

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

HIGHLIGHTS FROM MARCH 2024 BOARD MEETINGS

A few of the students from the high school musical provided a brief performance of the upcoming "SpongeBob Musical".

Special recognition was 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

Special recognition was given to the following Beattie students who won first place in recent SkillsUSA competitions:

Anisten Jackson - Extemporaneous Speaking
Juliana Shane - Cake Decorating

Special recognition was 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	Steven Heagerty
Maeve Crawford	Sofia Lambert
Nicole Cupps	Ophelia Outly
Alexis Heagerty	

The Board recognized Women's History month.

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Rich Platts, Mr. Eric Coffield, Mr. Scott Kelly from the Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU) provided a Technology presentation on their technology services.

Dr. Hines mentioned that presenters from Junior Achievement of Western PA will be in the middle school this week to discuss career pathing with our students. This builds on the different career exploration efforts in the school, including a career day earlier in the year, to help get our students thinking about their futures as they prepare for high school.

Eight high school students are participating in the Euro Challenge Competition presented by the University of Pittsburgh's European Studies Center. The PA Preliminary Competition will be in our innovation space at AHN Suburban tomorrow.

Senior project presentations will also be held this week at the middle/high school.

Congratulations to our cooperative swim team for a fantastic showing in the WPIAL and PIAA championship meets over the past couple of weeks. In addition to the outstanding overall team efforts, Kendall McKelvey, alongside Katie Petrina, Amelia Hardiman and Elise Nardoizzi, won the state championship in the 400 freestyle relay during the PIAA event this weekend.

We had a great turnout during our kindergarten registration Spaghetti Dinner. As a reminder to the community, kindergarten registration packets are available at both Avalon and Bellevue Elementary schools, and the district will host a registration event on May 9.

Tickets are now on sale for the Northgate High School's presentation of "The SpongeBob Musical." More than 50 students in grades 7-12 are lending their talents as cast, crew and visual arts teams. The show will be held April 11-13, 2024.

Dr. Hines also mentioned our spring sports season is starting.

It was also mentioned that Northgate will have a traditional school day on Monday, April 8th.

The Board approved the following items at their March 18, 2024 Board meeting:

- Accepted the resignation of Danielle Blackburn as Varsity Head Girls' Basketball Coach effective the end of the 2023-24 season.
- Approved \$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.
- Approved Deanna Caldwell as a volunteer Middle School Baseball Coach.
- Authorized AHN to visit on site at Northgate to perform sports physicals for any student athlete having parent(s)/guardian(s) permission.
- Approved 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. The Board also approved their Smokeless Saturday anti-vaping class as an option for students who violate the district's vaping policy.

- Approved 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.
- Approved 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.
- Approved 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.
- Approved the Treasurer's Report, the February 2024 Bill List and the Tax Refunds.
- Accepted the District's financial audit report for the year ended June 30, 2023, prepared by Myers, Patsy & Associates.
- Approved the purchase of auditorium sound components, design, and installation services from Runaway Productions, LLC at a cost of \$24,016.00.
- Approved 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.
- Approved 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.
- Approved 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
- Approved 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).
- Approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Northgate Education Support Professionals Association (PSEA-NEA) regarding flexible days/hours for three teacher assistants.

- Approved 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.
- Approved the hiring of Andrew Mayle as a full-time secondary Math teacher, effective the beginning of the 2024-25 school year at Step 1.
- Approved the hiring of Scott Stiteler as a full-time secondary Health/Physical Education teacher, effective the beginning of the 2024-25 school year at Step 1.
- Approved the hiring of Kayla Cole as a full-time secondary Physics teacher, effective the beginning of the 2024-25 school year at Step 1.
- Approved the hiring of Kathryn Robinson as a full-time secondary Social Studies teacher, effective the beginning of the 2024-25 school year at Step 1.
- Approved 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.
- Accepted the resignation of Frank Beal as a part-time teacher assistant effective March 6, 2024. Also, the Board accepted the resignation of Jessica Stahl as a part-time teacher assistant effective March 20, 2024. In addition, the Board accepted the resignation of Emily Gordon as a part-time teacher assistant effective March 29, 2024.
- Approved creating a Middle School Interim Principal position from March 19, 2024 to June 10, 2024. Also, the Board approved an agreement with Michael Wagstaff to serve as the Middle School Interim Principal from March 19 to June 10, 2024. The Board approved to issue a high school master key to Mr. Wagstaff.
- Ratified 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.
- Approved a leave for Teacher #3 (23-24) consistent with FMLA guidelines that include concurrent use of available sick days effective April 8, 2024.
- Approved a leave for Teacher #4 (23-24) consistent with FMLA guidelines that include concurrent use of available sick days effective April 12, 2024.
- Approved a request from Secretary #1 (23-24) for an unpaid day of absence on April 8, 2024.

- Accepted the retirement resignation of Todd Goble as Health/Physical Education teacher at the Middle/High School effective January 17, 2025.