

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

HIGHLIGHTS FROM FEBRUARY 2024 BOARD MEETINGS

The Board recognized Black History Month.

Special recognition was given to the following students:

Elloa Rodrigues - for exemplifying all of the SPARK values, taking on a leadership role in helping other students and helping to create a welcoming environment at Bellevue Elementary

Josh Williams - for setting the all-time school scoring record in boys' basketball when he recorded his 1,320th career point

The following students for their planning and participation for the community event held the evening of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day - "Repairing the World: Stories from the Tree of Life":

Majuma Abdalla

Jaia Harrison

Destiny Butler

Sophia Lardo

Tatiana Cernansky

Max Wivell

Student Council Report: Caleb Gratner and Anisten Jackson, Student Council Representatives, provided a student council report. Caleb spoke about their recent Student Council Retreat where they did team building activities and learned about being organized for events. He also mentioned they made some changes to their meeting times, location and structure for the student council. Caleb noted that they organized a Flowergram for Valentines Day. Anisten spoke about an upcoming Region B conference to be held at South Fayette School District and mentioned Teacher Appreciation coming up in May. It was also mentioned their goal is to be a Keystone Council Member next year.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Hines mentioned the audit presentation will be rescheduled for March.

Dr. Hines also reported that congratulations were in order for Dr. Nicole Smith for being selected as one of the 2024 Pittsburgh Penguins Most Valuable Principals. She is one of 15 principals in the county to be recognized by the Penguins Foundation, AIU and Grable Foundation. This is the second year in a row we've had a principal selected, as RJ Long was one of the honorees last year.

A group of our high school students attended an Eradicate Hate session at Chatham University on Friday. This event served as a follow-up to the Eradicate Hate Student Summit in September. Students from 14 districts discussed the ongoing progress on efforts to promote positive change in their schools and continued conversations to create new ideas.

Students in all grade levels have been learning about Black History Month through different lessons and activities, including door-decorating, spotlights on important figures on the morning announcements, guest readers in our elementary classrooms and even a trip to the Pittsburgh Cultural District.

Northgate has been busy during the ongoing WPIAL playoffs. The boys' basketball team defeated Clairton and Jeannette in the first two rounds of the tournament and will play Greensburg Central Catholic Tuesday night at Gateway High School.

The Northgate/Avonworth Swimming and Diving Team once again is well represented in the WPIAL championships. The diving championship was this past Friday and the swimming championships begin on Thursday this week.

We also had a wrestler, Angelo Valeriano, qualify for the WPIAL Championships this year through our co-op with Avonworth. Lastly, congratulations to the girls' basketball team on a successful season that also included a playoff berth in the WPIAL playoffs.

Just a reminder that our annual Kindergarten Registration Spaghetti Dinner is Thursday evening, February 29. This is a great opportunity for families to meet our teachers and administrators, as well as learn more about our schools.

The Board approved the following items at their February 26, 2024 Board meeting:

- Approved the following athletic supplemental contracts for the spring season of the 2023-24 school year as stated below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Tiaura Hanner	8th Gr. Volleyball Coach	\$2,000
Anna Kirasic	7th Gr. Volleyball Coach	\$2,000
Brandon Hogle	Head Baseball Coach	\$4,500
Jeff Smith	1st Assistant Baseball Coach	\$3,000
Anthony Barron	Assistant Baseball Coach	\$2,500
Rob Abramowicz	Head Softball Coach	\$4,500
Maddie Abramowicz	1st Assistant Softball Coach	\$3,000
Missy Stone	Assistant Softball Coach	\$2,500
Theresa Benson	Middle School Swimming Coach	\$3,500

- Approved Laurel McMahon as a volunteer middle school swimming coach.

- Accepted the supplemental resignation of Shelby Szakelyhidi as varsity cheerleading sponsor at the end of the 2023-24 winter season, final date to be determined.

- Approved the following supplemental contract for the 2023-24 Spring Musical:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Sound/Light	Krystle Bates	\$1,500

- Approved the following positions for the 2023-24 school musical:

Choreographer: \$1,500 - Kait Lorey

Costume Manager: \$1,500 - BettyJo Largent

Acting Coach/Stage Manager: \$1,500 - Julianna Eyer

- Approved an agreement with Pitt to collaborate on a research project entitled "Institute of Politics Dual Enrollment Promising Practices" for two years.
- Accepted the grant funds from Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) and approved the funds to be applied to the following temporary one-year position (2024-25 school year): School Psychology Paid Internship, pending MOU with the Northgate Education Association.
- Approved the proposed updated secondary course catalog to include Grad Lab and Study Skills.
- Approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Northgate School District and Allegheny County Department of Human Services, Office of Children, Youth and Families to establish procedures and processes to ensure the educational success and school stability of students in foster care as required by Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).
- Approved the Transportation Plan between Northgate School District and Allegheny County Department of Human Services, Office of Children, Youth and Families for transportation procedures to ensure the educational stability of foster care youth to comply with the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) foster care provision.
- Approved the January Treasurer's Report, ratified the January 2024 Bill List and approved the Tax Refunds.
- Approved a change in the supplemental stipend for the Entrepreneurship Club sponsorship from the amount of \$1,550, which was originally approved, to \$3,500 for the 2023-24 school year, to be paid from the District's Startable Grant.

- Declared 70 High School lockers as unused and unnecessary and authorize the Administration to dispose of them.
- Approved the purchase of three new serving lines for the High School Cafeteria at \$127,189.00 from Alto-Hartley under the KPN Cooperative Contract #202007-04. This purchase is to be paid for with food service funds.
- Approved the purchase of 12 portable cafeteria tables from School Outfitters at \$23,314.28 under the TIPS Cooperative Contract. This purchase is to be paid for with food service funds.
- Approved a proposal from Shaw Integrated Solutions to replace the 1st-floor hallway flooring at \$46,491.67 under the Keystone Purchasing Network Cooperative Contract.
- Approved a proposal from Shaw Integrated Solutions to replace the 2nd-floor hallway flooring at \$70,571.84 under the Keystone Purchasing Network Cooperative Contract.
- Approved a proposal from Shaw Integrated Solutions to replace the Band & Choral Rooms flooring at \$33,304.15 under the Keystone Purchasing Network Cooperative Contract.
- Accepted the resignation of Curtis Wilson Sr., part-time custodian, effective February 27, 2024.
- Approved the use of facility requests from the following:
 - a) The request from the Allegheny County Democratic Committee to use the high school auditorium for their bylaws meeting on Saturday, May 11, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. to noon. The set usage fee will apply to this request.
 - b) The request from Avonworth Soccer to use the Middle/High School practice field from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from March 26 to June 6, 2024, based on availability. The set usage fee will apply to this request.
- Approved an extension to the contract with DQE for WAN Public Fiber connectivity between the Northgate Middle/High School and Administrative Center, Bellevue Elementary, and Avalon Elementary for five (5) years at a total cost of \$38,272.80. The District's responsibility will be \$765.46 per year, or \$3,827.30 total over 5 years contingent on annual Erate pricing.

- Approved the second and final reading of the following policies:
 - 815 (rev) - Acceptable Use of Internet, Computers & Network Resources
 - 819 (rev) - Suicide Awareness, Prevention & Response
- Approved the first and final reading of the following policies:
 - 610 (rev) - Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotation
 - 611 (rev) - Purchases Budgeted
- Approved the first reading of the following policies:
 - 200 (rev) - Enrollment of Students
 - 202 (rev) - Eligibility of Nonresident Students
 - 217 (rev) - Graduation
 - 254 (new) - Educational Opportunity for Military Children
- Approved the American Rescue Plan (ARP) ESSER District Health and Safety Plan which details procedures for the safe operation of school.
- Approved a salary adjustment for Rob King, Technology, for an increase of \$3,095 effective March 2024.
- Approved an MOU and Confidentiality Agreement with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU) Safety and Security Mutual Assistance Group.
- Ratified a request from Teacher Assistant #1 (23-24) for an unpaid day of absence on February 2, 2024.
- Ratified the hiring of Sheila Braxton as a part-time teacher assistant, and approved the hiring of Alexa Falvo as a part-time teacher assistant.
- Accepted the resignation of Suzan Hunt as elementary part-time lunchroom monitor at Bellevue Elementary.
- Approved transferring Janet Azen from substitute elementary lunchroom monitor to part-time elementary lunchroom monitor at Bellevue Elementary, and approved Mary Jo Pallott as a part-time elementary lunchroom monitor at Bellevue Elementary.
- Approved the adoption of the Allegheny Intermediate Unit's policies and procedures under the federal requirements of 34 CFR 300. The IU-adopted policies and procedures are implemented to fulfill the requirements of 22 Pa. Code, Chapter 14 and the regulatory requirements under the individuals with Disabilities Education Act - Part B.

- Accepted the resignation of Robert (R.J.) Long as Middle School Principal at the Northgate Middle/High School. Effective date to be no later than April 21, 2024.