

# BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

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## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE JANUARY 2020 BOARD MEETINGS

Student Council Report: Peyton Celesti, Student Council Representative, provided a Student Council update. He mentioned that student council is beginning to think of spring activities and a prom fundraiser. Peyton also mentioned an upcoming student council conference in February.

Superintendent's Report: There was a moment of remembrance for Mrs. Shirl Reinhart, a former Board Member.

Dr. Johns recognized and thanked the Board Members for their service for Board Recognition month.

Dr. Johns also commended Dr. Caton and Middle/High School Administrators for their work on the PA Smart Grant.

The Board approved the following items at their January 20, 2020 Board meeting:

- Approved the Treasurer's Reports, Bill Lists and Tax Refunds.
- Approved Conrad Siegel Actuaries to provide a District actuarial post-employment benefits cost analysis and report in accordance with GASB 75 at a cost of \$6,175.
- Accepted the Northgate Middle/High School Activities and Athletic Accounts for the period ending December 31, 2019.
- Approved a proposal by Keystone Collections Group to serve as the District's Per Capita Tax Collector for a fee of \$0.50 for each per capita tax notice mailed, plus postage. No commission would be charged for collection of delinquent per capita taxes with the use of the Allegheny North TCC Act 192 Resolution. The agreement would commence in January 2020 and run for a period of three years, provided that the District does not decide to discontinue the assessment of per capita tax. In the event that the District discontinues collection of per capita tax, all responsibilities of Keystone associated with the collection of current per capita tax would cease immediately. The Agreement would remain in full force though as it relates to the collection of delinquent per capita tax.
- Approved a two-year bond for the Avalon Borough real estate tax collector (Lynn Sierra) from Penn National Insurance at a cost of \$3,580. Avalon Borough will reimburse Northgate \$996.08 for the cost of the bond based on its proportionate share of real estate taxes assessed.

- Approved TruGreen to provide lawn care services at a cost of \$5,676.01, including fertilizer and weed control treatments at Alumni Stadium and the three school building grounds in the spring, summer, and fall. The cost is 2% higher than the prior year amount.
- Approved a continuation of the District's water treatment contract with Chemway for an additional year at a cost of \$6,381, compared to \$6,195 in the prior year.
- Approved the following use of facility requests:
  - a) Approved the request of the Northgate Boys' Basketball Boosters to use the Middle/High School gym from 5:00 - 10:00 p.m. on April 15-16, 20-22, 27-30 and May 4, 2020 to hold a boys' basketball spring undergraduate tournament.
  - b) Approved the request of the swim team and boosters to use the swimming pool at the Middle/High School for a fundraiser on Friday, January 24, 2020, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., contingent upon providing their own lifeguards.
  - c) Approved the request of the Bellevue 6th grade parents to use the Bellevue Elementary gym for a student dance as a fundraiser from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. on February 12, 2020.
- Approved Lisa Barton as a part-time custodian at Avalon Elementary School.
- Approved a supplemental contract for the 2019-20 school year Spring Musical for Debrah Evans as Vocal Director in the amount of \$1,500.
- Approved a supplemental contract for the remainder of the school year for Gretchen Monahan to fill the open Forensic Sponsor's position in the pro-rated amount of \$600.
- Approved Dr. Chris Caton to attend and present at the Digital Learning Annual Conference in Austin, Texas February 24-26, 2020 at no cost to the District.
- Approved permitting Pittsburgh Kids Marathon to conduct the Kids of Steel Program at Avalon Elementary School from February 12 to April 29, 2020 from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. It is at no cost to the District.
- Approved the Middle School/High School Course Catalog for the 2020-21 academic year.
- Approved the following athletic supplemental contracts for the spring of the 2019-20 school year as stated below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Max Schaar	Middle School Volleyball Coach
April Krivoniak	Middle School Volleyball Coach
Brandon Hogle	Head Baseball Coach
Jason Swalga	1st Asst. Baseball Coach
Frank Camello/Jr.	Asst. Baseball Coach
Rob Abramowicz	Head Softball Coach

Mike Marusic	1st Asst. Softball Coach
Missy Stone	Asst. Softball Coach
Theresa Benson	Middle School Swim Coach
Ed Marcellus	Spring Weightlifting Coach

- Approved Mr. Bryan Kyle's attendance at the Pennsylvania State Athletic Director's Association Conference to be held in Hershey, PA March 24-27, 2020, and to cover cost of conference, which is \$380, plus hotel and travel expenses.

- Approved an increase for athletic ticket prices effective the 2020-21 school year as follows:

Adult ticket prices: \$5.00 (Football; Volleyball; Swimming; Boys' Basketball and Girls' Basketball)

Student ticket prices: \$2.00 for presale and \$5.00 at the gate (Football)

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- Accepted the supplemental resignation of Val Pennington as Head Volleyball Coach effective next fall season.
- Approved Dr. Caroline Johns to travel to San Diego, California February 3-6, 2020 for the purpose of visiting innovative schools. This trip is being organized through the Superintendent 20/20 group and the Grable Foundation. Funding for this trip is being provided by the Grable Foundation.
- Ratified Chantel Perkins and Aishia Shavers as bus drivers for W.L. Roenigk, Inc. for transporting students.
- Approved a Memorandum of Understanding with the German American Chamber of Commerce to allow Northgate students to participate in their pre-apprenticeship programs. There is no cost to the district.
- Approved the District's participation in the research being conducted by Drs. Greg Fosco and Stephanie Lanza from Penn State University. This research is being funded by the Hillman Foundation and seeks to better understand the scope of substance use in adolescents, including opioids and vaping, and underlying risk processes that can guide prevention efforts in Allegheny County.
- Passed a Resolution adopting the Pennsylvania School Boards Association Principles for Governance and Leadership as the principles and expectations for the conduct of the business and fulfillment of the public responsibilities of the Northgate Board of School Directors.
- Nominated Mr. Daniel O'Keefe as a candidate for the AIU Board of School Directors for any of the following positions: a three-month position from April 2020 to June 2020, or a three-year position from July 2020 to June 2023.

The Board also approved the following items at their January 13, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting:

- Accepted the resignation of Joseph Emery as part-time custodian.
- Accepted the supplemental resignation of Taylor Kyle as Forensic Sponsor.