

**NORTHGATE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING AGENDA
Monday, April 22, 2024 - 6:30 p.m.
Administrative Center Boardroom**

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION - 5:30 p.m. - Personnel

II. WELCOME, ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 11, 2024 COMMITTEE MEETINGS, AND THE MARCH 18, 2024 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

IV. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Special recognition is given to Caleb Gratner for being awarded a Carson Scholar Award for 2024.

Special recognition is given to Anisten Jackson who was chosen to be one of Schools That Can Interns.

Special recognition is given to the following Future Chef winners:

Clover White (Gold) - Avalon - Clover's Delicious Chicken Flautas
Hudson Brown (Silver) - Bellevue - Mexican Street Corn
Sofia Sanchez (Bronze) - Bellevue - Mexican Tostadas
Bella Weiser (Bronze) - Avalon - Tomatillo Breakfast Tacos

V. STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT - Student Council Representative

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Dr. Hines

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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 - March 2024 - Addendum I - Mrs. Robinson Motion

IX. ITEMS FOR ACTION

A. STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

1. Coach Supplemental Resignation - Mrs. Patalano Motion

It is recommended the Board accept the supplemental contract resignation of Shane Adams as 1st Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach.

2. Supplemental-Cheerleading Motion

It is recommended the Board approve a supplemental contract for the fall season of the 2024-25 school year for Kandice Kyle as Varsity Cheerleading Sponsor in the amount of \$2,000, contingent upon submission of acceptable clearances.

3. Coach Supplemental Resignation Motion

It is recommended the Board accept the supplemental contract resignation of Jeff Smith as 1st Assistant Baseball Coach effective April 5, 2024.

4. Supplemental-Baseball Motion

It is recommended the Board approve a supplemental contract for the remainder of the spring season of the 2023-24 school year for Frank Camello, Sr. as 1st Assistant Baseball Coach in the prorated amount of \$2,500.

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5. Uniforms - Mrs. Lee

Motion

It is recommended the Board approve, in accordance with the uniform rotation schedule, the purchase of high school boys' basketball uniforms for home and away games from BSN at a cost not to exceed \$5,900 to be purchased in the 2024-25 budget year.

6. Band Front Volunteer

Motion

It is recommended the Board approve Nicole Mangel as a volunteer BandFront sponsor.

7. Entrepreneurship Club Stipend - Mrs. Robinson

Motion

It is recommended the Board approve a change in the supplemental stipend for the Entrepreneurship Club sponsorship from the amount of \$3,500, which was approved in February, to \$7,000 for the 2023-24 school year, to be paid from the District's Startable Grant.

8. Textbook Adoption - Dr. Bergmann

Motion

It is recommended that the Board approve the adoption of the following textbooks for a 5-year period beginning with the 2024-25 school year, having followed a 30-day public review, at an approximate cost of \$27,000:

United States History, McGraw Hill

United States Government and Civics, McGraw Hill

Into Literature 9th and 10th grade, HMH

9. EdInsight - Mx. Eames

Motion

It is recommended that the Board approve the purchase of Edinsight for data management and analytics system for the 2024-25 school year for a cost of \$6,530.90.

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10. Project Zero Conference - Harvard - Mrs. Lee Motion

It is recommended the Board approve for Dr. Caroline Johns and two other faculty members to attend the Project Zero Summer Institute Conference at Harvard University in Massachusetts, June 23 to 28, 2024, with travel costs not to exceed \$7,575. Scholarship/grant funds will cover their registration fees. It is further recommended the Board approve Dr. Jeff Evancho to attend the conference at no cost to the District.

B. DISTRICT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

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

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

2. Activities Report - Mr. Mehlo Motion

It is recommended the Board approve the Activities & Athletic Accounts report for the quarter ending March 31, 2024. See Addendum IV.

3. CSIU Renewal - Mrs. Pollanen Motion

It is recommended the Board approve renewal of the District's agreement with CSIU for the use of its web-based financial information system applications. The estimated cost is \$16,328 for 2024-25, broken down by application as follows:

Assets Inventory: \$1,800
Fund Accounting: \$5,520
Human Resources: \$3,022
Payroll: \$5,986

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4. FSA Provider - Dr. Bergmann Motion

It is recommended the Board approve American Fidelity as a Flexible Spending Account (FSA) provider for the District at no cost to the District and no penalty for cancellation at any time. The effective launch date is expected to be July 1, 2024. Employee participation is on a voluntary basis.

5. Keys - Mr. Mehlo Motion

It is recommended the Board approve issuing three Grand Master Keys to the Avalon Police Department as part of the emergency operation plan and associated with the Memorandum of Understanding with the Police.

6. Use of Facility Request - Mrs. Lindsey Motion

It is recommended the Board approve a request from Center Stage Dance Academy to use Avalon Elementary auditorium for rehearsal and performance on Sunday, April 28, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. contingent upon proof of proper insurance coverage and a mutual hold harmless agreement. Applicable fees apply to this request.

7. PowerSchool Add-ons - Mr. Mehlo Motion

It is recommended the Board approve the implementation of the PowerSchool add-ons PowerPack, Ecollect Forms, and Student Analytics from May 1, 2024 to June 30, 2027. This would come at an immediate cost to the district of \$33,882.50, and a yearly ongoing cost of approximately \$18,713.75 for hosting and licensing fees to be billed separately.

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C. ADMINISTRATION - Dr. Hines

1. Unpaid Days Teacher #5 (23-24) Motion

It is recommended the Board ratify a request from Teacher #5 (23-24) for two unpaid days of absence on March 15 and March 21, 2024.

2. Teacher Full-Day Release Time Motion

It is recommended the Board approve full-day release time for Abigail Anderson to attend a PSEA meeting on May 17, 2024 with reimbursement from PSEA for a substitute teacher to cover for that day.

3. Sabbatical Teacher #1 (24-25) Motion

It is recommended the Board approve the request of teacher # 1 (24-25) for a Sabbatical Leave for professional development for the 2024-25 school year at one-half the teacher's regular salary.

4. Custodial Contract Motion

It is recommended the Board approve a three-year custodial (AFSCME) agreement (July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2027) as presented.

5. Central Office Salaries Motion

It is recommended the Board authorize the Administration to establish the salaries for the Central Office (Confidential Secretary) and Business Office (Payroll and Accounts Payable) to reflect an annual increase of 3% effective July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2026.

6. Agreement with Michelle King Motion

It is recommended the Board approve to extend an agreement with Michelle King to continue to provide consulting services for the 2024-25 school year at an amount not to exceed \$15,000 to be billed to ARP ESSER funding.

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7. Adding Special Education Teacher Position Motion

It is recommended the Board approve adding a special education teacher position beginning the 2024-25 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent. Cost anticipated to be paid for by ACCESS funds.

8. AIU Communication Services Agreement Motion

It is recommended the Board approve to renew an agreement with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU) for continued PR/Communication services from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2027 at a base cost in year 1 of \$48,500, year 2 of \$55,000, and year 3 of \$56,000 with supplemental services available, when requested by the District, at hourly rates specified in the agreement.

9. Teacher Assistants Motion

It is recommended the Board approve the hiring of Amy Noble as a part-time teacher assistant, as recommended by the Superintendent. Start date to be determined. It is further recommended the Board approve the hiring of Valerie Cupps as a part-time teacher assistant, as recommended by the Superintendent. Start date to be determined.

10. Teacher Resignation Motion

It is recommended the Board accept the resignation of Adam Strotz as a special education teacher at Bellevue Elementary effective May 3, 2024.

11. AIU Transition MOU/Hi5! Motion

It is recommended the Board approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU) Head Start and Pre-K Counts Programs, in participation with the Trying Together and United Way, to support best practices in transition to kindergarten. This MOU fulfills the Hi5! requirements for kindergarten transition for the 2023-24 and 2024-25 school years.

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X. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

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

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.)

XIII. DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, April 23, 2024	-----	No School - Staff Only (Inservice)
Monday, April 29, 2024	8:30 a.m. H.S. Library	Social Equity Comm. Mtg.
Tuesday, May 7, 2024	7:00 p.m. H.S. Auditorium	MS/HS Choir & Band Concert

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Monday, May 13, 2024 5:30 p.m. Student Affairs Committee
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Monday, May 13, 2024 7:00 p.m. General Board Meeting
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Monday, May 13, 2024 7:10 p.m. Business Operations Committee
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Wednesday, May 22, 2024 4:30 p.m. Showcase of Excellence
Middle/High School

Saturday, May 25, 2024 ----- Kennywood

Monday, May 27, 2024 ----- No School - Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 28, 2024 6:30 p.m. Regular Board Meeting
Administrative Center Boardroom

XIV. ADJOURNMENT