

**NORTHGATE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING AGENDA
Monday, March 18, 2024 - 6:30 p.m.
Administrative Center Boardroom**

I. WELCOME, ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 12, 2024 COMMITTEE MEETINGS, AND THE FEBRUARY 26, 2024 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

III. HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL PRESENTATION

IV. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

- a) Dr. Bergmann - Special recognition is given to the following adults who have volunteered their time to help make the Western PA Odyssey of the Mind Regional Tournaments a success over the past few years.

Mrs. Gretchen Monahan (AES) - serving as a judge

Mr. Regis McDevitt (BES) - serving as a judge

Mr. Jason Porterfield - serving as a judge

Mrs. Emily Winner - serving as a judge and fundraising

- b) Dr. Smith - Special recognition is given to the following Beattie students who won first place in recent SkillsUSA competitions:

Anisten Jackson - Extemporaneous Speaking

Juliana Shane - Cake Decorating

- c) Dr. Peacock - Special recognition is also given to the following Avalon students who helped to serve food at the North Hills Community Outreach as part of their Kindness Project:

Callen Crawford

Maeve Crawford

Nicole Cupps

Alexis Heagerty

Steven Heagerty

Sofia Lambert

Ophelia Outly

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V. STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT - Student Council Representative

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Dr. Hines

AIU Technology Report - Mr. Rich Platts, Mr. Eric Coffield, Mr. Scott Kelly and
Mr. Rob King

VII. VISITORS' COMMENTARY (Visitors: Please state your name and address; please limit your remarks to three (3) minutes or less. Please summarize your comments during this Visitors' Commentary time. Once the Board begins the "Items for Action" part of the Agenda, only comments sought by the Board will be recognized.)

VIII. TREASURER'S REPORT - February 2024 - Addendum I - Mrs. Robinson Motion

IX. ITEMS FOR ACTION

A. STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

1. Athletic Supplemental Resignation - Mrs. Patalano Motion

It is recommended the Board accept the resignation of Danielle Blackburn as Varsity Head Girls' Basketball Coach effective the end of the 2023-24 season.

2. Contribution to Bellevue Memorial Park Motion

It is recommended the Board approve \$500 to be paid to Bellevue Borough for the maintenance of Bellevue Memorial Park for use by the Northgate baseball team. Payment will be made upon receipt of the purchase of supplies.

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3. Volunteer Baseball Coach Motion

It is recommended the Board approve Deanna Caldwell as a volunteer Middle School Baseball Coach.

4. AHN Van for Physicals - Mrs. Lee Motion

It is recommended the Board authorize AHN to visit on site at Northgate to perform sports physicals for any student athlete having parent(s)/guardian(s) permission.

5. Breathe Pennsylvania Motion

It is recommended the Board approve a partnership with Breathe PA - School Asthma Initiative program to access their education services with parent permission, staff training services, and free products at no cost to the District. It is further recommended the Board approve their Smokeless Saturday anti-vaping class as an option for students who violate the district's vaping policy.

6. Health & Education Alliance-Vision Initiative- Mrs. Robinson Motion

It is recommended the Board approve a partnership with Health and Education Alliance regarding their Vision Initiative for Schools program to support vision care initiatives in the District, with parent permission. There is no cost to the District.

7. Assemble & Danny Devine Studio Summer Program MOU - Motion

It is recommended the Board approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to partner with Assemble and the Danny Devine Studio to provide free summer programming to Northgate students for two years, pending review of the agreement by the Solicitor.

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8. Life Skills Training Workshop - Dr. Bergmann Motion

It is recommended the Board approve Mark Fratangelo to attend the Botvin LifeSkills Training-of-Trainers (TOT) workshop, April 16-17, 2024 in White Plains, NY at no cost to the District. All registration and travel fees will be reimbursed by Colorado University.

B. DISTRICT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

1. Bill List and Tax Refunds - Mrs. Robinson Motion

It is recommended the Board ratify the February 2024 Bill List found in Addendum II and approve the Tax Refunds found in Addendum III.

2. Acceptance of the Audit - Mrs. Pollanen Motion

It is recommended that the Board accept the District's financial audit report for the year ended June 30, 2023, prepared by Myers, Patsy & Associates.

3. High School Auditorium Sound - Mr. Mehlo Motion

It is recommended that the Board approve the purchase of auditorium sound components, design, and installation services from Runaway Productions, LLC at a cost of \$24,016.00.

4. Swimming Pool Chemical & Filter Room Exhaust - Mrs. Lindsey Motion

It is recommended that the Board approve the proposal from Gunning Inc. for the replacement of the swimming pool exhaust fan for the chemical and filter room at a cost of \$10,500 under the CoStars contract.

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5. Firewall Replacement - Mr. Mehlo Motion

It is recommended that the Board approve the purchase of a Meraki MX250 Router/Security Appliance with 5-year Advanced Security License and Support using E-Rate funds at a cost of \$23,269.18 to the district. This purchase will take place in July of 2024.

C. POLICIES - Mr. Rajakovic

1. 2nd & Final Reading Motion

It is recommended the Board approve the second and final 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

D. ADMINISTRATION - Dr. Hines

1. AIU Budget Motion

It is recommended the Board approve the proposed 2024-2025 Allegheny Intermediate Unit Program of Services budget in the amount of \$2,263,093. The Allegheny County (AIU3) school districts' total contribution to the budget is \$1,936,965. The Northgate School District contribution to the Program of Services budget is estimated to be \$14,186.21 and will be determined by PDE according to District Aid Ratio and Weighted Average Daily membership (WADM).

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2. MOU Flex Days Hours-Support Professionals Motion

It is recommended the Board approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Northgate Education Support Professionals Association (PSEA-NEA) regarding flexible days/hours for three teacher assistants.

3. MOU Teacher Assistant Insurance-Support Professionals Motion

It is recommended the Board approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Northgate Education Support Professionals Association (PSEA-NEA) regarding individual health insurance benefits, including dental, for part-time teacher assistants. This includes specified employee contributions.

4. Teacher Hires Motion

a. Math Teacher

It is recommended the Board approve the hiring of Andrew Mayle as a full-time secondary Math teacher, effective the beginning of the 2024-25 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent, at Step 1, contingent upon submission of acceptable clearances and other standard hiring documents.

b. Health/Physical Education Teacher

It is recommended the Board approve the hiring of Scott Stiteler as a full-time secondary Health/Physical Education teacher, effective the beginning of the 2024-25 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent, at Step 1, contingent upon submission of acceptable clearances and other standard hiring documents.

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c. Physics Teacher

It is recommended the Board approve the hiring of Kayla Cole as a full-time secondary Physics teacher, effective the beginning of the 2024-25 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent, at Step 1, contingent upon submission of acceptable clearances and other standard hiring documents.

d. Social Studies Teacher

It is recommended the Board approve the hiring of Kathryn Robinson as a full-time secondary Social Studies teacher, effective the beginning of the 2024-25 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent, at Step 1, contingent upon submission of acceptable clearances and other standard hiring documents.

5. AIU Federal Programs Agreement

Motion

It is recommended the Board approve an agreement with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU) for its coordination of all Federal Programs, including Title I, II, III, IV and multiple ESSER grants, at a cost not to exceed \$12,500. Service will commence April 1, 2024 and expire June 30, 2025.

6. Teacher Assistant Resignations

Motion

It is recommended the Board accept the resignation of Frank Beal as a part-time teacher assistant effective March 6, 2024. It is further recommended the Board accept the resignation of Jessica Stahl as a part-time teacher assistant effective March 20, 2024. In addition, it is recommended the Board accept the resignation of Emily Gordon as a part-time teacher assistant effective March 29, 2024.

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7. Middle School Interim Principal Motion

It is recommended the Board approve creating a Middle School Interim Principal position from March 19, 2024 to June 10, 2024. It is further recommended the Board approve an agreement with Michael Wagstaff to serve as the Middle School Interim Principal from March 19 to June 10, 2024, as recommended by the Superintendent. It is further recommended to issue a high school master key to Mr. Wagstaff.

8. Paid Leave Teacher #2 (23-24) Motion

It is recommended the Board ratify a paid leave for Teacher #2 (23-24) based on the application of available sick days and personal days already accumulated, effective March 7, 2024.

9. Leave Teacher #3 (23-24) Motion

It is recommended the Board approve a leave for Teacher #3 (23-24) consistent with FMLA guidelines that include concurrent use of available sick days effective April 8, 2024.

10. Leave Teacher #4 (23-24) Motion

It is recommended the Board approve a leave for Teacher #4 (23-24) consistent with FMLA guidelines that include concurrent use of available sick days effective April 12, 2024.

11. Unpaid Leave Secretary #1 (23-24) Motion

It is recommended the Board approve a request from Secretary #1 (23-24) for an unpaid day of absence on April 8, 2024.

12. Teacher Retirement Motion

It is recommended the Board accept the retirement resignation of Todd Goble as Health/Physical Education teacher at the Middle/High School effective December 31, 2024.

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X. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

A. A.W. BEATTIE CAREER CENTER REPORT - Mx. Eames / Mrs. Patalano

B. SOCIAL EQUITY COMMITTEE REPORT - Mrs. Lee

C. FOOD SERVICE / WELLNESS COMMITTEE REPORT - Mrs. Pollanen

XI. OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

XII. VISITORS' COMMENTARY (Subject to time limitation or postponement at the board's discretion.) (Visitors: Please state your name and address; please limit your remarks to two (2) minutes or less. Please summarize your comments during this Visitors' Commentary time.)

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XIII. DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, March 25 - Monday, April 1, 2024	-----	No School - Spring Break
Monday, April 8, 2024	5:30 p.m. Administrative Center Boardroom	Student Affairs Committee
Monday, April 8, 2024	7:00 p.m. Administrative Center Boardroom	Business Operations Committee (& General Mtg., if needed)
Wed., April 10, 2024	6:30 p.m. H.S. Auditorium	Staff Preview of H.S. Musical
Thursday, April 11, 2024	7:00 p.m. H.S. Auditorium	H.S. Musical
Friday, April 12, 2024	7:00 p.m. H.S. Auditorium	H.S. Musical
Saturday, April 13, 2024	1:30 p.m. H.S. Auditorium	H.S. Musical (including Free matinee for Senior Citizens)
Saturday, April 13, 2024	7:00 p.m. H.S. Auditorium	H.S. Musical
Monday, April 22, 2024	6:30 p.m. Administrative Center Boardroom	Regular Board Meeting

XIV. ADJOURNMENT