

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

HIGHLIGHTS FROM JANUARY 2021 BOARD MEETINGS

Anna Jean Patalano, Student Council Representative, provided a Student Council update. She spoke about Trivia Night and she also spoke about Light Up Hope, which is a decorating event to benefit a charity with food donations.

Mia Recker, Beattie Student Representative, provided a Beattie update. She mentioned that Beattie recently returned to hybrid. She also mentioned that there will be a virtual tour this year for new students.

Mr. Rajakovic, Board President, paid tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Johns paid tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King. Dr. Johns recognized each Board Member for Board Recognition month. She also provided an update on the health and safety reopening plan.

The Board approved the following items at their January 18, 2021 Board meeting:

- Approved the November and December 2020 Treasurer's Reports, ratified the November and December 2020 Bill Lists, and approved the Tax Refunds.
- Accepted the Northgate Middle/High School Activities and Athletic Accounts for the period ending December 31, 2020.
- Approved the purchase of a Volunteer Accident Insurance policy from Bollinger Speciality Group and underwritten by Guarantee Trust Life at a premium cost of \$490. This policy has been recommended by the District's Insurance broker to replace its previous policy from Special Markets Insurance Consultants, Inc. at a discount of \$160.
- Accepted the district's financial audit report for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, which was prepared by Myers, Patsy & Assoc.
- Adopted an opt-out resolution stating that the District will not raise the rate of any tax by more than its Adjusted Act 1 Index of 3.9%.
- Approved a transfer of \$31,044 from the Food Service Fund to the General Fund as a reimbursement of the capital contribution in 2019-20.
- Approved the borrowing of approximately \$2.3 million in July 2021 with a 10-year loan. This loan will be used to reimburse the cost of previous capital projects in accordance with the reimbursement resolution passed in October 2018.

- Approved a budget transfer of \$11,000 from account 265401 (vehicle rental) to account 325702 (uniforms).
- Accepted the bid and alternates as listed for the replacement of selective sidewalks and curbs at Avalon Elementary, Bellevue Elementary, and the Middle/High School's from Baiano Construction, Inc. for their Base Bid and Alternates listed below for a total revised contract amount of \$324,931.70.

Base Bid		\$91,175.00
Alt. MH-1	Selected Stairs/Handrail Replacement at Middle/High School	\$18,402.99
Alt. MH-2	Selected Walk Replacement at Middle/High School	\$12,459.39
Alt. MH-3	Selected Walk/Curb Replacement at Middle/High School	\$58,304.20
Alt. MH-4	Selected Walk and Steps Replacement at Middle/High School	\$30,132.48
Alt. AE-1	Selected Walk Replacement at Avalon Elementary School	\$14,111.67
Alt. AE-2	Selected Walk Replacement at Avalon Elementary School	\$26,770.40
Alt. BE-1	Selected Walk & Steps Replacement at Bellevue Elementary School	\$45,640.26
Alt. BE-2	Selected Walk Replacement at Bellevue Elementary School	\$15,790.47
Alt. BE-3	Selected Walk and Stair Replacement at Bellevue Elementary School	\$12,144.84
	Total Revised Contract Amount	\$324,931.70

- Approved the Middle School/High School Course Catalog for the 2021/2022 academic year, including the change making physics or chemistry a high school requirement. Students must choose either *chemistry* or *physics* during their 11th grade year.
- Approved the following non-athletic supplemental contract for the 2020-21 school year as shown below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Karen Klicker	Musical Director	\$3,000

- Approved the second and final reading of the following policies:
 - 113.1 - (Discipline of Students with Disabilities) (rev)
 - 113.2 - (Behavior Support) (rev)
 - 113.4 - (Confidentiality of Special Education Student Info.) (rev)

- Due to Covid, the Board ratified paid sick days under FFCRA to count for retirement with PSERS for the following employees:
 - Employee #2 - 10 paid sick days
 - Employee #3 - 3 paid sick days
 - Employee #4 - 10 paid sick days
 - Employee #5 - 1 paid sick day
 - Employee #6 - 1 paid sick day
 - Employee #7 - 1 paid sick day
 - Employee #8 - 10 paid sick days
 - Employee #9 - 2.5 paid sick days
 - Employee #10 - 1 paid sick day
 - Employee #11 - 10 paid sick days
 - Employee #12 - 1 paid sick day

- Approved to transfer Mrs. Nicole Smith to the High School Principal position (Grades 9 - 12) at a salary of \$92,500 effective July 1, 2021.

- Approved the elimination of the Assistant to the Superintendent position effective July 1, 2021. The Board also approved the elimination of the Assistant Principal at the Middle/High School position.

- Approved to create a new position (Middle School Principal and Federal Programs/Assessment Coordinator) and associated job description as presented, effective July 1, 2021.

- Approved to transfer Mr. John Primrose to the position of Middle School Principal and Federal Programs/Assessment Coordinator effective July 1, 2021.

- Approved the updated Phased School Reopening Health and Safety Plan which details procedures for the opening of school.

- Accepted the resignation of Margo Marsh, Teacher Assistant, with her last day of work being January 29, 2021.

- 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.

The Board approved the following items at their January 11, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting:

- Approved the first reading of the following policies:
 - 113.1 - (Discipline of Students with Disabilities) (rev)
 - 113.2 - (Behavior Support) (rev)
 - 113.4 - (Confidentiality of Special Education Student Info.) (rev)