

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

HIGHLIGHTS FROM JANUARY 2024 BOARD MEETINGS

Special recognition was given to the following Bellevue students: SPARK Ambassadors:

Oscar Bergmann
Aleyna Bowers
Savannah Easley
Abby Epton
Hannah Epton
Maggie Epton

Isobel Kabus
Auliyah Kaufmann
Addison Lott
Dominic McAfee
Sophia Pack
Grace Perkins

Eliza Piccirilli
Yoselin Ramos
Rylie Regrut
Kinsley Scott
Amelia Thompson

Student Council Report: Anisten Jackson, Student Council Representative, provided a Student Council Report. She spoke about the Winter Meet the Flames event, which was held before the holiday break and mentioned that they collaborated with the middle school for the event. She mentioned they saw a holiday movie in the auditorium and served hot chocolate, and that they had a successful Spirit Week. Anisten also mentioned they are planning a Student Council Retreat and thinking about ideas for Valentines Day.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Hines recognized Board Members for Board Recognition month and read a note from Dr. Johns for Board Recognition.

Dr. Hines noted it was her first day here as Interim Superintendent and thanked everyone for the warm welcome. It was a busy week last week, and not just because of the weather. Faculty and staff from each building spent Martin Luther King Jr. Day performing service projects in the community. This included making care packages containing needed supplies, like gloves and personal hygiene products for different service organizations; painting the walls of the middle/high school; volunteering at Animal Friends and more. Some of our teachers started their service projects prior to Monday, but the combined collective effort was part of the district's hope of honoring Dr. King's legacy. Later that evening, members of our community gathered at the middle/high school for a viewing of the documentary "Repairing the World: Stories from the Tree of Life." Family members and survivors of the Tree of Life attack joined us at the event and participated in a panel discussion alongside our student leaders involved in the district's No Place for Hate initiative. Three of our high school students also were recognized during the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Unity Breakfast at La Roche College. Alyssa Hunt won 1st place in the essay contest and read her essay in front of more than 200 attendees. Anisten Jackson won 3rd place in the contest, while Sydney Jackson was an honorable mention. We're in the middle of another memorable winter sports season. Senior Josh Williams set the all-time school scoring record in boys' basketball

earlier this month when he recorded his 1,320th career point. The record he broke stood for 39 years. Additionally, our combined swimming and diving team with Avonworth is having another successful season with a number of athletes qualifying for the WPIAL championship. Lastly, students at Avalon Elementary had a fun visit this past Thursday when The Wild Thing, mascot of the Washington Wild Things baseball team, stopped by to help promote the school's spring reading initiative. Students in the school will be participating in grade-based reading challenges over the next couple of months to earn a field trip to a Wild Things baseball game in May.

The Board approved the following items at their January 22, 2024 Board meeting:

- Approved the request for the Band Director and Band to go on a trip to Disney in Orlando, FL from February 18-21, 2025. All expenses are to be covered by the Band Boosters and students.
- Approved the following supplemental contract for the 2023-24 Spring Musical:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Vocal Director	Lisa Harrier	\$1,500

- Approved an after school Chess Club at Bellevue Elementary which will run one time per week for six weeks sponsored by Mr. John Skovran on a parent volunteer basis.
- Approved after school tutoring utilizing ESSER After School Set-Aside Funding at the elementary & secondary levels to be provided by building teachers at the rate of \$43 per hour (as per the Year 4 rate last listed in the CBA).
- Approved the secondary Course Catalog for the 2024/2025 school year as presented.
- Approved a partnership with the AOPA (Aircraft Owners & Pilots Association) Foundation in order to offer courses in aviation education in their Aviation STEM Program to high school students.
- Approved Allegheny Land Trust to deliver science instruction to kindergarten through 2nd grade students at no cost to the district.
- Approved the following staff member to serve as a mentor teacher during the 2023-24 school year as listed below:

<u>Inductee</u>	<u>Mentor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Alicia Dinell (Life Skills)	Melinda Malsch	\$400

- Approved Mr. Zach Burn's participation in the Poland Personally 2024 Study Seminar through Classrooms Without Borders. The cost to the district is \$1,600.

- Approved the November and December 2023 Treasurer's Reports; ratified the November and December 2023 Bill Lists, and approved the Tax Refunds.
- Accepted the Northgate Middle/High School Activities and Athletic Accounts report for the period ending December 31, 2023.
- Approved Resolution 01-24-01 appointing Laureen Dowd as tax collector for Northgate School District for Avalon properties until December 31, 2025, and approving Jordan Tax Service, Inc. as Deputy Tax Collector for Mrs. Dowd. This is due to a vacancy in the position as no one was elected at the last municipal election.
- Approved a Resolution authorizing the participation in and appointment of representatives to the Allegheny Intermediate Unit Joint Purchasing Program for the 2024-25 school year.
- Approved the continuation of the District's Residential and Commercial Property Appeals Program in 2024 with Andrews & Price.
- Approved a 60-month lease agreement with The Wilson Group covering 10 Sharp multifunctional devices, 46 Brother desktop printers, four (4) Postbase Vision postage machines, and a five-year Papercut license at \$7,699.00 per month. The agreement transfers the district's existing lease obligations to The Wilson Group, provides a monthly savings of \$536.14, and includes a technology refresh option after 48 months.
- Approved a continuation of the District's water treatment contract with Chemway for an additional year at \$7,178.00.
- Approved TruGreen Commercial to provide lawn care services at a cost of \$8,786.50, including fertilizer, weed controls and vegetation control treatments at Alumni Stadium and the three school building grounds in the spring, summer and fall.
- Approved the purchase of a Garland Double-Deck Natural Gas Convection Oven from Alto-Hartley at a cost of \$13,722.00 under the KPN Cooperative Contract.
- Approved the purchase of new exterior entry doors for B1 at Avalon Elementary at a cost of \$14,685.00 under the PA CoStars Cooperative Contract.
- Approved the purchase of a personnel lift from Grainger at a cost of \$20,388.54 under the E&I Cooperative Services Contract.
- Approved issuing high school master keys to Todd Goble, athletic director, and Linda Haag, guidance secretary. Also, the Board approved issuing a grand master key to Dr. Nancy Hines, Interim Superintendent.

- Approved an agreement with Tree Pittsburgh to provide the district with no-cost educational resources from January 2024 to August 2027.
- Approved the purchase of exterior doors for the High School from Builders Hardware at a cost of \$159,299.50 under PA CoStars Cooperative contract.
- Approved the purchase of a Daktronics Scoreboard from Institutional Specialities, Inc. at a cost of \$8,050.00.
- Approved the renewal of our agreement to participate in the Regional Wide Area Network (RWAN) provided through AIU3 for the period beginning July 1 2024 through June 30, 2029, for wide area network service and July 1 2024 through June 30, 2029 for internet access services. These services will be provided at an estimated cost of \$5,394.00 per year.
- Approved the purchase of a cell phone for emergency and administrative travel purposes to ensure that any traveling administrators have access to all district resources and the ability to communicate with the rest of the team while away. This phone will come at a cost of approximately \$50 per month through Verizon.
- Approved the first reading of the following policies:
 - 815 (rev) - Acceptable Use of Internet, Computers & Network Resources
 - 819 (rev) - Suicide Awareness, Prevention & Response
- Approved to renew a contract with Finalsight to maintain the District website for 5 years beginning January 2024 at an annual cost increase of 3%.
- Approved Saturday, May 25, 2024, as the official date for the Annual School Community Picnic at Kennywood Park.
- Accepted the retirement resignation of Michael Pipak as social studies teacher effective July 1, 2024.
- Approved the hiring of Elizabeth Pearl and Frank Beal as part-time teacher assistants

The Board approved the following items at their January 8, 2024 General Meeting:

- Accepted the resignations of Amber Everhardt and Lorynn Watt as part-time teacher assistants.
- Approved the hiring of the following as part-time teacher assistants: Susan Passaro; Chris Steiner, and Pilar Lojacono.