may involve penalty for early withdrawal. These investments do not include accrued interest.					
<b>CAFETERIA FUND</b>					
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	\$ 1,472,579.70	\$ (163,999.79)	\$ 1,308,579.91	\$ (190,552.01)	\$ 1,118,027.90
PSDLAF	16,336.21	2.63	16,338.84	-	16,338.84
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,488,915.91</b>	<b>\$ (163,997.16)</b>	<b>\$ 1,324,918.75</b>	<b>\$ (190,552.01)</b>	<b>\$ 1,134,366.74</b>
<b>CAPITAL RESERVE FUND</b>					
PNC CAPITAL RESERVE FUND	\$ 3,074,625.41	\$ (274,611.45)	\$ 2,800,013.96	\$ (1,881,795.51)	\$ 918,218.45
<b>TECHNOLOGY FUND</b>					
PLGIT TECHNOLOGY FUND	\$ 431,776.37	\$ (15,256.67)	\$ 416,519.70	\$ (164,808.76)	\$ 251,710.94
<b>NASH/NEWMAN STADIUM CONSTRUCTION</b>					
PNC 300 NASH CONSTRUCTION FUND	\$ 7,946.62	\$ 0.34	\$ 7,946.96	\$ (16,999.99)	\$ (9,053.03)
<b>CAPITAL FINANCING FUND</b>					
US BANK CAPITAL FINANCING FUND	\$ 61,293.82	\$ (31,919.48)	\$ 29,374.34	\$ (36,249.88)	\$ (6,875.54)
<b>BW/MARSHALL CONSTRUCTION FUND</b>					
PNC BW/MARSHALL CONSTRUCTION FUND	\$ 25,762,054.85	\$ (142,243.07)	\$ 25,619,811.78	\$ (25,462,042.81)	\$ 157,768.97
<b>SWAPTION FUND</b>					
PNC SWAPTION FUND	\$ 5,438,496.27	\$ 86,585.86	\$ 5,525,082.13	\$ -	\$ 5,525,082.13
<b>NEWMAN STADIUM</b>					
PSDLAF	\$ 73,879.57	\$ 11.79	\$ 73,891.36	\$ -	\$ 73,891.36
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 86,903,596.97</b>	<b>\$ (5,611,491.12)</b>	<b>\$ 81,292,105.85</b>	<b>\$ (27,752,448.96)</b>	<b>\$ 53,539,656.89</b>

**FOR INFORMATION ONLY (Continued)**

**V. SUMMARY OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES ACCOUNTS  
AS OF JANUARY 31, 2016**

BANK ACCOUNTS - STATUS	CMS STUDENT ACTIVITIES	IMS STUDENT ACTIVITIES	MMS STUDENT ACTIVITIES	NAI STUDENT ACTIVITIES	NASH STUDENT ACTIVITIES	NASH ATHLETIC STUDENT ACTIVITIES
CASH BALANCE - 12/31/2015	\$49,855.56	\$66,330.60	\$49,835.83	\$144,602.00	\$383,660.35	\$57,896.32
DEPOSITS - JANUARY 2016	5,937.21	1,409.09	4,979.15	7,666.85	79,437.68	40,108.61
SUBTOTAL	55,792.77	67,739.69	54,814.98	152,268.85	463,098.03	98,004.93
EXPENDITURES - JANUARY 2016	7,568.06	2,269.87	3,151.37	24,189.87	90,707.62	36,234.53
CASH BALANCE - 01/31/2016	\$48,224.71	\$65,469.82	\$51,663.61	\$128,078.98	\$372,390.41	\$61,770.40
PLUS \$ IN: PLGIT MM	\$472.83	\$971.87	\$4,705.83	\$4,253.70	\$88,166.57	\$2,546.28

**HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT**

**I. RESIGNATIONS**

The Board approved the following Resignations:

Nick Beckas	Utility Custodian, Facilities Effective 4/8/2016	Resignation
Susan Goughler	Special Education Assistant, MCK Effective 6/3/2016 6 Years @ NA	Retirement
Sherri Ludwig	Business Manager, CAO Effective 4/29/2016	Resignation
Glenda Slater	Computer Instruction Assistant, MMS	Retirement



Effective 6/3/2016  
18 Years @ NA

Shawna Wilson                      Psychological & Pupil Services                      Resignation  
Secretary, CAO  
Effective 4/7/2016

## II. APPOINTMENTS

### Professional

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

Anton Constantino                      Ellen Filar                      Sara Mincin  
Lynsey Norman                      Barbara Robinette

### Paraprofessional

Julianti Muljanto                      Student Services Assistant, MCK                      \$13.34/hr.  
Effective 3/16/2016                      Class III  
(for J. Deller)                      4 Hours/Day  
187 Days/Yr.

## III. WAGE/STATUS CHANGE

### Classified

Randall Baker                      Class I Mechanic, Transportation                      \$23.72/hr.  
(for E. Murphy)  
Effective 4/4/2016

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

	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
Gloria Reed	\$15.94/hr.	\$18.22/hr.	4/21/2016
Daniel Benson	\$16.19/hr.	\$17.04/hr.	4/7/2016
James Windsheimer – Delivery	\$16.19/hr.	\$17.04/hr.*	3/7/2016
James Windsheimer – Operations	\$18.89/hr.	\$19.88/hr.*	3/7/2016

\*Blended Rate

## IV. LEAVE(S) OF ABSENCE – BUDZINSKI, CORTEZ, LOMB

The Board approved an unpaid Leave of Absence for Paul Budzinski, Driver, Transportation Department effective February 16, 2016 through March 31, 2016.

The Board approved an unpaid Leave of Absence for Tara Cortez, Secretary, Online Learning & Professional Development Department effective March 8, 2016 (p.m.) through March 30, 2016.

The Board approved an unpaid Leave of Absence for Ed Lomb, Mechanic, Transportation Department effective February 3, 2016 (p.m.) through May 31, 2016.

**V. SABBATICAL LEAVES OF ABSENCE – CARPENTER, DEVLIN, DIETZ, FUNKA, MCPHERSON, STACKHOUSE, VERTULLO**

The Board approved a Sabbatical Leave of Absence for Natalie Carpenter, Fourth Grade Teacher, Marshall Elementary School, effective for the 2016-2017 School Year for the purpose of Professional Development.

The Board approved a Sabbatical Leave of Absence for Tracy Devlin, Social Studies Teacher, Marshall Middle School, effective for the 2016-2017 School Year for the purpose of Educational Travel.

The Board approved a Sabbatical Leave of Absence for Lisa Dietz, Fifth Grade Teacher, Ingomar Elementary School, effective for the 2016-2017 School Year for the purpose of Educational Travel.

The Board approved a Sabbatical Leave of Absence for Gregory Funka, Social Studies Teacher, North Allegheny Intermediate School, effective second semester of the 2016-2017 School Year for the purpose of Professional Development.

The Board approved a Sabbatical Leave of Absence for Lisa McPherson, First Grade Teacher, McKnight Elementary School, effective second semester of the 2016-2017 School Year for the purpose of Professional Development.

The Board approved a Sabbatical Leave of Absence for Cindy Stackhouse, GOAL Teacher, North Allegheny Intermediate School, effective first semester of the 2016-2017 School Year for the purpose of Professional Development.

The Board approved a Sabbatical Leave of Absence for Christina Vertullo, Second Grade Teacher, Franklin Elementary School, effective for the 2016-2017 School Year for the purpose of Professional Development.

**VI. CHILD REARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE – GUERRIERI**

The Board approved an unpaid Child Rearing Leave of Absence for Mary Kate Guerrieri, Teacher, Marshall Middle School, effective March 24, 2016 through June 6, 2016 (a.m.).

**VII. RECOGNITION FOR ADDITIONAL EDUCATION**

The Board approved the following Education Incentive Award(s) to the employee(s) who has/have successfully completed an approved Master's Program or qualifying credits above the Master's Degree.

**\$1,500 Award – Master’s Degree**

Kristen Ericson

**\$1,500 Award - Completion of 20 credits beyond Master’s Degree**

Ashley McGovern

**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:

		<b><u>PROJECT PERIOD</u></b>	
Dennis Morton	NA Fiddlers	6/27/2016 – 7/1/2016	\$1,000
Jaqueline Bishop	G.O.L.D Program	11/1/2015 – 3/31/2016	\$1,250
Crystal Kiray	G.O.L.D Program	11/1/2015 – 3/31/2016	\$1,250
Jamie Kyriazis	Ski and Board Club	1/10/2016 – 2/21/2016	\$ 500
Dave Morris	Ukulele Club	9/11/2015 – 5/01/2016	\$ 500

**IX. SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS**

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

\* Not a District Employee

<sup>1</sup> First Time Supplemental Contract Holder for a specific contract

<sup>(s)</sup> One contract shared by more than one person

**Supplemental Contract Resignations/Cancellations**

\* Stephanie Cassidy Jr. Varsity Assistant Softball Coach \$2,620.00

**Supplemental Contract Additions/Changes**

<sup>1</sup>Dustin Soxman Talent Show Director – MMS<sup>(s)</sup> \$ 490.00

<sup>1</sup>Matthew Murslack Jr. Varsity Assistant Softball Coach \$2,395.00

<sup>1\*</sup> John Skarupa Volleyball Assistant Coach Volunteer

<sup>1\*</sup> Shane Conley Volleyball Assistant Coach Volunteer

<sup>1\*</sup> JJ Scherer 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Assistant Coach (M)<sup>(s)</sup> \$1,000.00

<sup>1\*</sup> Russ Brasher 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Assistant Coach (M)<sup>(s)</sup> \$1,000.00

		<b><u>FROM</u></b>	<b><u>TO</u></b>
Colleen Cavanaugh	Talent Show Director – MMS <sup>(s)</sup>	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 525.00

**Human Resources Report Discussion:**

Mrs. Blackburn thanked the retirements in the folder for their years of service to North Allegheny. Mrs. Fisher agreed, noting especially Sherri Ludwig.

## PROPERTY AND SUPPLIES REPORT

There was one item that was tabled--Item VII, so further examination could take place. All other items were approved.

### **I. RENEWAL OF FEE WAIVER REQUEST – NORTH ALLEGHENY LITTLE LEAGUE (NALL)**

The Board granted a 100% waiver of rental fees from March 24, 2016 through March 23, 2021, or sooner, if the Board Policy/Administrative Procedures are changed in the future, for **North Allegheny Little League (NALL)** – 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 93% 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. ALLEGHENY INTERMEDIATE UNIT DART PROGRAM LEASE AGREEMENT**

The Board accepted the Lease Agreement from the Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU) to provide a classroom space at Bradford Woods Elementary School for the DART Program from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 for a monthly rental rate of \$985.86.

#### **For Information**

The Allegheny Intermediate Unit has utilized Bradford Woods Elementary School for this program for several years. Due to the planned renovation project at Bradford Woods this program will be relocated and rent will not be paid for a portion of the summer. The complete agreement will be attached to the Official Minutes.

### **III. REPLACEMENT OF THE STORM WATER PIPING CONSULTANT AT NAI**

The Board ratified the Board Presidents execution of the contract with The Gateway Engineers, Inc. for a cost not to exceed \$32,000 to prepare the necessary plans and specifications and provide the necessary construction oversight services for the replacement and repairs of the existing storm water piping system at NAI. Any additional services shall be in accordance with the hourly rates that were submitted with their proposal.

#### **For Information**

This project is required to correct the problems that we have found with the failure of the existing storm water piping system and was included in the 2016-2017 Capital Funding Plan.

#### IV. **BID AWARD - REPLACE THE TRACK AT NEWMAN STADIUM**

The Board accepted the proposal from Miller Flooring Company for \$342,000.00 as part of The Cooperative Purchasing Network for the replacement of the track at Newman Stadium.

##### **For Information**

This project was included in the 2016-2017 Capital Funding Plan.

#### V. **BID AWARD – FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS MONITORING-REVISIONS**

The Board approved the following changes to the contract with Intertech Security LLC for the remote monitoring for all of the fire alarm systems in each of the District’s buildings

<u>Year</u>	<u>Yearly Cost</u>	<u>Serv. Tech Reg. Time</u>	<u>Serv. Tech Overtime</u>
2015/16	<b>\$ 1,280.00</b>	\$ 115.00/hour	\$ 115.00/hour
2016/17	<b>\$ 3,840.00</b>	\$ 115.00/hour	\$ 115.00/hour
2017/18	<b>\$ 3,840.00</b>	<b>\$ 118.50/hour</b>	<b>\$ 118.50/hour</b>
2018/19	<b>\$ 3,840.00</b>	\$ 122.00/hour	\$ 122.00/hour

##### **For Information**

This contract was awarded at the February 24, 2016 School Board meeting and it did not include the additional cost for the monitoring of the new fire alarm system in the Maintenance Building and the incorrect hourly rate for Service Tech. Regular and Overtime for 2017/18 was included.

#### VI. **HOSACK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – DONATION OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE EXISTING PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT**

The Board accepted the donation of the funding that will be provided by the Hosack PFA for various improvements and modifications to the existing playground equipment at Hosack Elementary School. The value of this donation is \$30,176.

##### **For Information**

This donation will support the purchase and installation of the various pieces of equipment that includes: two oblong decks, tube slide, funnel tube, sliding pole, inclined cliff hanger, whirlwind climber, loop ladder, ADA stairs, etc. will be used to expand and modify the existing playground equipment that is installed in the back of the building outside of the first grade area. The completed Disclaimer Release for this donation will be attached to the Official Minutes.

#### VII. **NEWMAN STADIUM - PRESS BOX RENOVATIONS - This item was tabled.**

The Administration recommends the acceptance of the base bid from the following bidders as the lowest responsible bidders meeting the specifications for the renovations of the Press Box at Newman Stadium.

**General Contractor**

R. A. Glancy & Sons Inc. \$174,924.00

**Electrical Contractor**

Facilities Support Services, LLC \$ 28,000.00

**For Information**

This project was included as part of the 2016-2017 Capital Funding Plan.

**VIII. 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.

**Maintenance Building – Renovations**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Amount</b>
GC-03	Excavation required for the replacement of the existing underground conduit.	DiMarco Construction	\$1,263.44

**Installation of Security Cameras at McKnight/Carson Middle/Central Admin./Fac./Trans.**

SC-03	Credit for the licensing fee for the new security cameras.	Dagostino Elec Serv.	(\$4,724.00)
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**Marshall Middle – Renovations**

GC- 16	Use water based in lieu of oil based floor finish for the gym floor.	R. A. Glancy & Sons	\$3,753.75
EC-08	Credit for the licensing fee for the new security cameras.	Right Electric	(\$3,840.00)

**IX. REPLACEMENT OF THE FENCING AT TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT**

The Board approved the base bid and unit prices 1, 2 and 3 from Redrock Fence, Inc. for \$154,565.00 as the lowest responsible bidder for the replacement of the fencing at the Transportation Department.

**For Information**

This project includes the replacement of the posts and fencing around the bus parking lot area. This project was included in the 2016-2017 Capital Funding Plan.

## **X. BID AWARD - PAVING REPLACEMENT AT NASH**

The Board approved the base bid, alternate #1 for the installation of three speed humps and the unit prices one through seven from A. Liberoni, Inc. for \$187,719.91 as the lowest responsible bidder meeting the specifications for the Paving Replacement at NASH.

### **For Information**

This project will include the removal and replacement of the paving for the main driveway and the front parking lot areas at NASH. This project was included in the 2016-2017 Capital Funding Plan.

## **XI. PEBBLES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM FLOOR REPAIRS**

The Board approved that the base bid for the repairs to the Multi-Purpose Room floor at Peebles Elementary School be awarded to R. A. Glancy and Sons, Inc. for \$61,913.00 as the lowest responsible bidder meeting the specifications.

### **For Information**

We have been experiencing problems with the settlement of the floor in the Multi-Purpose Room at Peebles Elementary. A Geotechnical Engineer has performed testing in these areas and has recommended grouting the area below the floor. This project was included as part of the 2016-2017 Capital Funding Plan.

## **XII. MAGEE ROAD PROPERTY**

The Board approved the parcel of land known as the Magee Road Property, owned by the North Allegheny School District, as unused and unnecessary for the purpose of selling said parcel. The parcel of land is located on the easterly side Magee Road in Franklin Park Borough, Allegheny County Pennsylvania. The property is 20.93 acres and the block/lot number is 939-D-284.

### **Property and Supplies Report Discussion:**

Mr. McClure provided more information for several items in the Board folder, noting that several projects are coming in under budget. However, the project detailed in Item VII, which was budgeted for \$75,000, has come in at over \$200,000. Thus, Mr. McClure, at the recommendation of the Building and Grounds Committee, moved to table Item VII. A roll call vote was taken and Item VII was tabled.

Mrs. Blackburn, Ms. Filiaggi, Mr. Mahler and Mr. Russell all thanked Mr. McClure and the Building and Grounds Committee, noting that this is a good example of the committees progressing well. Mrs. Fisher echoed these comments regarding the progress of the committees, which were established in December to create an increased focus on certain areas in the District, and that the committees' success so far is a result of the collaboration between the Board and the Administration.

## **SPECIAL EDUCATION AND PUPIL SERVICES REPORT**

### **I. AGREEMENT BETWEEN NORTH ALLEGHENY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND ALLEGHENY INTERMEDIATE UNIT – EDUCATION SERVICES**

The Board approved the Educational Services Agreement between the North Allegheny School District and the Allegheny Intermediate Unit for the provision of education services for the 2016-2017 school year. The Allegheny Intermediate Unit shall provide and operate for the benefit of students assigned by the District special education service and programs delineated in the Allegheny Intermediate Unit Special Education Plan, submitted to, and approved by the Department of Education.

### **II. AGREEMENT BETWEEN NORTH ALLEGHENY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND ALLEGHENY INTERMEDIATE UNIT – K-12 ESL SUPERVISION**

The Board approved the Letter of Agreement between the North Allegheny School District and the Allegheny Intermediate Unit to provide K-12 ESL Supervision, two days per month, for the 2016-2017 school year, at a cost of \$12,810.00.

### **III. BLIND/VISUALLY IMPAIRED SUPPORT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE ALLEGHENY INTERMEDIATE UNIT**

The Board accepted the revised Agreement between the North Allegheny School District and the Allegheny Intermediate Unit to continue to provide 12% Blind and Visually Impaired Support services for 3 Special Education students at Carson Middle School, Peebles Elementary and McKnight Elementary. The cost of these services will be \$15,928.00 (ADM rate of \$132,733.00 x 12%). These services will be provided during the 2015-16 school year.

### **IV. MUSIC THERAPY SUPPORT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CREATIVE THERAPY ENTERPRISES**

The Board accepted the Agreement between the North Allegheny School District and Creative Therapies Enterprises to provide the music therapy support services for one student at Ingomar Elementary School beginning March 10, 2016. The cost of this service is \$72.00 per hour for direct student contact, consultation with staff, attendance at meetings, preparation of materials and written documentation and \$0.40 per mile not to exceed \$20 per site visit. The cost will not exceed \$2,110.00 for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year.

### **V. AGREEMENT BETWEEN NORTH ALLEGHENY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND HOBSON, INC.**

The Board accepted the three-year Agreement between the North Allegheny School District and Hobson, Inc. to provide a 6-12 college and career readiness platform titled Naviance. The platform will cost the following:



Year 1	\$24,345.00
Year 2	\$26,797.50
Year 3	\$26,797.50

**For Information**

The yearly cost reflects a ten percent (10%) discount. Pricing for the first year includes grades 9-12 and the upfront implementation and professional development costs. Pricing in years two and three include grades 6-12.

**FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

**I. STUDENT TEACHING REQUEST FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION**

The following student has requested a student teaching position in the North Allegheny School District, within the Special Education Department, during the first semester of the 2016-2017 school year.

<u>Student Teacher</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Supervising Teacher</u>
Tiffany Schneider Point Park University	10-20-2016 to 12-9-2016	Jenna Fraser Ingomar Elementary School Learning Support

**II. PROPOSED ADOPTION OF THE 2016-2019 SPECIAL EDUCATION PLAN REPORT**

The 2016-2019 proposed Special Education Plan Report will be on display in the Special Education Secretary’s office and the District’s website for twenty-eight (28) days beginning on March 24, 2016. Board action will be requested at the April 20, 2016 Board Meeting before submission to the Pennsylvania Department of Education on April 29, 2016.

**STUDENT ACTIVITIES REPORT**

**I. NORTH ALLEGHENY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS – ST. BONAVENTURE HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMMING COMPETITION**

The Board granted permission for eight students to travel to St. Bonaventure University, St. Bonaventure, New York on **Friday, March 18, 2016** to participate in the high school programming competition. There will be **8 students** participating in this trip.

**II. WAIVER OF BOARD POLICY #3330 – STUDENT FIELD TRIPS**

The Board granted a waiver of Board Policy #3330 and approved students attending the DECA International Career Development Conference and Competition, in Nashville, Tennessee during the period of **Friday, April 22, 2016 through Wednesday, April 27, 2016**. The students will be missing three days of school.

### **III. NORTH ALLEGHENY HIGH SCHOOL DECA GROUP – DECA INTERNATIONAL CAREER DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE AND COMPETITION – NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

The Board granted permission for the North Allegheny High School DECA Chapter to travel to the DECA International Career Development Conference and Competition in Nashville, Tennessee from **Friday, April 22, 2016 through Wednesday, April 27, 2016** to participate in the DECA International Career Development Conference and Competition. There will be **7 students** participating in this trip.

### **IV. WAIVER OF BOARD POLICY #3330 – STUDENT FIELD TRIPS**

The Board granted a waiver of Board Policy #3330 and approved students attending the Euro-Challenge Competition, in New York City, New York during the period of **Monday, April 18, 2016 through Wednesday, April 20, 2016**. The students will be missing three days of school.

### **V. NORTH ALLEGHENY HIGH SCHOOL EURO-CHALLENGE TEAM – NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK**

The Board granted permission for the North Allegheny Intermediate High School Euro-Challenge Team to travel to the Euro-Challenge Competition in New York City, New York from **Monday, April 18, 2016 through Wednesday, April 20, 2016** to participate in the Euro-Challenge Competition. There will be **5 students** participating in this trip.

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

The Board granted a waiver of Board Policy #3330 and approved Band students attending the PMEA All-State Choral 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.

### **VII. 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 Choral Festival from **March 30, 2016 through April 2, 2016**, to participate in the PMEA All-State Band Festival in Hershey, PA. There will be **4 students** participating in this trip.

### **FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

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

**Honors English 3 classes:** Through a classroom project, the Honors English 3 classes (Mrs. Kathy Esposito and Mrs. Christine Walters) at NASH enabled the purchase of the following resources for schools that are labeled “highest poverty.”

- Game-based learning resources for math and sight words to the Anna Jarvis Elementary School in Grafton, WV.
- Interactive whiteboard to PS 18 Elementary School in Brooklyn, NY.
- Sculpey polymer clay for Canyon Springs High School in Las Vegas, NV

- Fleece material to make blankets for community's homeless shelter for the Howard D. McMillan Middle School in Miami, FL
- Texts used for academic enrichment were purchased for the Linton Middle School in Pittsburgh, PA

All of the schools that received donations are considered to be "highest poverty" schools. A total of \$1,400 was collected to fund these worthy projects. These purchases were made possible through an on-line program called Donors [Choose.org](http://Choose.org).

**Interact:** Interact just finished their annual coin drive. The theme was "Coins for Careers," and with a matching donation from the NA Rotary, they raised a total of \$2,000 which will fund a complete technical education for two underprivileged students in the Philippines.

**NASH Ski Club:** The NASH Ski Club had its fourth and final trip of the season on Sunday, February 21. They took a bus from NASH and spent the warm afternoon enjoying the resort as all of the lifts/runs were open. After many years of not having a ski club, they look forward to another great snow season next school year!

**NATV:** It's a busy month for NATV. They are taking their annual trip to New York City in March and will be visiting the Statue of Liberty, One World Trade Center, taking a movie/TV bus tour, seeing a couple of shows and doing all sorts of other interesting things.

Also this month, a crew of TV students has been working with a group of NA alumni who are opening the IQ Escape Room in Ross. The TV crew is filming the video elements for the escape room. Working on location both inside and outside at several places in the area, they have been getting a terrific "real world" experience working with a client under a deadline.

**National English Honor Society:** Since induction in January, NEHS has been organizing a book drive. A meeting was held on March 9th after school in order to finalize details of the project.

Also, last month, they went on their first field trip to go see *Guys and Dolls!* They have almost 50 members now, and they are excited to see what they can accomplish in the future.

**DECA:** On March 1-3, 41 DECA Members competed at the 65th annual DECA State Career Development Conference held in Hershey, PA.

Students receiving medallions for top scores on their role play performances, or their written test are: Julie Chen, James McGaa, Grace Brennan, Jessie Serody, Nicole Synan, Nikhil Cherukupalli, and Nathan McKee.

Those students qualifying to compete at the International DECA Conference in Nashville, Tennessee on April 22-27 are: Julie Chen, James McGaa, Grace Brennan, Katrina Good, Maddy Synder, Anmol Anand, and Nikhil Cherukupalli.

**Student Council:** This month NASH Student Council will be supporting the Girls' Basketball team.

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

**Class Council:** The Sophomore Class Council election process will begin at the end of the month.

**Italian and Film and Entertainment Clubs:** The first meeting was held on March 7th as a joint meeting with the Italian and Film and Entertainment Clubs. Students investigated the entertainment options found on RAI TV (Italian network television), including game and talent shows that are similar to popular competition reality shows in the U.S.

**Chess Club:** Chess Club is still in the midst of weekly matches against other schools in our league. The team still has an undefeated record and hopes to defend it against Peters Township, Gateway and Bethel Park over the next three weeks.

**Duquesne English Festival:** Students are busy preparing for the festival in May. Students are working towards completing all of the required novels, as well as creating trivia questions for the competition. Some participants are also working on art projects that will be entered into the Video and Art contests portion of the Festival.

**Social Studies Club:** The club is planning a "History Mystery" event using locker numbers as clues. Ten students are actively involved in gathering source materials and planning implementation.

The club president, Alice Navadeh, won the regional competition of National History Day with her project, "The Girls of Summer: The Feminization of Little League" on Sunday, March 6th. She will move on to the state competition at Millersville University on May 10 and May 11. Planning is underway for the Washington, D.C. field trip to take place on April 29h.

**Junior Classical League:** This month, JCL members will be participating in an annual cookie decorating event. JCL is also gearing up for the state convention at Penn State University in May. There will be 85 students attending and competing in a variety of academic, athletic, and artistic competitions.

**Table Tennis Club:** Monthly meetings continue to be held and they average 40-60 people per meeting. On the last day of February, the club held its third annual tournament, which was open to all members of the NA community. There were 40 individuals who played in what was a very spirited competition.

**French Club (Le Cercle Français):** Students are communicating with their pen pals at the Lycée Bertran de Born.

**Student Council:** The third dodge ball tournament at NAI will be held on March 23. There are 300 students participating, along with numerous volunteers. Proceeds benefit the NA Project Water Initiative focused on building water wells in underdeveloped areas of Africa. In addition, the renovation of the SAO, now Student LOUNGE, is near completion. Furniture has been installed, tech-ed students are working on building a stage, and art students are working on painting the ceiling tiles. Soon, the room will be available for students to work and collaborate.

**FOCUS 2020:** Students and staff continue to meet and discuss opportunities for improvement. Also, a new lockdown browser is being piloted in the Science Department to aid in the Blackboard testing process.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

In Item II, Board Policy 114 was tabled so further examination could take place. All other policies in Item II and additional items were approved.

### I. PROFESSIONAL SEMINAR REQUESTS

The Board approved the following professional seminar requests:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Conference</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Laura Prosser (NASH)	St. Bonaventure Programming Competition Sponsor: St. Bonaventure University St. Bonaventure, NY	3/18/2016	\$ 475.00
Ernest Pontiere (NASH)	Pennsylvania Music Educators Association Annual In-Service	3/30-4/2/2016	\$ 1,445.05
Lisa Pontiere (NAI)	Sponsor: PMEA Hershey, PA		\$ 405.00
Linda Granite (MES)	Pennsylvania Music Educators Association Annual In-Service Sponsor: PMEA Hershey, PA	3/31-4/2/2016	\$ 812.70
Pam Kohlmann (NASH)	SHAPE America National Convention and Exposition	4/6-4/8/2016	\$ 1,147.18
David Schmidt (NAI)	Sponsor: SHAPE America Minneapolis, MN		\$ 1,147.18
Gilbert Pielin Sharon Volpe (NASH)	Pennsylvania High School Speech League State Tournament Sponsor: PHSSL Selinsgrove, PA	4/7-4/9/2016	\$ 408.00 \$ 6,558.00
Emily Clawson (NAI)	Pennsylvania Family & Consumer Sciences Conference Sponsor: PAFCS Indiana, PA	4/8-4/9/2016	\$ 330.00

Matt Kohler	Technology Student Association	4/13-4/15/2016	\$ 87.30
Nicole Voll	State Conference		\$ 87.30
Nick Vorrasi (MMS)	Sponsor: Technology Student Association Champion, PA		\$ 87.30
Jaclyn Gaus (CMS)	Indiana University of Pennsylvania Spring Methodology Conference on	4/15/2016	\$ 80.00
Ashley McGovern (MMS)	Foreign Language Teaching Sponsor: IUP Foreign Language Department Indiana, PA		\$ 117.80
William Hildenbrand (NAI)	National Euro-Challenge Competition Sponsor: The European Union, WISE New York, NY	4/18-4/20/2016	\$ 2,000.00
Jennifer Rosato (NASH)	Penn State School Counselor Advisory Board Meeting Sponsor: PSU Admissions State College, PA	4/21-4/22/2016	\$ 162.00
Joanne Sullivan (NASH)	DECA International Career Development Conference Sponsor: DECA, Inc. Nashville, TN	4/23-4/27/2016	\$ 1,087.67
Rhonda Bielawski (NASH)	Ohio State University High School Counselor Advisory Board Sponsor: Ohio State University Columbus, OH	4/24-4/24/2016	\$ 217.08
Mary Beth Chester (MMS)	2016 Penn-Del AER Conference Sponsor: Penn-Del Association for the Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired Harrisburg, PA	4/27-4/29/2016	\$ 670.75*
Bill McClelland (NAI)	National History Day State Competition Sponsor: National History Day – PA Lancaster, PA	5/10-5/11/2016	\$ 580.10

Bruce Allen	Pennsylvania Junior Academy of	5/15-5/17/2016	\$ 155.00
Colleen Schmiech (NASH)	Science State Competition Sponsor: Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science Region 7 State College, PA		\$ 155.00
Angela Lesinski (McK)	K-12 SAP Training Sponsor: UPMC	5/18-5/20/2016	\$ 350.00
Leslie Vrotney (CMS/IMS)	Pittsburgh, PA		\$ 350.00

\*ACCESS Funds

## II. SECOND READINGS – BOARD POLICIES

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

- 114 – Gifted Education – **This policy was tabled.**
- 123.2 – Concussion Management
- 224 – Responsibility for School Property
- 229 – Student Fundraising
- 918 – Title I Parental Involvement

### 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 April 20, 2016. Board Policies are attached as a separate document.

- 113.2 – Positive Behavioral Support Techniques
- 347 – Workers’ Compensation Transitional RTW Program (Administrators)
- 447 – Workers’ Compensation Transitional RTW Program (Professionals)
- 547 – Workers’ Compensation Transitional RTW Program (Classified)
- 626 – Federal Fiscal Compliance
- 810 – Transportation
- 810.1 – Drug/Alcohol Testing-Covered Drivers and Garage Maintenance Staff
- 810.2 – Transportation – Video/Audio Recordings

#### Superintendent’s Report Discussion:

Mr. Mahler, on behalf of the Education Committee, moved to table Policy 114—Gifted Education, as they are continuing to get feedback from the community. A roll call vote was taken and Policy 114 in Item II was tabled.

## **SPECIAL REPORTS**

### **Budget and Finance Committee** – Mr. Russell

- The committee met on March 16 and included a discussion of the budget gap closing recommendations from the Administration. The committee has provided a recommendation for each line item to the Board.
- The next meeting is scheduled for May 18.

### **Building and Grounds Committee** – Mr. McClure

- The committee met before tonight's Board meeting. The meeting included a presentation of NAI renovation plans from the architect and discussion of upcoming voting items.
- The next meeting is scheduled for May 25.

### **Education Committee** – Mr. Mahler

- The committee is continuing discussions related to special education and curriculum testing.
- The next meeting is scheduled for April 13.

### **Extra Curricular Committee** – Mrs. Blackburn

- Mrs. Blackburn attended the Hall of Fame Committee meeting, which discussed various fundraising efforts under the leadership of Bob Bozzuto. The Hall of Fame Banquet will be held on September 29, 2016, which means that Homecoming will be on September 30.
- The next meeting is scheduled for April 20.

### **Citizens Advisory Committee** – Mr. Russell

- The committee met on March 15 and discussed academic ROI progress and a project to evaluate the feasibility of the Summer Academy for Summer 2017.
- The next meeting will be May 3.

### **Technology Advisory Committee** – Mr. Russell

- The committee met on March 10. An email update was sent earlier today.
- The next meeting is TBD.

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

- The bond issue discussed last month is expected to be a voting item in April. If all goes as planned, the District should expect to see annual contributions to Beattie decrease.
- There was recently a Tribune-Review article about Beattie students participating in a robotics competition held recently at Cal U.



## **NA Foundation – Mr. Meyer**

- The Foundation is working very hard to put an Executive Director in place who can take the lead on pursuing alternative revenue streams. The hire is expected to take place soon.

## **Legislative Report – Ms. Filiaggi**

### **State Budget Update...**

Last week, the House and Senate sent Gov. Wolf another 2015-16 budget proposal. This time, the proposed budget totaled \$30.03 billion (less than the total spend number in the budget bill that was blue-lined by the governor in December).

The proposal includes a \$150 million increase to BEF (an additional \$50 million, compared to the December budget), and maintains the \$50 million increase in the Ready to Learn block grant and the \$30 million increase in special education funding.

The proposal did not require any additional revenue for 2015-16, and instead pushed off addressing the issue of the state's nearly \$20 billion structural deficit until 2016-17.

**Formulas in the Fiscal Code:** Accompanying the budget bill was a fiscal code bill that included the authorizing legislation for the budget. This bill implements the new basic education funding formula for the distribution of the \$150 million in additional BEF (districts would receive the BEF they got in 2014-15 plus their share of the new dollars), utilizes the new special education funding formula and reconfigures the governor's January distribution of the Ready to Learn block grant (RTL) money, with all districts and charter schools receiving what they received in 2014-15 and the \$50 million increase being distributed to school districts based on their pro rata share of the RTL distribution last year. Any reconciliation for districts that have already received more in RTL dollars than this revised formula would drive out would have deductions taken from future subsidies.

**PlanCon in the Fiscal Code:** The bill also included the PlanCon borrowing proposal,

the PlanCon Advisory Committee authorization, a moratorium on new PlanCon projects that would go into effect beginning on April 15, 2016, and other changes to allow PDE to have flexibility in driving out dollars and to provide more transparency. The PlanCon borrowing proposal, if implemented, would hopefully be able to ensure districts owed reimbursement in 2015-16 would get it this fiscal year, although the timeline is very tight.

### ***What's next?***

The governor has both the budget and fiscal code bills sitting on his desk, and he has until March 27 to sign or veto them (lack of any action will result in the bills being approved). The governor has indicated publically that he intends to veto the bills, sending the legislature back to the drawing board or setting up the possibility of a veto override vote in the House and Senate. A 2/3 majority is needed in both the House and Senate to override a veto, and it is not entirely certain whether this exists in both chambers. Depending on what the governor does and how votes shake out, this week could be very interesting.

### **In Other Legislative News...**

***Legislative Schedule*** – The House and Senate were very busy last week, passing a medical marijuana bill and, more importantly, sending a 2015-16 budget bill to the governor. Both chambers are back in Harrisburg for three session days this week and then will be in recess until April 4.

### ***Last Week's Bill Action*** –

\* **School Director Elections: [HB 342](#); approved by the Senate State Government Committee.** The bill amends the Pennsylvania Election Code to clarify that all candidates for the office of school director will be required to submit 10 signatures for nomination.

\* **Executive Sessions:** [HB 340](#); amended and approved by the House State Government Committee. The bill provides for changes as to what employment-related discussions are appropriate for executive sessions, adds discussions regarding safety and security as permissible executive sessions, requires audio or video recording of executive sessions, and requires a solicitor or “elected official in charge” to determine whether an executive session is appropriate prior to engaging in any such session. The bill passed with a 17-10 vote and will go to the floor for consideration.

\* **Epi-Pen Administration:** [HB 423](#); approved by the Senate Education Committee. The bill provides immunity to school bus drivers who administer epinephrine to students suffering allergic reactions in compliance with school district policy and training.

\* **Investment Options:** [HB 1296](#); House concurred in Senate amendments; sent to the Governor. The bill expands the investment options for school districts and other political subdivisions.

\* **Act 45/Act 48 Credit Delay:** [HB 1734](#); approved by the Senate Education Committee. The bill extends for one year the continuing professional education compliance deadlines for public school entities and public school teachers and administrators.

\* **ESSA Implementation:** [SB 1159](#); approved by the Senate Education Committee. The bill provides to the General Assembly full authority in final decision-making on state implementation of ESSA, requires the PDE to share with committee chairs any and all information on the development of the state plan, and requires legislative action to allow the state plan to be sent to the U.S. Department of Education.

### ***This Week’s Senate Floor Schedule –***

\* **School Director Elections:** [HB 342](#): *(See above for summary.)*

\* **Epi-Pen Administration:** [HB 423](#). *(See above for summary.)*

\* **Use of School Facilities:** [HB 1168](#). The bill requires school districts to provide their facilities to the Game Commission for hunter education courses that occur after school hours, on weekends or any other time school is not in session and requiring the Game Commission to reimburse the district for actual costs incurred.

\* **Act 45/Act 48 Credit Delay:** [HB 1734](#). *(See above for summary.)*

\* **Municipal Debt:** [SB 340](#). The bill amends the Local Government Unit Debt Act to provide for review of project financing by the Department of Community and Economic Development, define the different types of debt a municipality may enter into, and to set limits on the amount of debt a municipality can incur without voter approval.

\* **Swaps:** [SB 342](#). The bill limits the use of qualified interest rate management agreements, or swaps, by local governments and puts in place several safeguards in an attempt to reduce the risk of engaging in swaps.

\* **ESSA Implementation:** [SB 1159](#). *(See above for summary.)*

### ***Upcoming Committee Meetings –***

#### **Tuesday, March 22**

**Senate Education Committee** to consider two bills:

\* [SB 359](#): **Truancy Penalties**. The bill requires school districts to develop truancy elimination plans in consultation with a student's parents following a truancy and prohibiting a magisterial judge from sentencing a parent to jail time for a student's truancy.

\* **HB 1574**: **Hazing Policies**. The bill includes secondary schools (grades 7-12) in the anti-hazing law, requiring them to implement and enforce an anti-hazing policy.

### **Wednesday, March 23**

**House Aging & Older Adult Services Committee** – informational meeting on **HB 791**. The bill creates a Senior Tax Reduction Volunteer Exchange Program that allows school districts to develop a program to provide senior citizens with property tax credits for volunteering in the school district.

### **Monday, April 4**

**House and Senate Education Committees** – joint public hearing to discuss the Educational improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program and the Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit (OSTC) program

### **Tuesday, April 12**

**House and Senate Education Committees** – joint hearing to discuss the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA), the reauthorization of ESEA. The National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) will present an overview of ESSA and the authority granted to states.

### **In State News...**

**Government Reform** – Last week Gov. Wolf outlined his “Government That Works” reform plan, calling for the banning of gifts, contracting reform, increasing lobbying oversight, and increasing transparency in government

***Bullying Suit Dismissal*** – Although it expressed sympathy for their arguments, a federal appeals court panel has refused to revive a lawsuit filed by two parents who claim their son was the victim of racially-motivated bullying in a Pennsylvania school district. Sharelle and Anthony Bridges simply have no constitutional grounds to sue the Scranton School District over alleged bullying by her son's classmates and one of his teachers, the judges on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit concluded in an opinion issued this week. That ruling upholds a decision by U.S. Middle District Judge A. Richard Caputo to honor a school district request to dismiss the Bridges suit. The couple, who are black, claimed their son's civil rights were violated because he was physically bullied by other students while in first grade and was verbally bullied by his second grade teacher. The boy is now in cyber-school, Judge Thomas A. Vanaskie noted in the appeals court opinion. *Read the rest of the story: [“Parents Can't Sue Pa. School District over Supposed Bullying by Students, Teacher, Court Says”](#)* (from *The Patriot-News*, 3/16/16).

## **Across the State...**

***Impact of Pre-K Programs*** – York City students who went through the district's pre-K program, on average, have scored higher on standardized exams than those who did not receive the early childhood education. Julie Fabie, the pre-K supervisor for York City schools, recently presented the district's school board with a comparison of students who went through the district pre-K program and scored proficient or higher on the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment versus those who achieved the same scores but were not enrolled in pre-K. In York City schools, the first wave of young students enrolled in the inaugural year of the early education program are now in seventh grade. The percentage of those students scoring proficient and advanced — since they first started taking the exam in third grade — has been consistently higher than those who were not enrolled in the York City pre-K program, according to Fabie. *Read the rest of the story: [“Report: York City Pre-K Students Score Higher on Later Exams”](#)* (from *The York Dispatch*, 3/15/16).

## In National News...

**Secretary Confirmation** – Last week the U.S. Senate confirmed John B. King Jr. to be the nation's new education secretary, by a vote of 49-40. He had been serving as acting secretary since December following the resignation of Arne Duncan.

Dr. Scherrer noted that the administration was informed today that the budget impasse is expected to end next week, and provided more details on what that will mean for the District.

### **SPEAKERS:**

The following resident came forward to address the Board.

**Theresa Beining** – Stressed the need for better facilities at the softball field (restrooms, concession stands and press box), noting that this is an issue that has been overlooked for 12 years, and she has personally been fighting it for 6 years.

**Michael Ryder** – Submitted photos of North Allegheny softball players at a clinic held last summer, noting that many of the girls who play here go on to play in college. He stressed the need for better facilities at the softball field.

**Laura Ryder** – As a senior on the softball team, she spoke about the need for restrooms, concession stands and a press box at the softball fields

**Debarah Brodine** – Stressed the need for better facilities at the softball field

**Jennifer Petschke** – Stressed the need for better facilities at the softball field

**Mary Ann Seiber** – Stressed the need for better facilities at the softball field

Mrs. Fisher thanked all the speakers for being professional and constructive in their feedback. She noted that the Board recognizes the passion for this issue coming from the softball players and families, and they are listening. The Board is exploring different options for resolving this issue and looking into areas where they may be able to fund projects using alternative revenue.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM.**

The next meeting of the NA Board of School Directors is scheduled for  
**April 13, 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/>.*