

# BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM MAY 2022 BOARD MEETINGS

Superintendent's Report: Avalon students participating in Odyssey of the Mind program were congratulated on their success at the regional and state competitions. The students spoke about their experiences with the competitions and talked about looking forward to the upcoming World competition.

Dr. Johns provided a summary of various events going on in the district, including that students in Mr. Berwick's home maintenance class delivered dog houses to the Trumbull County Dog Kennel in Warren, Ohio. The class built the dog houses this year after learning about a need for additional shelter there in the fall.

Ryan Geeting was sworn-in at the Pittsburgh Military Entrance Processing Station and is joining the Air Force.

Christian Packard performed with the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra on the Heinz Hall stage last week as part of its Student Side-By-Side Program.

Lamont McBride signed his letter of intent to play football at Mount Mary University, and Carly Koster signed on to join the swimming and diving team at Washington & Jefferson College.

Northgate partnered with the Berkman Klein Center out of Harvard Law School to pilot new teaching strategies and tools at the Middle/High School. Teachers began testing a new online tool called "Threads" in their classrooms to help increase student engagement.

Primrose Sobeck won first place in the Logo and Graphic Design division in the PA Media and Design Competition. Primrose was one of only five high school students in the Pittsburgh region to win or place in this competition.

Dr. Nicole Smith was selected as a winner of the 2022 RFK Urban Education Awards. Each year Schools That Can and Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights join forces to publicly recognize leaders from across the country. School leaders, teachers, and students who embody leadership, commitment to change and progress, and dedication to helping their communities are nominated for the award. Dr. Smith and other winners will be celebrated during a virtual ceremony in June.

Bellevue Elementary unveiled its Diverse Little Library on Friday. The library was created by the school's No Place for Hate Parent Group, and its selection of books were chosen by students to highlight diversity

Speaker Deepak Ramola visited Avalon Elementary during his trip to Pittsburgh from India on Thursday to share life lessons from across the world with students. Deepak is the founder of Project FUEL.

Bellevue Elementary's Kindness Club recently welcomed the warmer weather by planting flowers in Bayne Park.

Our Kids of Steel teams were among the students to lead off the Pittsburgh Kids Marathon on April 30th. Bellevue Elementary was selected for the "Rookie of the Year" award by Kids of Steel.

Fifth graders in Avalon and Bellevue elementary schools visited JA BizTown in Bridgeville in April for an interactive tour of a variety of careers.

The Wheels of Flames Bike to School Group started at Bellevue Elementary. The group rides from the former YMCA building to school on Wednesdays.

Looking ahead, Avalon and Bellevue are hosting a Remake Learning Night May 17th from 6 to 8 p.m. at Avalon Elementary, which is a great chance to see some cool technology and learn about our innovative educational programming. This event is part of the Remake Learning Days, which began on May 12th.

Dr. Johns also mentioned that Prom is Friday, May 20th with Promenade beginning at 5:30 p.m.

The Board approved the following items at their May 16, 2022 Board meeting:

- Approved the April 2022 Treasurer's Report, the April 2022 Bill List, and the Tax Refunds.
- Designated the following multiple depositories for the fiscal year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. [Citizens Bank; Huntington Bank; PA Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT); PA School District Liquid Asset Fund (PSDLAF); PA Treasurer's Investment Program for Local Governments; PNC Bank].
- Renewed the following bonds: School Board Secretary's Bond, 7/1/22 – 6/30/23 - \$100; Treasurer's Bond, 4/21/22 - 4/21/23, \$100; Activities Account Coordinator's Bond, 8/16/22 - 8/15/23, \$100.
- Mrs. Amy Joy Robinson was elected as Treasurer for the 2022-23 school year (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023).
- Appointed Mr. Joe Nolan for the direct collection of real estate taxes for Bellevue Borough.

- Approved the following Student Insurance:
  - a) Athletic: United States Fire Insurance Company, an AIG insurance company, Plan AAA, to provide coverage to students while participating in interscholastic athletic programs, band, cheerleading, and/or school-sponsored activities at a cost of \$9,950 for the 2022-23 school year.
  - b) Voluntary Student Insurance: United States Fire Insurance Company to provide voluntary student insurance for 2022-23 at no additional cost.
- Repealed the District's existing Per Capita Tax Resolution commencing July 1, 2022.
- Approved the following use of facility request:
  - a) The West Penn Football Officials (WPFOA) to use space at the Middle/High School for their meetings.  
 Times: 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.  
 Dates: Aug. 9th, 16th, 30th, Sept. 13th, 27th and Oct. 11th, 2022  
 (Tuesday evenings)
- Approved Christian Packard, Carrie Wynn and Stephen Goetz as summer help for the custodial staff at \$8.00 an hour.
- Approved the hiring of Combustion Service & Equipment for replacement of the Automatic Temperature Control Systems at the Middle/High School, Bellevue Elementary and Avalon Elementary School in the amount of \$980,000.00 following ESSER funding guidelines including the Davis Bacon Wage Act for all on-site labor under COSTARS vendor in the state of PA, contract #143028.
- Approved a Saturday detention program at the MS/HS starting in the 2022-2023 school year. The program will run from 9:00-12:00. Payment for staff to supervise will be \$90 per three hour session. The Board will review the program no later than February 2023.
- Approved the NOLA Handbook.
- Approved the Additional Targeted Support and Improvement (A-TSI) plan at the Middle/High School.
- Approved the use of Keystone Educational Consulting Group for contracted psychological services at a rate of \$70 per hour/\$500 a day (7.5 hour day).
- Approved an agreement with Allegheny Health Network (AHN) to provide athletic training coverage for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2027, at a cost of \$14,175.55 for the first year and shall increase by 4% each year thereafter.

- Approved the Fall 2022-23 season athletic supplemental contracts listed below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Shane Adams	Asst. Football Coach	\$3,000
Joseph Ball	Asst. Football Coach	\$3,000
Max Schaar	Head Volleyball Coach	\$4,000
Brian Veshio	Head Cross Country Coach	\$4,000
Josh McFall	Asst. Cross Country Coach	\$2,500
Audrey Scott	M.S. Girls' Basketball Coach	\$3,500
Shelby Szakelyhidi	Varsity Cheerleading	\$2,000
Brandon Hogle	Weightlifting	\$1,000

- Approved Desmond Ball as a volunteer football coach. The Board also approved Christian Davin as a volunteer football coach.
- Approved a supplemental contract for Jessica Haberman as Band Director for the 2022-23 school year in the amount of \$5,500. The Board also approved a supplemental contract for Ashley McPaul as Bandfront Sponsor for the 2022-23 school year in the amount of \$2,500.
- Approved the following to assist Jessica Haberman with marching band during the summer:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Luke Walker	Asst. Band Director	\$1,100
Abigail Dougherty	Woodwind Instructor	\$ 300
Steven Knott	Brass Instructor	\$ 300
Zach Goughler	Percussion Instructor	\$ 300

- Approved the proposed A.W. Beattie Career Center 2022-23 Budget, as approved by A.W. Beattie Career Center Joint Operating Committee on April 28, 2022, in the amount of \$10,691,066.
- Approved a supplemental contract for Tiana Morgan as a No Place for Hate Mentor in the amount of \$2,000 effective the 2022-23 school year.
- Approved a transportation contract with W.L. Roenigk, Inc. for a period of five (5) years from August 1, 2022 to July 31, 2027.
- Approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between and among the Avalon Police Department, the Bellevue Police Department and the Northgate School District.
- Accepted the resignation of Renee Crosby-Skinner as Elementary School Nurse effective June 10, 2022.

- Approved the request of teacher number 1 (22-23) for a medical Sabbatical Leave for the first semester of the 2022-23 school year at one-half the teacher's regular salary.
- Approved Malla Mizikowski and Mari Devenyi as Extended School Year Nurses (ESY), during the summer of 2022. (This will be a shared position.)
- Renewed an agreement with Dr. Jeffrey Evancho as Director of Partnerships and Equity half-time for one year in the amount of \$50,000 per year. This position will be paid for by grant funding and/or ESSER III funding.
- Approved the following affiliation agreements:
  - a) Approved an Affiliation Agreement for Internship/Practicum, Pre-clinical and Student Teaching between Slippery Rock University (SRU) and Northgate School District.
  - b) Approved an Affiliation Agreement for Internship/Practicum, Pre-clinical and Student Teaching between Duquesne University and Northgate School District.
- Approved an Educational Services Agreement with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit 3 (AIU) to provide special education services to students assigned by the District for the 2022-23 school year.
- Approved Sasha Matthews as a part-time elementary Lunchroom Monitor for Avalon Elementary.

The Board approved the following items at their May 11, 2022 Special Board Meeting:

- Appointed Katrina Eames as a Board Member to fill the unexpired term from May 2022 to December 2023.

The Board approved the following items at their May 9, 2022 Committee of the Whole Meeting:

- Approved the Proposed Final General Fund Budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year in the amount of \$29,482,306 and place the budget on public display. The millage rate, for Proposed Final Budget purposes only, is set tentatively at 27.32 mils. The Board will continue to review the Budget Plan in preparation for the final adoption of the budget scheduled for Monday, June 20, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the Northgate Administrative Center Boardroom. Members of the public will be able to access the budget beginning Wednesday, May 18, 2022 by going to the District website ([www.northgatesd.net](http://www.northgatesd.net)), selecting "Budget", and then selecting "Budget Information". It will also be available for public inspection in the Administrative Center and each of the school building offices from 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM Monday through Friday beginning Wednesday, May 18, 2022.

- Approved the purchase of a VAPE Detection System for the Middle/High School at a cost of \$11,903.66.
- Approved the purchase of Network Switching Equipment from SHI Incorporated through the Federal E-Rate program totaling in the amount of \$22,955.29, with the District responsible for a total amount not to exceed \$4,591.06. The District's responsibility may be \$3,443.29 pending evaluation by the FCC. These funds will be drawn from ESSER III. This is a revision to a motion from March.
- Accepted the retirement resignation of Nancy Silay as Secretary at Avalon Elementary School effective May 5, 2022.
- Accepted the resignation of Donna Sherman as part-time Teacher Assistant with her last day of work being May 12, 2022.
- Approved a request from Teacher Assistant number 2 (21-22) for an unpaid day of absence on June 3, 2022.