



NASD E-Report:

School Board Meeting News
for All Employees

North Allegheny Board of School Directors

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

AGENDA

- 6:00 EXTRA-CURRICULAR COMMITTEE MEETING
- 6:15 EXECUTIVE SESSION
 - Interview Administrative Candidate
- 7:00 REGULAR MEETING
 - Educational Technology Update
 - Speakers (Agenda Items)
 - Voting Items
 - Speakers (Non-agenda Items)

- All Board members were in attendance. In addition, District Solicitor, Mr. Maiello; the Superintendent’s Executive Council; and Mrs. Ryan were in attendance. Student representatives Noah Fenton from NAI and Allie Cummings from NASH were also present.

Mrs. Fisher announced that the Board would not be meeting in Executive Session following the meeting.

Mrs. Fisher also noted that the Board met in Executive Session prior to the meeting to interview an administrative candidate. Dr. Scherrer introduced the resolution regarding the appointment of Mr. William McGahee as Assistant Principal of North Allegheny Senior High School.

I. ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – NORTH ALLEGHENY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

The Board approved the appointment of **Mr. William McGahee** to the position of Assistant Principal, North Allegheny Senior High School, at an annual salary of \$100,000 (pro-rated). The effective date of appointment is dependent upon release from his current employer.

Mr. McGahee began his teaching career as a secondary English teacher for the North Hills School District in 2001. In July 2009, Mr. McGahee became the A-K House Office Principal at North Hills Junior High School and in 2010 moved to North Hills High School. During this time period, Mr. McGahee helped to transition North Hills High School from a 10th-12th grade building to a 9th-12th grade building. In July 2012, Mr. McGahee became the 11th and 12th Grade House Office Principal. Mr. McGahee has created and maintained master schedules for 80+ staff, was the District Advanced Placement Coordinator, designed and implemented the Online Academy and

North Hills Alternative Education Program, and served as the District LEA regarding IEP and 504 Hearings. He also served as the 2015 Middle States Internal Coordinator for Accreditation. In July 2015, Mr. McGahee was appointed the Principal of Ross Elementary School in the North Hills School District.

Mr. McGahee received his Bachelor of Arts in English from Mercyhurst College in May 2001. He then went on to Slippery Rock and obtained his Master of Education as a Reading Specialist in May 2006 and his K-12 Principal Certification in May 2008. Mr. McGahee brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to North Allegheny.

EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY UPDATE:

Dr. Curran and Mr. Phillips presented the Educational Technology Update to the Board. The presentation slides are available to the public on the North Allegheny website under “School Board.”

In spring 2015, the Technology Advisory Committee (TAC) made the following recommendations:

1. Create an equitable technology environment for all students and teachers.
2. Adopt a 1:1 environment in Grades 1-12, supplemented with specialty computer labs and shared mobile devices as necessary.
3. Expand staffing appropriately to support success.

What does FOCUS 2020 look like in action? Visit www.northallegheny.org/FOCUS2020/evaluation to review the areas that have been examined to assess the effectiveness of FOCUS 2020:

- BrightBytes Survey
- Professional Development
- Technology Measures
- Video Library of FOCUS 2020 in action

FOCUS 2020: 2016-2017

- Laptops distributed to students in grades 9 and 12
 - All students in grades 9-12 will have a laptop next year
- iPads distributed to students in grade 6
 - All students in grades 6-7 will have an iPad next year
- iPads to Elementary teachers
 - Grades 4-5
- Interactive Projection installations
 - K-2 core classrooms
 - Elementary computer labs
- Laptop carts
 - All elementary and middle schools projected to receive 1 additional laptop cart from NASH (2 at MES and MCK)
- Two additional IT technicians
 - 1 NASH Help Desk
 - 1 IT Department
- One additional Technology Integrator along with the continuation of the long term substitute (LTS) position

- Continued professional development
 - Goal: to support systemic changes in the schools
- Increase development of blended course units in Blackboard
- Creation of NA STEAM Lending Library
 - Makey-Makey
 - Sphero
 - Osmo
 - Puzzlets

Questions/Comments on the Educational Technology Update:

Mrs. Blackburn asked what could be done to encourage the teachers who are not currently taking part in professional development to start doing so. Dr. Curran answered that they do some professional development when teachers are required to be present, and the technology integrators have been “on the ground” working directly with teachers and encouraging professional development.

Mr. Disque asked if they have considered how the technology will be implemented into the curriculum. Dr. Curran said that the technology integrators have identified lessons where teachers can use the technology. Dr. Andreyko added that the technology team’s insights and resources have been invaluable when it comes to the curriculum review process. She noted that for the majority of future curriculum reviews, there should be at least one recommendation related to technology.

Several Board members commented on their appreciation for the presentation and the technology team, and expressed excitement to see that the technology is being well-received with students and teachers at all levels.

SPEAKERS:

Jen Husek: Expressed concern over Policy 113.2 (Section 5 Item E), which she believes is outdated.

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

CURRICULUM REPORT

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

I. PROPOSED ADOPTION OF TEXTBOOKS – BUSINESS, COMPUTER, AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

The following textbooks will be on display in the Board Secretary’s office beginning April 21, 2016, for future Board action:

Textbook	Publisher	Grade Level(s)	Course
<i>Web Design with HTML & CSS3</i>	Cengage Learning	11 th -12 th	#7908 Web Page Design
<i>MS Office 365/2016 Introductory</i>	Cengage Learning	9 th -12 th	#7406 MS Office Applications 1
<i>MS Office 365 and Office 2016: Intermediate</i>	Cengage Learning	9 th -12 th	#7410 MS Office Applications 2

II. PROPOSED ADOPTION OF TEXTBOOKS – SCIENCE

The following textbooks will be on display in the Board Secretary’s office beginning April 21, 2016, for future Board action:

Textbook	Publisher	Grade Level(s)	Course
<i>Interactive Science - Ecology and Environment</i> *	Pearson	7 th	#4070 Science
<i>Interactive Science - Cells and Heredity</i> *	Pearson	7 th	#4070 Science
<i>Interactive Science - Diversity of Life</i> *	Pearson	7 th	#4070 Science
<i>Interactive Science - Human Body Systems</i> *	Pearson	7 th	#4070 Science
<i>Organic Chemistry 2nd Edition</i>	Wiley and Sons	11 th -12 th	#4811 Honors Organic Chemistry

*This adoption includes four consumable books to accompany the online textbook.

III. PROPOSED ADOPTION OF TEXTBOOKS – WORLD LANGUAGES

The following textbooks will be on display in the Board Secretary's office beginning April 21, 2016, for future Board action:

Textbook	Publisher	Grade Level(s)	Course(s)
<i>Daccord 2015 L2 SE + SS(6Y)(e)</i>	Vista Higher Learning	10 th	#5405, #5406, #5407 French (Academic, Honors, Essentials)
<i>Descubre 2e 21 SE + SS (6Y)(e)</i>	Vista Higher Learning	10 th	#5705, #5706, #5707 Spanish (Academic, Honors, Essentials)
<i>Mosaik L2 SE + SS (6Y)(e)</i>	Vista Higher Learning	10 th	#5505, #5506, #5507 German (Academic, Honors, Essentials)
<i>Cambridge Latin Course, Unit 3, 5th Edition</i>	Cambridge University Press	9 th -11 th	#5603, #5605, #5606, #5608 Honors Latin 1B Academic Latin II Honors Latin II Academic Latin III

For Information

Please be aware that textbook purchases are based upon the phase-in budgets created during each Curriculum Review process. The proposed budget reflects the textbooks slated for adoption in the 2016-2017 school year.

IV. SCHOOL COUNSELING DEPARTMENT INTERNSHIP REQUEST

The following student has requested a School Counseling Internship in the North Allegheny School District for the first semester of the 2016-2017 school year:

<u>Student</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Supervisor</u>
Julie Radakovich Indiana University	08/29/2016 – 12/16/2016	Rianna Liebenguth NAI Counseling Dept.

FINANCIAL REPORT

I. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE APPROVAL LISTS

The Board approved the following Accounts Payable lists:

- A. Supplemental Accounts Payable list dated March 2016, in the amount of \$13,054,197.44.

- B. Accounts Payable list dated April 2016, in the amount of \$273,905.77.
- C. Supplemental Capital Reserve Fund Accounts Payable list dated March 2016, in the amount of \$26,526.05.
- D. Supplemental Technology Fund Accounts Payable list dated March 2016, in the amount of \$8,783.83.
- E. Supplemental 2000 NASH/Newman Stadium Construction Fund Accounts Payable list dated March 2016, in the amount of \$0.00.
- F. Supplemental BW/Marshall Construction Fund Accounts Payable list dated March 2016, in the amount of \$227,119.09.
- G. Supplemental Capital Financing Fund Accounts Payable list dated March 2016, in the amount of \$0.00.
- H. Supplemental Cafeteria Fund Accounts Payable list dated March 2016, in the amount of \$335,934.32.

II. AIU PROGRAM OF SERVICES BUDGET

The Board approved the proposed 2015-2016 Allegheny Intermediate Unit Program of Services Budget as presented. The Budget totals \$4,005,898. The North Allegheny School District’s expected contribution to the AIU Program of Services budget is \$152,285; an increase of approximately \$4,595 due to a slight aid ratio change.

III. RENEWAL OF OMNI FINANCIAL 403(b) SERVICES CONTRACT

The Board approved the renewal of the contract with Omni Financial Group, Inc. to provide compliance and reporting services to the District in connection with the District’s 403(b) plan. The 2016-2017 fee will be approximately \$4,776. Last year’s fee was \$5,712.

IV. A.W. BEATTIE CAREER CENTER BUDGET

The Board approved the A.W. Beattie Career Center Budget for 2016-2017 at \$9,055,872 and includes three categories: Capital, Operations, and Debt Service.

Budget Category	North Allegheny Share	
	2015-2016	2016-2017
Capital Budget	\$ 8,675.00	\$ 7,204.00
Operating Budget	\$ 817,128.00	\$ 847,276.00
Debt Service	\$ 375,948.00	\$ 376,585.00
Total	\$ 1,201,751.00	\$ 1,231,065.00
Difference		\$ 29,314.00

V. FUND BALANCE ALLOCATION

The Board approved the assignment of the 2014-2015 final positive variance of \$1,571,267.00 for the purpose of mitigating the 2016-2017 Pennsylvania State Employee Retirement System. There will be a line item in the 2016-2017 budget with an allocation from the fund balance.

VI. A. W. BEATTIE CAREER CENTER SERIES 2008 REFUNDING

The Board approved the request of A. W. Beattie Career Center for the issuance by the authority of its School Revenue Bonds, Series of 2016 (A. W. Beattie Career Center project) in a principal amount not to exceed \$19,000,000 for the purpose of refunding the State Public School Building Authority’s School Revenue Bonds, Series of 2008 (A. W. Beattie Career Center project), and financing certain costs related to the foregoing. (Specific details for NASD will be included when received.)

VII. AUDIT ENGAGEMENT

The Board approved the proposed engagement letter from Maher Duessel, District auditors, in regards to the 2016, 2017, and 2018 audits. The fees offered are as follows:

Current Year Fee	2016	2017	2018
\$27,500	\$27,500	\$28,100	\$28,800

VIII. 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>	
1100-300 Purch Prof & Tech Svcs Regular Programs-Elem/Secondary	1100-600 Supplies Regular Programs-Elem/Secondary	\$ 15,400	
1100-700 Property Regular Programs-Elem/Secondary	1100-600 Supplies Regular Programs-Elem/Secondary	\$ 25,600	
TOTAL TRANSFERS FOR THE MONTH	41,000	PERCENT OF TOTAL BUDGET	0.0286%
TOTAL TRANSFERS YEAR TO DATE	57,045	PERCENT OF TOTAL BUDGET	0.0397%

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

I. STUDENT ACTIVITIES ACCOUNTS PAYABLE APPROVAL LISTS

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

A.	Carson Middle	\$ 1,467.15
B.	Ingomar Middle	4,636.80
C.	Marshall Middle	5,877.41
D.	NA Intermediate	36,599.09
E.	NA Senior High	70,916.54
F.	NA Athletic	35,866.92

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

I. RESIGNATIONS

The Board approved the following Resignations:

Christina Damon	Special Education Assistant, NASH Effective 6/3/2016 15 Years @ NA	Retirement
Alison Finegersh	Autistic Support, MES Effective 6/6/2016	Resignation

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.

Breanne Cannon	Tessa Croft	Amy DeGregorio
Emma Hughey	Rebecca Napoli	Stephanie Stukel

Classified

Tony Muscarella Jr.	Temporary Custodian Effective 4/13/2016	\$10.50/hr.
Melissa Samarco	Substitute Bus Driver, Transportation (for T. Thomas) Effective 4/25/2016	\$15.05/hr.

Ella DeMarco
Abby Miller
Anna Sprys
Olivia Whitacre

Natalie Demi
Hannah Montross
Stephanie Sturtz
Jill Williams

Blake Hornish
Elliana Seamon
Josie Wadlow
Melanie Woods

* Non-District

Seasonal Employees

The Board approved the following Seasonal Employees to work in the Facilities Department on an as-needed basis:

	<u>RATE</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
Dylan Barcus	\$8.75/hr.	5/9/2016
Ryan Capets	\$8.25/hr.	6/6/2016
Kent Clifton	\$8.25/hr.	5/16/2016
Joseph DeAugustino	\$8.25/hr.	5/16/2016
Robert Graner	\$8.75/hr.	5/9/2016
Cecilia Groom	\$8.25/hr.	6/6/2016
Ryan Hamm	\$8.25/hr.	5/9/2016
Matt Hofmeister	\$8.25/hr.	6/6/2016
Alex Jewell	\$8.75/hr.	5/9/2016
Lukas Johansson	\$8.25/hr.	6/13/2016
Matthew Karlovitz	\$8.75/hr.	5/9/2016
Brandon Merry	\$8.75/hr.	5/9/2016
Jacob Nasiadka	\$8.25/hr.	5/9/2016
Jack Roach	\$8.75/hr.	5/16/2016
Christopher Vrana	\$8.75/hr.	5/9/2016
Alexander Waslo	\$8.25/hr.	6/13/2016

III. WAGE/STATUS CHANGE(S)

Professional

The Board approved a change from the day-to-day substitute rate to \$165.64 for Charles Samek, substituting at MES. The effective date for this change is 3/21/2016.

The Board approved a change from the day-to-day substitute rate to \$161.34 for Katey Yurchick, substituting at BWE. The effective date for this change is 3/17/2016.

Classified

Justin Gray	Transfer from Temporary Custodian, Facilities to Utility Custodian, NASH Effective 4/25/2016 (for L. Meister)	\$13.61/hr.
Charles Koett	Transfer from Temporary Custodian, Facilities to Utility Custodian, NASH Effective 4/25/2016	\$13.61/hr.

(for L. Schulz)

IV. LEAVE OF ABSENCE – MAJEWSKI, MORELLI

The Board approved an unpaid Leave of Absence for Dee Majewski, Driver, Transportation Department, effective February 10, 2016 through June 3, 2016.

The Board approved an unpaid Leave of Absence for Greg Morelli, Maintenance, Facilities Department, effective November 16, 2015 through June 16, 2016.

V. CHILD REARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE – FINCH, WATTON

The Board approved an unpaid Child Rearing Leave of Absence for Marcee Finch, Art Teacher, Bradford Woods Elementary School, effective April 25, 2016 through June 6, 2016 (a.m.).

The Board approved an unpaid Child Rearing Leave of Absence for Kimberly Watton, Orchestra Teacher, Hosack Elementary School and Ingomar Elementary School, effective April 21, 2016 through June 6, 2016 (a.m.).

VI. EXTENSION OF LEAVE(S) OF ABSENCE – BUDZINSKI, CORTEZ

The Board approved an Extension of an unpaid Leave of Absence for Paul Budzinski, Driver, Transportation Department, from February 16, 2016 through March 31, 2016 to February 16, 2016 through April 15, 2016.

The Board approved an Extension of an unpaid Leave of Absence for Tara Cortez, Secretary, Online Learning & Professional Development, from March 8, 2016 (p.m.) through March 30, 2016 to March 8, 2016 (p.m.) through April 1, 2016.

VII. RECOGNITION FOR ADDITIONAL EDUCATION

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

\$1,500 Award – Master's Degree

Rachel LaSitis

\$1,500 Award – Completion of 20 credits beyond Master's Degree

Scott Kolar

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 Club/Activity or Honoraria Application:

		<u>PROJECT PERIOD</u>	
Courtney Lope	Kids of Steel - HES	1/4/2016 – 4/29/2016	\$ 500.00
Lynn Antoon	PES PALS Gr. 2	2/1/2016 – 4/7/2016	\$ 100.00
Rachel Brown	PES PALS Gr. 2	2/1/2016 – 4/7/2016	\$ 375.00
Jenna Cornell	PES PALS Gr. 5	2/1/2016 – 4/7/2016	\$ 375.00
Emily Dinger	PES PALS Gr. 1	2/1/2016 – 4/7/2016	\$ 400.00
Rachel Lewis	PES PALS Gr. 4	2/1/2016 – 4/7/2016	\$ 325.00
Jennifer Luce	PES PALS Gr. 5	2/1/2016 – 4/7/2016	\$ 325.00
Jessica Magnone	PES PALS KDG	2/1/2016 – 4/7/2016	\$ 350.00
Jenna Moots	PES PALS Gr. 3	2/1/2016 – 4/7/2016	\$ 250.00
Kristen Ericson	Homework Club, IES	10/6/2015 – 4/5/2016	\$ 450.00
Keith Gillis	Homework Club, HES	10/6/2015 – 4/5/2016	\$ 500.00
Marie Noonan	Homework Club, MCK	10/13/2015 – 4/7/2016	\$ 500.00
Gannon Holleran	Homework Club, MCK	10/13/2015 – 4/7/2016	\$ 500.00
Emily Torchia	Homework Club, MCK	10/13/2015 – 4/7/2016	\$ 500.00
Nicole Tutino	ESL Homework Club, MCK	10/13/2015 – 4/7/2016	\$ 500.00
Melissa Zarra	ESL Homework Club, MCK	10/13/2015 – 4/7/2016	\$ 425.00
Sheila Dattilo	MMS Media Club	9/8/2015 – 4/30/2016	\$ 500.00
Chris Sestili	FBLA – NASH	9/1/2015 – 6/3/2016	\$ 500.00

IX. SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACT(S)

The Board approved the following Spring 2015-2016 School Year Supplemental Contract(s):

* 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 Additions/Changes

Gary Grater	Varsity Assistant Baseball Coach	\$ 3,130.00
^{1*} Grace Traini	Varsity Assistant Lacrosse Coach (F)	\$ 2,300.00

PROPERTY AND SUPPLIES REPORT

I. INGOMAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – DONATION OF A GAGA PIT

The Board accepted the donation of the funds to purchase all of the materials for the construction of a 19’ round GaGa Pit by the Parent Teacher Organization at Ingomar Elementary School. The value of this donation is estimated to be \$1,550.00.

For Information

This project will include the construction of a 19' diameter GaGa Pit area next to the existing swing set as an Eagle Scout Project by Tyler Klinefelter of Troop 36. This area can be used by the students to play various games during recess and as part of their Physical Education classes. The completed Disclaimer Release for this donation will be attached to the Official Minutes.

II. BID AWARD – MASONRY REPAIRS AT VARIOUS SCHOOLS

The Board accepted the base bid and alternate 1 for masonry repairs at McKnight Elementary, Carson Middle School, Central Administrative Offices and Facilities/Transportation buildings and waterproofing of the exterior wall at the center entrance at Ingomar Middle School be awarded to Wilson Restoration, Inc. for \$44,822.00 as the lowest responsible bidder meeting the specifications.

For Information

This project will repair various areas of masonry damaged at each of these buildings and repairs to the masonry sign at Hillvue Lane. The waterproofing will be applied on the exterior masonry wall area at the center entrance area at Ingomar Middle School.

III. BID AWARD – McKNIGHT/NAI STORM WATER PIPING SYSTEM REPLACEMENT

The Board accepted the base bid, Alternate A1-30”, Alternate A2 and unit prices 1-42 that were submitted as part of the base bid for the replacement of the storm water piping system at McKnight and NAI from W. A. Petrakis Contracting and Landscaping Company for \$1,575,305.00 as the lowest responsible bidder for this work.

For Information

This project involves the replacement of the collapsed storm water piping system for McKnight and NAI. This work will include the installation of new storm water piping for the McKnight and NAI parking lots, driveways, roof drains, etc. This project was included as part of the 2016-2017 Capital Funding Plan.

IV. 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.

Bradford Woods Elementary – Renovations

Number	Description	Contractor	Amount
FSEC-01	Credit for additional costs incurred by Plumbing Contractor for the delay in the delivery and installation of the new kitchen equipment.	Breckenridge	(\$660.00)
PC-05	Additional costs incurred for the delay in the delivery and installation of the new kitchen equipment.	East End Plumbing	\$660.00

Marshall Elementary – Renovations

Number	Description	Contractor	Amount
MC- 02	Substitute single evaporator chiller in lieu of dual evaporator chiller.	Lugalia Mechanical	(\$85,000)
GC- 05	Modify the new window for Rm 222 to reinstall the existing louvers.	Gurtner Construction	\$4,892.21

V. PEPSI BOTTLING COMPANY VENDING EXTENSION

The Board accepted the agreement between Pepsi Bottling Company and North Allegheny School District for full service beverage vending within the District. Pepsi Bottling Company will pay North Allegheny School District \$17,000 for a one-year extension of the current contract. The agreement begins on July 1, 2016 and expires on June 30, 2017.

VI. FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT

The Board approved the Food Service Agreement between North Allegheny School District and Metz Culinary Management for one year beginning on July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017. The guaranteed return for the 2016-2017 school year will be \$60,085.45. The Metz & Associates Food Service Budget will be attached to the Official Minutes.

VII. SCHOOL LUNCH PRICES

The Board approved the following prices for the 2016-2017 school year:

	<u>Price</u>
Elementary Lunch	\$2.25
Secondary Lunch	\$2.75
Milk Half Pint	\$0.75

There is no change in pricing from the 2015-2016 school year.

VIII. FOCUS 2020 STUDENT DEVICE AND YEARLY REFRESH PURCHASE

The Board approved the purchase of 1390 Windows laptops and protective sleeves, 690 Apple iPads and cases, 15 Apple MacBook Air, 8 Apple MacBook Pro, and 32 Apple iMacs. The total cost of the purchase is not to exceed \$1,940,000.00 and will be financed for four (4) years through Laurel Capital Corporation, with a yearly payment not to exceed \$502,430.00. The interest rate will be 2.27%.

For Information

The Administration is currently finalizing pricing for the equipment and software licensing. The Administration will receive the final price quotes for the Windows laptops prior to the end of April. Due to delivery time and estimates from the manufacturers, the District will need to place

the order for the equipment by early May to ensure the devices will be delivered in time for distribution at the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year.

In addition, the District is scheduled to refresh equipment for the upcoming school year. These devices are near the end of their useful lifespan and will no longer be covered under the manufacturer warranty. The following devices will be included in this year's purchase:

FOCUS 2020 Initiative

650 iPads (Grade 6 student 1:1 program),
1350 Windows laptops (Grades 9 and 12 student 1:1 program)

Equipment Refresh

40 Windows laptops
40 Apple iPads
8 Apple Macbook Pro
15 Apple Macbook Air
32 Apple iMacs

IX. BID REJECTION – RENOVATION OF THE PRESS BOX AT NEWMAN STADIUM

The Board rejected the general construction bids for the Renovation of the Press Box at Newman Stadium.

For Information

The bids received for this project were above the estimated cost for this project. The electrical construction work will not be rebid. The general construction bidding documents will be modified and this project will be rebid for award on May 25, 2016.

SPECIAL EDUCATION AND PUPIL SERVICES REPORT

I. IDEA AGREEMENTS BETWEEN NORTH ALLEGHENY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND ALLEGHENY INTERMEDIATE UNIT

The Board approved the Allegheny Intermediate Unit's Notice of Adoption of Policies, Procedures, and Use of Funds by School District under Federal requirements of 34 CFR 300.101 through 300.624 as part of the IDEA Application for 2016-2017 and the IDEA-Part B Use of Funds Agreement 2016-2017.

II. AGREEMENT BETWEEN NORTH ALLEGHENY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND AMERICAN STAFFING SERVICES, INC.

The Board renewed the Health Services Contract agreement between North Allegheny School District and American Staffing Services, Inc. to provide skilled nursing services for four students, #15-16-WEC108, #15-16-WEC119, #15-16-WEC120, and #15-16-CI108, placed at The Watson Institute and The Day School at Children's Institute. American Staffing Services, Inc. will provide a licensed practical nurse during student transportation at a cost of \$37.50 per hour. The contract begins March 21, 2016 and will be in effect until March 21, 2017.

III. SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE DAY SCHOOL AT THE CHILDREN'S INSTITUTE

The Board accepted a Service Agreement between North Allegheny School District and the Day School at The Children's Institute. The purpose of the Agreement is to provide the related service of a paraprofessional for a North Allegheny student, #15-16-109CI, who will attend a transition program for twelve days as an activity for his transition services outlined in the IEP. The selected dates will occur between April 11, 2016 and June 10, 2016. The cost of this service will be \$160.00 per day and will be billed to the District monthly for services rendered. Total cost of the related service will be \$1,920.00.

IV. NORTH ALLEGHENY SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL EDUCATION PLAN REPORT

The Board approved the July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2019 North Allegheny School District Special Education Plan Report. The Special Education Plan Report is required to be submitted electronically to the Pennsylvania Department of Education on or before May 1, 2016.

V. HOUGHTON MIFFLIN HARCOURT PUBLISHING AGREEMENT (ITBS AND COGAT)

The Board accepted the renewed Agreement between the North Allegheny School District and Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company (HMH) to provide Iowa Assessments and CogAT testing materials for District students in grades one (1) through seven (7). This agreement commences November 1, 2015 and will end December 31, 2016. HMH will bill the District for materials and services ordered, based on student enrollment, shipping, and handling charges. The District was able to negotiate a 10% discount.

VI. SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST INTERN AFFILIATION AGREEMENT

The Board approved the recommendation from the Special Education and Pupil Services Department for Jacob Rogers to serve as a School Psychologist Intern for the 2016-2017 school year. The Affiliation Agreement between the North Allegheny School District and Indiana University of Pennsylvania was previously approved in May 2013. The stipend will be \$10,000.00.

VII. SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST INTERN CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT

The Board approved the Confidentiality Agreement between the North Allegheny School District and Casey Schick to serve as a School Psychologist Intern for the 2016-2017 school year. The stipend will be \$10,000.00.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES REPORT

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

The Board granted a waiver of Board Policy #3330 and approval of the students to experience the opportunity to participate in a programming contest for middle school students to compete in the National Middle School Science Bowl from Thursday, April 28, 2016 through Monday, May 2, 2016. The students will be missing three (3) days of school.

II. MMS GOAL STUDENTS – U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY NATIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE BOWL

The Board granted permission for Marshall Middle School GOAL students to travel to Washington, D.C. from Thursday, April 28, 2016 through Monday, May 2, 2016 to participate in the U.S. Department of Energy National Middle School Science Bowl. There will be five (5) students participating in this trip.

III. NASH GOAL STUDENTS – U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY NATIONAL SCIENCE BOWL

The Board granted permission for the NASH GOAL students to travel to Washington, D.C. from Thursday, April 28 through Monday, May 2, 2016 to participate in the U.S. Department of Energy Science Bowl. There will be five (5) students participating in this trip.

For Information

Friday, April 29, 2016 is a day off for NASH students; students will miss two days of school.

IV. MCKNIGHT ELEMENTARY – FIFTH GRADE CLEVELAND ZOO FIELD TRIP

The Board granted permission for the Fifth Grade students at McKnight Elementary School to travel to Cleveland, Ohio, on Wednesday, June 1, 2016, to visit the Cleveland Zoo and Rainforest. There will be 125 students participating in this trip.

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

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

MSU: MSU will be going to the Youth Action Summit on April 22nd. It is an educational experience involving students and adults from all areas of Pittsburgh. NASH will send 10+ students to this event. We are also planning a Noodles For Nations lunch special on May 16. Students will be able to sample noodles from different ethnicities during lunch periods that day. Information about ethnicity and culture will be available.

Origami Club: The Origami Club at NASH made origami cherry blossoms after school on April 7th to celebrate the month of April.

Robotics 3: The Robotics 3 class at NASH attended an in-house robotics competition at NAI. This competition used the VEX Cortex robots and was between the Robotics 2 students at NAI and the Robotics 3 students at NASH. This is the first year for a Robotics 3 class at NASH.

Speech and Debate: At the end of February, the team qualified for several competitors to the state tournament Pennsylvania High School Speech League (PHSSL) and won the overall sweepstakes at the qualifying tournament. They competed at Susquehanna University for the state tournament. In early March, they qualified students to the Catholic Forensics League (CFL) national tournament and to the National Speech and Debate Association (NSDA) national tournament. Those tournaments will be in May and June, respectively. Currently, they are planning the North Allegheny Forensics Institute (NAFI), which is a summer camp for NA forensics kids, and the Pittsburgh Forensics Institute (PFI), which is a Pittsburgh-wide summer camp for forensics kids.

Student Council: This month NASH Student Council was awarded with the National Gold Council of Excellence Award for the 11th consecutive year. "Receiving an NASC National Gold Council of Excellence Award reflects the highest dedication on behalf of the school to providing a strong, well-rounded student council program," said Ann Postlewaite, National Association of Secondary School Principals Student Programs Director. Student Council is planning their 3-on-3 basketball tournament on May 13th to benefit North Hills Community Outreach. They are also planning the staff BBQ on May 19th. The election process has begun to elect the 2016-2017 officers. The electronic ballot is April 25th-27th and winners will be announced on April 28th.

The Cultural Communications Alliance: The Alliance will hold their preliminary competition after school at NASH on April 19th to determine which NASH or NAI team will move forward to compete against other schools from Western PA on May 5, 2016 at the University of Pittsburgh. The teams have the task of developing a marketing strategy for launching Bayer's "Radimetrics" software to the Taiwan market. This is the first year that students have been given a business-to-business product rather than a consumer product. Radimetrics software measures dosage amounts for CT scans, etc. used in hospitals.

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

Chess Club: We are trying to schedule our last two league matches. We are currently undefeated and would like to remain so as we travel to Bethel Park and Peters Township.

Duquesne English Festival: Participants are gearing up for the competition next month. All super trivia questions have been submitted, as well as any extra projects students created.

German Club: German Club will have its "Kino und Popcorn" event at the end of this month. Club members will meet after school to view a German film. Popcorn will be served.

Social Studies Club: We are in the midst of sign-ups for the Washington, D.C. field trip on April 29th. In addition, we have a "History Mystery" event which will kick off later this month. For this event, students are using locker numbers as clues to identify a significant event in history. Prizes will be awarded for the most correct responses.

Fashion Club: Our Annual Fashion Show was a huge success! This year's fashion show, The Great Gatsby, was held on April 2nd at NASH. This year's show featured a performance from NA's Ukulele Club, NA Strolling Strings, NA Actor's Society, and Center Stage Dance Academy. Fifteen students made designs and hit the runway, each inspired by The Great Gatsby

Theme. This year, our show benefited Miss 22 Quties Special Needs Beauty Pageant. The president and vice president of this organization were our guest speakers and they shared information about the organization and how our support will help them with this year's pageant. We were also lucky to hear from a few girls who participated in the pageant and they shared with us how the pageant and organization has helped them in their lives. The reigning Miss 22 Qutie and Miss Congeniality also were models in our show. Two of our club members designed dresses for the girls to model on the runway. We were able to donate over \$1,300 to the Miss 22 Quties organization.

TSA: We will be competing at the PA state conference. Events include robotic engineering, electronic engineering, career preparation, and various STEM related activities.

Class Council: Class Council sold spirit gear the week of March 21 and now is in the process of selecting sophomore officers for next school year. The application is open to 9th graders until April 6.

Student Council: The Dodgeball Tournament was a huge success! The new LOUNGE has had a stage installed and art students are working to paint the ceiling tiles. StuCo is now in the planning of the Spring service project.

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>
Shawn Bornes Curtis Griffith	Resolving Workplace Conflict with Confidence	4/27/2016,5/4/2016, 5/11/2016	\$ 381.50 \$ 381.50
Christina Smith (Facilities)	Sponsor: Life Solutions Pittsburgh, PA		\$ 381.50
Shawn Bornes Dennis Kaczmarkiewicz Dave McFarlane (Facilities)	Square D Arc Flash Training Sponsor: Schneider Electric Blawnox, PA	4/28/2016	\$ 365.00 \$ 365.00 \$ 365.00
Dan Williams (MMS)	National Science Bowl Competition Sponsor: NETL/DOE Chevy Chase, MD	4/28-5/2/2016	\$ 1,158.48
William Phillips Darryl Zelenski (CAO)	Cyber Security Institute & Tech Talk Live 2016 Sponsor: Lancaster-Lebanon IU 13 Lancaster, PA	5/2-5/4/2016	\$ 1,297.12 \$ 1,297.12
Stephanie Marshall (CAO)	2016 STAR-Center Conference: Preventing Teen Suicide, Promise and Practice Sponsor: Western Psychiatric Institute & Clinic Pittsburgh, PA	5/6/2016	\$ 74.19
Karen Tobias (NASH)	Norfolk Naval Station/Langley Air Force Base Sponsor: JROTC Virginia Beach, VA	5/8-5/10/2016	\$ 220.00*
Matthew Hreha (MES) Scott Oldham (PES)	Non-Violent Crisis Intervention Training Program Sponsor: Crisis Prevention Institute Coraopolis, PA	5/17-5/20/2016	\$ 1,339.00* \$ 2,810.00*

Darryl Zelenski (CAO)	Ed Tech Team Western PA Summit Featuring Google for Education	6/6-6/8/2016	\$ 478.00
John Kreider			\$ 279.00
Thomas Mooney	Sponsor: Ed Tech Team		\$ 279.00
Dana Oliver	McKees Rocks, PA		\$ 279.00
Daniel Schall (NASH)			\$ 279.00
Jordan Cotton			\$ 279.00
Caitlin Ewing			\$ 279.00
Morgan Howard			\$ 279.00
Kylene Stroud (NAI)			\$ 279.00
Thomas Ward (CMS)			\$ 279.00
Jim Voland (MES)			\$ 279.00

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II. SECOND READINGS – BOARD POLICIES

The Board approved of the following Board Policies. 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

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I. FIRST READINGS – BOARD POLICIES

The following policies will be requested for adoption at the Regular Meeting of the Board of School Directors on May 25, 2016. Board Policies are attached as a separate document.

- 113 - Special Education
- 113.1 - Discipline of Students with Disabilities
- 113.4 - Confidentiality of Special Education Student Information
- 115 - Career and Technical Education
- 137.1 - Extracurricular Participation by Home Education Students
- 139 - North Allegheny School District School Age Child Care
- 142 - Migrant Students

- 237 - Personal Electronic Devices
- 242 - Extracurricular Activities
- 301 - Creating a Position (Administrative Employees)
- 401 - Creating a Position (Professional Employees)
- 501 - Creating a Position (Classified Employees)
- 335 - Family and Medical Leaves (Administrative Employees)
- 435 - Family and Medical Leaves (Professional Employees)
- 535 - Family and Medical Leaves (Classified Employees)
- 717 - District Mobile Devices

Questions/Comments on the Superintendent’s Report:

Dr. Scherrer noted that the Administration and the Board are aware of the concerns raised with Board Policy 113.2 and asked Ms. Maximo to address the tier system further.

Mrs. Blackburn noted that one of the nice things about putting the Board policies on the website allows for more feedback, and noted that the Board can always amend a policy if there is something that needs to be added or changed.

In regard to Board Policy concerning Federal Fiscal Compliance, Mr. Mahler asked if there is a system to make sure the figures get updated and a regular review is in place. Dr. Scherrer said that if the numbers were to dramatically change, they would ask that the Policy be reviewed.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Budget and Finance Committee – Mr. Russell

- There has been no meeting since the last report. The next meeting is scheduled for May 18, and the agenda is expected to include discussions around retiring variable rate debt and the proposed final budget.

Building and Grounds Committee – Mr. McClure

- There has been no meeting since the last report. The next meeting is scheduled for May 25, and the agenda is expected to focus on curb appeal projects that have been discussed previously.

Education Committee – Mr. Mahler

- The committee met on April 13 and included discussion of upcoming voting items (textbooks recommended for approval and the Gifted Education Policy), the Family and Consumer Science Interim Curriculum Review Report (which was presented to the Board on April 13), Keystone exams and graduation requirements, and comprehensive planning.
- The next meeting is scheduled for June 15.

Extra-Curricular Committee – Mrs. Blackburn

- The committee met prior to tonight’s Board meeting and included discussion of upcoming voting items. There was also discussion of an offer from the Allegheny North Swim Club to pay for a feasibility study in its entirety.
- The next meeting is scheduled for June 22.

Citizens Advisory Committee – Mr. Russell

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

Technology Advisory Committee – Mr. Russell

- Mr. Russell expanded on the BrightBytes survey data discussed in the earlier presentation. There was a phenomenal response rate, with 85% of students 3-12, 95% of educators, and over 2,000 parents participating in the survey.

NA Foundation – Mr. Meyer

- The Foundation has hired Abigayle Tobia as Part-Time Executive Director.
- Mr. Meyer noted that this was a long process, and thanked Mr. Maiello, Mrs. Fisher and Dr. Scherrer for working to make this hire happen. He also thanked those who have volunteered their time with the NA Foundation throughout the years, and he believes Abigayle will take the Foundation to the next level.

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

- There has been no meeting since last report.
- Beattie will be organizing a transition fair to help kids who need help transitioning into the work force.
- A number of NA students recently won gold/silver medals at the Family, Career and Community Leaders Contest.
- Among items approved tonight were the budget for upcoming school year and refinancing.

Legislative Report – Ms. Filiaggi

State Budget Update...

The 2015-16 Budget - Last week the legislature took a meaningful step forward in an attempt to resolve the remaining confusion with the 2015-16 state budget—namely the distribution of the new BEF funds and PlanCon.

Loading the new BEF funding formula recommended by the Basic Education Funding Commission into **HB 1589**, along with language to authorize the \$2.5 billion borrowing proposal for PlanCon, the Senate approved the bill with a 37-11 vote. The bill then was sent to the House for concurrence, which it did by a vote of 149-46 vote.

The bill now is on the governor’s desk awaiting his action, and he has until April 24 to make a decision to

either approve, veto or allow the bill to become law without his signature. At this point, it is unclear exactly what the governor will do and when, but, with the strong votes in favor of the bill in both chambers, a veto of the bill likely would be overridden by the legislature when they return in May.

Education Funding in HB 1589 – The fiscal code bill included a number of key provisions:

***Basic Education Funding:** HB 1589 redoes the distribution of the \$150 million increase to the BEF line item for 2015-16. Instead of using the governor’s restoration calculation, the bill implements the new BEF formula recommended by the bi-partisan Basic Education Funding Commission to drive out the \$150 million increase in BEF for 2015-16.

***Ready to Learn Block Grant:** The bill redoes the RTL distribution the governor used back in January. The formula gives all school districts and charter schools the same RTL funding as they received in 2014-15, and then drives out the \$50 million increase in RTL to school districts pro rata based on a district’s RTL funding in 2014-15. The governor used a formula that relied on restoring the charter school reimbursement line item to those districts that suffered the greatest impact from its elimination and also redirected the \$8 million that charter schools received under RTL in 14-15 to school districts.

***BEF/RTL Implementation:** If HB 1589 becomes law, other than districts that experienced the largest cuts in 2010-11, most school districts will receive an increase in funding for 2015-16 compared to the governor’s restoration calculation from early January. Any adjustments to school district funding amounts resulting from the implementation of House Bill 1589 will be addressed through the two remaining BEF payments (and/or other remaining subsidy payments) this fiscal year.

PlanCon Funding – HB 1589 also contains the provisions related to PlanCon that were included in the fiscal code bill vetoed in March. The bill includes the following PlanCon changes:

*authorizes the Commonwealth Financing Authority to borrow up to \$2.5 billion cover the state reimbursement for all projects currently receiving PlanCon reimbursement and all those projects that have not yet progressed to reimbursement;

*imposes a moratorium on new projects entering the PlanCon program for the 2015-16 and 2016-17 fiscal years. Any new applications submitted by May 15, 2016 will not be impacted by the moratorium;

*creates a PlanCon Advisory Committee, made up of legislators, administration officials and representatives from PASBO and PSBA, to review the current PlanCon program and make recommendations for a new program by May 2017;

*requires PDE to create a transparent and publically accessible website that includes information about all current PlanCon projects.

*allows PDE to move projects out of the PlanCon queue until they have submitted all required documentation. When documentation is complete, the projects will re-enter the queue, giving PDE

flexibility with targeting resources to school districts.

At this point in time, it is unclear what the timing would be for districts that are currently owed 2015-16 PlanCon reimbursement. While approval of HB 1589 would authorize the borrowing, it would still take 2-4 months for the bonding to be accomplished (barring any hurdles), potentially making it difficult to get money to districts by the end of the fiscal year. However, efforts are underway to ensure that those owed money in 2015-16 get their reimbursement as soon as possible.

In Other Legislative News...

Legislative Schedule – Last week was a very busy one in Harrisburg, with much of the work focused on the 2015-15 fiscal code bill and related issues. The General Assembly now stands in recess until May, with many legislators focusing on the upcoming primary (April 26).

In Last Week's Action – Most of last week's legislative action focused on the fiscal code bill. While a few bills moved from committee or were approved on the floor, most bills on the House and Senate calendars were not addressed. Those that did see some action included the following:

***Economic Furloughs: HB 805**; amended on the Senate floor and awaiting passage. The bill, which was passed by the House last June with a 100-91 vote, was unexpectedly brought up for consideration last Monday. HB 805 allows school districts to engage in furloughs for economic reasons based on performance ratings of teachers, requires the furloughing of a corresponding percentage of administrative staff (with an automatic ability to waive this requirement for five members of a district's administrative staff), and the ability to apply to PDE for a waiver for any or all other administrative staff.

* **Senior Citizen Tax Reduction: HB 791; passed by the House, 194-1.** 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.

* **Motto Displays: HB 1640; approved by the House Education Committee.** The bill would permit schools to display the motto "In God We Trust."

* **Private School Pilot Program: HB 1827; approved by the House Education Committee.** The bill would create the Drug and Alcohol Recovery High School Pilot Program within the Philadelphia SD. The school, which would be funded through public school tuition payments per student, would be a private school focused on both rehabilitation and academics.

* **Emergency BEF Fund: SB 807; approved by the Senate Education Committee.** The bill would create an Emergency Basic Education Subsidy Fund to provide school districts with BEF payments on schedule if a state budget has not been approved by August 15. Until the approval of a final state budget, school districts would receive the same BEF payments as they did in the prior fiscal year.

In State News...

Reminder: Proposed Changes to Immunization Regulations – Proposed **revisions to Chapter 11** (State

Board of Education regulations related to non-immunized children) and the corresponding **Department of Health regulations on school immunizations** (Chapter 23) have been published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*. **Public comments on both proposals will be accepted until May 7.**

The proposed change to Chapter 11 would require school entities to bar students from attendance unless they meet the immunization requirements under Chapter 23, Department of Health regulations. These changes were previously outlined in communications from Secretary Rivera and DOH Secretary Murphy. The regulations also update and align requirements with current vaccine supplies.

Children moving from out-of-state would have 30 days to comply with the requirements or provide necessary proof of immunization. Homeless students (as defined under the McKinney Vento Act) and those who meet the criteria for a medical, religious or philosophical exemption to immunization would be exempt from the new requirements.

SPEAKERS:

There were no speakers.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 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/>.*