

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

HIGHLIGHTS FROM MAY 2024 BOARD MEETINGS

Special recognition was given to Kendall McKelvey - Gold Medal Swim Relay at state competition

Special recognition was given to the following students for advancing to the Pennsylvania Odyssey of the Mind State Finals. Special recognition was also given to the following OM Coaches and OM Board Members for their service to students, Northgate Odyssey of the Mind, and the district.

Avalon team that advanced to State Finals

Arriyana Billups	Zaiden George
Franco Caputo	Eli McKivigan (BES student)
Hannah Epton (BES student)	Lydia Winner

Avalon Coaches: Adam Winner, Valerie Cupps, Sarah Outly

Bellevue team that advanced to State Finals

Isabella Benner	Maggie Epton
Oscar Bergmann	Ezra Jones
Abby Epton	Axel Sloane

Bellevue Coaches: Rebecca Rukmanis, Sarah Denton,
Katrina Eames & Todd Williams

Middle School team that advanced to State Finals

Harper Russell	Liam Schubert
Victoria Rice	Colette DeHart
Daryus Jones	Ayriana George
Noah Sadler	

Middle School Coach: Kristen Russell

OM Board of Directors: Lauren Rodriguez, Valerie Cupps

Mr. Rajakovic thanked Dr. Nancy Hines in her role as Interim Superintendent.

Student Council Report: Caleb Gratner, Student Council Representative, provided an update on Student Council. He mentioned that they recently decided on their Executive Board for next year. He mentioned that they are in the process of restructuring their membership to include more members, and they are in the process of following the Keystone Council requirements so they can apply. He mentioned the recent teacher appreciation week where they held a trivia game with the teachers. Caleb also mentioned that they will have their Executive Board plan homecoming this year, and he also spoke about a Student Council retreat.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Hines mentioned that on May 22 during our annual Student Showcase of Excellence we had some of our student's work and talents on display at the Middle/High School. The event is a good chance to bring together a lot of the different lessons, projects, clubs, and activities going on through each of our grade levels.

She also mentioned the Northgate Middle/High School concert band and choir had an outstanding performance during their annual spring concert earlier this month. There was an amazing turnout from the community, and the concert featured guest appearances by alumni and the North Pittsburgh Symphonic Band. Students in our elementary level band also performed for the community during the Showcase this past week.

Despite some inclement weather, our high school students got to celebrate prom on May 17. Congratulations to Alyssa Hunt and Jackson Reynolds for being selected as Prom Queen and Prom King.

Avalon Elementary had a fun field trip this past week when the entire school went to a Washington Wild Things baseball game. The trip was the reward after students successfully completed the school's Accelerated Reader incentive. Students in all grade levels far surpassed the school-wide goal of 2,500 AR reading points, earning more than 3,000 since Jan. 17.

Our high school students involved in our Entrepreneurship programming are continuing to set an example of how successful this type of program can be in schools. Northgate won the "Trailblazer" award at the Startable entrepreneurship competition earlier this month, and our students were featured in a KDKA article.

The Class of 2037 visited Avalon Elementary at the beginning of the month during our annual kindergarten registration event. Our future students got to meet with their teachers and explore the classrooms there, as well as meet a few of their future classmates.

Northgate was highlighted during the Forge Futures conference as part of Remake Learning Days this month. Educators from around the world were at AHN Suburban on May 7 during the conference presented by the Global Education Leaders Partnership. The following day, about 80 educators from across the region toured Suburban and Northgate's innovative space on the 7th floor of the facility to learn about the unique partnerships being formed there.

The Board approved the following items at their May 28, 2024 Board meeting:

- Accepted the supplemental contract resignation of Amy Charley as Head Swim Coach effective the end of the 2023-24 season.
- Accepted the supplemental contract resignation of Nate Brown as Middle School Football Coach effective April 12, 2024. Also, the Board accepted the supplemental contract resignation of Alex Glover as Middle School Football Coach effective May 6, 2024.
- Approved the following supplemental contracts for the fall of the 2024-25 school year as stated below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Chris Lucas	Head V Football Coach	\$7,000
Francis Ramsden	1st Asst. V Football Coach	\$4,500
Mark Fratangelo	Asst. V Football Coach	\$4,000
Lewis Clark	Asst. V Football Coach	\$3,000
Dan Sefick	Asst. V & JV Football Coach	\$3,000
Ryan Long	Asst. V & JV Football Coach	\$3,000
Rod Weaver	MS Football Coach	\$3,000
Anthony Barron	MS Football Coach	\$3,000
Tiaura Hanner	Head Volleyball Coach	\$4,000
Cam Williams	1st Asst. Volleyball Coach	\$2,500
Brian Veshio	Head Cross Country Coach	\$4,000
Josh McFall	1st Asst. Cross Country Coach	\$2,500
Deanna Caldwell	Head Jr Girls' Basketball Coach	\$3,500

- Approved the following as Volunteer Football Coaches: Brennan Sefick, Logan Parsons, and Frank Camello, Sr.
- Approved a supplemental contract for Jessica Haberman as Band Director for the 2024-25 school year in the amount of \$5,500. The Board also approved a supplemental contract for Ashley McPaul as Bandfront Sponsor for the 2024-25 school year in the amount of \$2,500.
- Approved a supplemental position be created, and posted, effective the beginning of the 2024-25 school year for a 1st Assistant Band Director in the annual amount of \$2,000. The Board also approved a supplemental position be created, and posted, effective the beginning of the 2024-25 school year for a 2nd Assistant Band Director in the annual amount of \$1,500. These new positions are funded in part by reconfiguration.
- Accepted the supplemental contract resignation of Maureen Wertheimer as Activities & Athletics Account Coordinator effective June 10, 2024.

- Ratified the position change and confirmed a supplemental contract for Tiaura Hanner from 8th grade Volleyball Coach only to both an 8th grade Volleyball Coach in the amount of \$2,000 and 7th grade Volleyball Coach in the amount of \$2,000 for the spring season of the 2023-24 school year. The Board also ratified the position change and confirmed Anna Kirasic from 7th grade Volleyball Coach to an occasional volunteer Volleyball Coach for the spring season of the 2023-24 school year.
- Approved the request for students and Cynthia Cromer, French Teacher, and Michael Bichko, Spanish Teacher, to be excused from school to attend a trip to France and Spain, March 25 - April 3, 2026. This will be a non-school funded trip.
- Approved Nicole Smith, Jason Clarkson, Jen Tusick, and Jeff Smith to attend the Ron Clark Academy Experience seminar July 7-9, 2024 in Atlanta at no cost to the district. All costs to be covered by RCA Experience Scholarships.
- Approved Regis McDevitt's participation in a trip to southern U.S. states through Classrooms Without Borders during the summer. His participation will facilitate further review of U.S. History curriculum and instruction. The cost to the district is \$750. The remaining cost to be covered through Classrooms Without Borders.
- Approved Jen Tusick to attend the Next Gen Personal Finance (NGPF) Academy for Personal Finance Curriculum Training at the Safe Schools Institute in Boca Raton, Florida on July 18, 2024. Cost not to exceed \$1,000 dollars and to be covered by the Startable grant.
- Approved the Addendum to Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU) Comprehensive Services Agreement - 2024-25 for the AIU to provide support and assistance to the District in seeking reimbursement under Pennsylvania's School-Based ACCESS Program at an annual fee of \$5,000.
- Accepted a donation of books to be given to 2nd - 6th graders from Featherstone Books.
- Approved the April Treasurer's Report, ratified the April 2024 Bill List and approved the Tax Refunds.
- Designated depositories for the forthcoming school year for the fiscal year July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 as required by Section 621 of the Pennsylvania School Code during the month of May. [Citizens Bank; Huntington Bank; PA Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT); PA School District Liquid Asset Fund (PSDLAF); PNC Bank].
- Approved renewal of the following bonds: School Board Secretary's Bond, 7/1/24 to 6/30/25 - \$100; Treasurer's Bond, 4/21/24 to 4/21/25, \$100; Activities Account Coordinator's Bond, 8/16/24 to 8/15/25, \$100.

- Mrs. Amy Robinson was elected as Treasurer for the 2024-25 school year (July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025), per Section 404 of the Pennsylvania School Code that requires that the Board elect a Treasurer for the period of one (1) year. Arrangements for securing the necessary bond for the Treasurer will be made by the Administration.
- Approved the following student insurance: United States Fire Insurance Company, an AIG insurance company, Plan AAA, to provide coverage to students while participating in interscholastic athletic programs, band, cheerleading, and/or school-sponsored activities at an estimated cost of \$9,950 for the 2024-25 school year.
- Approved United States Fire Insurance Company to provide voluntary student insurance for 2024-25 at no additional cost.
- Approved the HVAC Mechanical Preventive Maintenance Agreement Renewal with Gunning Inc. for a three-year term effective 07/01/2024 through 06/30/2027.

Year 1 Cost: \$41,184

Year 2 Cost: \$42,300

Year 3 Cost: \$43,572

- Approved the Exhaust Fans Preventive Maintenance Agreement with Gunning Inc. for a three-year term effective 07/01/2024 through 06/30/2027.

Year 1 Cost: \$6,290

Year 2 Cost: \$6,460

Year 3 Cost: \$6,654

- Approved the Elementary School Uni-Vents Preventive Maintenance Agreement with Gunning Inc. for a three-year term effective 07/01/2024 through 06/30/2027.

Year 1 Cost: \$14,340

Year 2 Cost: \$14,712

Year 3 Cost: \$15,154

- Approved an agreement with Clark Contractors, Inc. for the replacement of select sidewalks and curbing as per the KPN JOC Cooperative Contract at a cost of \$81,553.14.
- Approved a one-year agreement with Orkin for pest management services at Avalon Elementary for \$979.20, Bellevue Elementary for \$979.20, and Northgate High School for \$1,094.40.

- Approved Connor Patterson, Natalie Schubert, Jeremiah Knight, Sophia Lardo, AnnaJean Patalano, and Nicholas Iezzi as summer custodial help at \$10 per hour.
- Approved Alectra McNeal as a part-time custodian.
- Approved the purchase and installation of a new power burner for boiler #1 at the High School from Gunning Inc. at a cost of \$31,950.00 utilizing the PA CoStars Contract.
- Approved the purchase and installation of a new boiler to replace boiler #2 at the High School from Gunning Inc. at a cost of \$89,300.00 utilizing the PA CoStars Contract.
- Approved the purchase and installation of a new York 1-ton HVAC unit from Gunning Inc. at a cost of \$21,600.00 utilizing the PA CoStars Contract.
- Approved the continuation of Clayton Berwick to assist the Facility Manager on an as-needed basis outside of the normal teacher work day at the current teacher contract coverage rate for the 2024-25 school year. Hours and work to be assigned by the Facility Manager.
- Approved the request from JP Gallery for Performing Arts to use Avalon Elementary auditorium for a performance on Saturday, June 8, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Applicable fees apply to this request.
- Approved the request of Solano Films to use the Middle/High School for two days this summer for a fee of \$3,500.00, which includes custodial coverage.
- Approved the purchase and installation of (Bellevue Elem.) playground replacement parts in the amount of \$19,387.00 from Jeffrey Associates under the PA CoStars Contract. \$16,497.00 of the cost will be paid for with PCCD Grant Funds, and the remaining \$2,890 will be paid for with district funds.
- Approved a proposal from Clark Contractors, Inc., as per KPN JOC Cooperative Contract, for specified high school painting projects in the amount of \$182,824.99.
- Approved the purchase of a 2023 Ford F-350 4X4 Pickup Truck with Snow Plow and Salt Spreader package from Woltz & Wind Ford, Inc. at a cost of \$61,980.00 utilizing a PA CoStars Cooperative Contract 25-E22-401 Government Price Concession.
- Approved the installation of security cameras and infrastructure to support them for the Middle/High School garage and greenhouse by Horizon Information Services at a cost of \$11,370.20 to be taken from the 2024-25 fiscal year budget.

- Approved the renewal of the Microsoft EES agreement for a further five years at a cost of approximately \$8,865.85 per year.
- Approved the purchase of 40 Dell Latitude 3540 laptops at a cost of \$724.23 per unit for a total cost of \$28,969.20, for the Middle/High School faculty. This purchase will be taken out of the 2024-25 fiscal year budget.
- Approved a three-year contract with PowerSchool for the School Messenger Add On at a cost of \$4,490 for the first year and \$2,600 for subsequent years. This cost is to be taken out of the 2024-25 fiscal year budget.
- Approved the replacement of Bellevue Elementary's paging system with a CareHawk CH1000LT system by Horizon Information Services at a cost of \$22,395.00. This purchase will be funded as part of the 2024-25 fiscal year budget.
- Approved the proposed A.W. Beattie Career Center 2024-25 Budget, as approved by A.W. Beattie Career Center Joint Operating Committee on May 1, 2024, in the amount of \$11,557,559.
- Ratified an unpaid half-day for teacher assistant #1 (23-24) on May 1, 2024.
- Approved an unpaid leave for teacher assistant #1 (24-25) for the 1st semester of the 2024-25 school year.
- Approved Eileen Maiette, Melinda Malsch, Josh McFall, and Jayci Ross as Extended School Year (ESY) Teachers during the summer of 2024.
- Approved Krista Black as Extended School Year (ESY) Behavioral Specialist during the summer of 2024.
- Approved Malla Mizikowski and Sarah Pawlik as Extended School Year (ESY) Nurses, during the summer of 2024.
- Approved Elizabeth Entz, Patty Bowen, Amanda McNeal, Lianna Orellana, Pilar Lojacono, Lynn Bonnett, Ashley Williams, Alexa Falvo, Julie Monfredi and Amy Noble as Extended School Year (ESY) Teacher Assistants and Alexa Falvo as ESY Teacher Assistant for Camp AIM during the summer of 2024.
- Approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between and among the Avalon Police Department, the Bellevue Police Department and the Northgate School District that supports district-police collaboration and includes a general outline of roles and responsibilities.
- Approved an Educational Services Agreement with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU) to provide special education services to students assigned by the District for the 2024-25 school year.

- Approved agreement with JostensPIX as the school photographer for Avalon Elementary, Bellevue Elementary and the Middle/High School for three years for the 2024-25, 2025-26 and 2026-27 school years at no cost to the District.
- Approved to continue an agreement between Allegheny Clinic/Allegheny Health Network Psychiatry and Behavioral Health Institute to serve as a referral resource for students in need of behavioral health services in their outpatient and intensive outpatient mental health programs at no cost to the district for a period of two years for the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years.
- Accepted the retirement resignation of Sandra Durkin as elementary teacher at Bellevue Elementary School effective August 13, 2024.
- Ratified a leave for Teacher #6 (23-24) consistent with FMLA guidelines that include concurrent use of available sick days effective April 15, 2024.
- Approved Amy Pizzica to transfer from the 10-month to the 12-month secretary position at the Middle/High School effective July 1, 2024.
- Approved Rhen Basil to transfer from the 12-month to the 10-month secretary position at the Middle/High School effective July 1, 2024.
- Accepted the retirement resignation of Nancy Camello as part-time teacher assistant effective June 10, 2024.
- Accepted the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) School Resource Officer grant awarded to the District in the amount of \$30,000 and the School Mental Health grant awarded in the amount of \$113,751.
- Approved an MOU with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU) for Title III ESL services.
- Approved Jacob O'Keefe as a van driver for the after-school YMCA program. Cost to be covered by the YMCA.
- Approved the resignation of Abigail Della Chiesa as an elementary teacher at Bellevue Elementary School effective June 10, 2024.
- Ratified an agreement with Student "A" as prepared by the Solicitor and submitted.
- Approved to renew an agreement with Allegheny Children's Initiative to be the Student Assistance Program (SAP) provider for the District for the 2024-25 school year at no cost to the District.

The Board approved the following at their May 13, 2024 General Meeting:

- Ratified Chelsea Dailey as a volunteer for the softball program.
- Approved the Proposed Final General Fund Budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year in the amount of \$30,066,428 and place the budget on public display. The millage rate, for Proposed Final Budget purposes only, is set tentatively at 28.71 mils. The Board will continue to review the Budget Plan in preparation for the final adoption of the budget scheduled for Monday, June 24, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the Northgate Administrative Center Boardroom. Members of the public will be able to access the budget beginning Monday, May 20, 2024, by going to the District website (www.northgatesd.net), selecting "Budget", and then selecting "Budget Information". It will also be available for public inspection in the Administrative Center and each of the school building offices from 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM Monday through Friday beginning Monday, May 20, 2024.
- Approved to renew its agreement with Sodexo Management, Inc. for one year starting July 1, 2024. The agreement may be renewed by mutual agreement of both parties for up to four additional one-year periods beyond the initial year of the agreement, which was the 2023-24 school year.
- Accepted the resignation of Shanttal Mourenza as a part-time teacher assistant effective May 13, 2024.
- Ratified Kristine Spitznagel as an after-school teacher tutor.
- Accepted the resignation of Stephen Mehlo as a School Board Member effective May 31, 2024.