

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

HIGHLIGHTS FROM AUGUST 2024 BOARD MEETINGS

Special recognition was given to employees having perfect attendance.

Superintendent's Report: There was a presentation overview of federal programs.

Dr. Johns mentioned we had a great start to the school year. She also mentioned that at the middle/high school teams were created with staff and students, which are called houses in the style of Harry Potter, as a way for the teams to earn positive rewards (House of Integrity, House of Fortitude, House of Resiliency and House of Endurance). Dr. Johns also noted that the kindergarten class - graduating class of "2037" started Monday. She also mentioned the elementaries are currently doing morning wake-up breakfasts, and that annual recognition of the tireless awards was presented at in-service, and that volunteers painted 9 classrooms at Bellevue Elementary over the summer thanks to PPG Paints. In addition, she mentioned activities that took place over the summer, including various summer camps, such as Arts Greenhouse. Dr. Johns mentioned fall sports season is underway and that homecoming is September 13.

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

- Approved Christian Davin as a volunteer football coach, and Sara Klinvex as a volunteer cross country coach.
- Approved Monique Barron as a volunteer for all athletics.
- Approved the following athletic supplementals for the winter season of the 2024-25 school year as listed below

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Head Boys' Basketball Coach	Cam Williams	\$6,000
1st Asst. Boys' Basketball Coach	Deon Daniels	\$4,000
M.S. Boys' Basketball Coach	Nicholas Conroy	\$3,500
Head Swimming Coach	Ashley Vranick	\$6,000

- Approved the purchase of locker room wall wraps from Novum Designs in the amount of \$5,800 for the middle/high school.

- Approved, in accordance with the uniform rotation schedule, the purchase of volleyball uniforms from BSN at a cost of \$2,310.50 to be purchased in the 2024-25 budget year.
- Approved the following non-athletic supplemental contracts for the 2024-25 school year as listed below:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A.V. Coordinator	Jeff Smith	\$2,600
Art & Gardening Club	Lory Farrow	\$1,550
Choral-MS/HS	Kelly Winovich	\$2,500
Foreign Lang. Sponsor	Mike Bichko	\$1,550
Forensics (Elem.)	Gretchen Monahan	\$ 775
(this is a shared position)	Taylor Morrison	\$ 775
Forensics (MS)	Gretchen Monahan	\$ 775
(this is a shared position)	Taylor Morrison	\$ 775
No Place for Hate	Zachary Burns	\$1,550
National Honor Society	Maureen Wertheimer	\$1,700
Journalism Club	Robb Craycraft	\$1,550
Safety Coord./Avalon	Lisa Auth	\$2,000
Safety Coord./Bellevue	Sue Emery	\$2,000
Student Council-M.S.	Stephanie Francis	\$2,000
Student Council-H.S.	Stacy Gallagher	\$3,000
Yearbook	Amy Pizzica	\$4,000
E-Sports Club	Jason Clarkson	\$1,550
Prom Coordinators	Brandon Hogle/	\$ 750
(this is a shared position)	Maureen Wertheimer	\$ 750
Weightlifting (fall)	Brandon Hogle	\$1,000
Entrepreneurship Club	Jen Tusick	\$3,500*
(*\$3,500 amount to be paid through Startable grant)		

- Approved an MOU Agreement with Crisis Center North for the Boys to Men Mentor program at the Middle/High School at no cost to the district.
- Approved the year-long contract with Harvard University for \$10,000. This cost will cover the fee for speakers for our October and May Project Zero conferences. This initial cost will be fully or partially covered by the registration fees of outside attendees.
- Approved to renew an Agreement with Innovation Works, Inc. for the Northgate School District to participate in the Startable Program.
- Approved the Additional Targeted Support and Improvement (A-TSI) plan at the Middle/High School.

- Approved the following staff members to serve as mentor teachers during the 2024-25 school year as listed below:

<u>Inductee</u>	<u>Mentor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Emily Angle (Elem.)	Gretchen Wetzel	\$800
Kayla Cole (Physics)	Jennifer Tusick	\$800
Allison Hoff (Elem.)	Barb Gusew	\$800
Francesca Lindelow (Special Ed.)	Josh McFall	\$800
Andrew Mayle (Math)	Brian Veshio	\$800
Theodore Papazekos (Elem.)	Eileen Malette	\$800
Kathryn Robinson (Social Studies)	Stephanie Francis	\$800
Patrick Mohrbacher (Social Studies)	Jane Majerac	\$800
Kristine Spitznagel (Elem.)	Natalie Henwood	\$800
Scott Stiteler (Health/Phys. Ed.)	Mark Fratangelo	\$800
Marissa Timko (Spec. Ed.)	Samantha Schuetz	\$800
Rebekah Rommes (Elem.)	Breann Rupik	\$800

- Approved June & July Treasurer's Reports; ratified the June and July 2024 Bill Lists and approved the Tax Refunds.
- Approved the following routine use of facility requests upon submission for the 2024-25 school year with specific dates, times and locations to be approved based on availability and coordinated with the Facility Manager and Athletic's department, and contingent on proof of proper insurance coverage and a mutual hold harmless agreement, where applicable.

Bellevue Avalon Baseball Association (BABA)
 Bellevue Avalon Girls' Athletic Association (BAGAA)
 Northgate Aquatics Club (NGAC)
 Tidal Waves
 Kids of Steel
 Girls on the Run
 Northgate Boys' Basketball Boosters-Undergraduate Tournament
 Northgate Boys' Basketball Alumni - summer league

West Penn Football Officials for their meetings
Golden Triangle Basketball Officials for their meetings
Greater Pittsburgh Football Officials for their meetings
Volleyball Officials for their meetings
Northgate Athletic Booster Groups
Northgate Band Boosters
Northgate Odyssey of the Mind

- Approved the second & final reading of the following policies:

146.1 (rev) - Trauma-Informed Approach
218 (rev) - Student Discipline
218.1 (rev) - Weapons
218.2 (rev) - Terroristic Threats
222 (rev) - Tobacco and Vaping Products pupils
227 (rev) - Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia
323 (rev) - Tobacco and Vaping Products employees
351 (rev) - Controlled Substance Abuse
801 (rev) - Public Records
803 (rev) - School Calendar

- Approved the first reading of proposed revised policy 903- Public Participation in Board Meetings.
- Approved Dr. Joseph Peacock's attendance at the League of Innovative Schools Fall 2024 conference September 30 - October 2, 2024 in California at a cost not to exceed \$2,500. Cost to be covered by Grable and League of Innovative Schools.
- Approved a correction for Allison Hoff from Step 1 to Step 2 effective the beginning of the 2024-25 school year.
- Approved an amendment to the PA-ETEP Agreement with EduLink to include licensing fee for support staff module in the annual amount of \$300.
- Approved an MOU with Allegheny Clinic/AHN Chill Project for mobile behavioral health services/Chill Mobile at Bellevue Elementary, effective August 1, 2024 to July 31, 2025 with option to extend by one-year periods, at no cost to the District.
- Approved an increase in hourly rate for part-time lunchroom monitors from \$12 an hour to \$13 an hour.
- Approved the American Rescue Plan (ARP) ESSER District Health and Safety Plan which details procedures for the safe operation of school.

- Approved the request of teacher # 4 (24-25) for a Sabbatical Leave for professional development for the second semester of the 2024-25 school year at one-half the teacher's regular salary.
- Approved the hiring of Patrick Mohrbacher as a full-time secondary Social Studies teacher, effective the beginning of the 2024-25 school year.
- Approved the Parent Powered Program K - 12 to be implemented the 2024-25 school year at no cost to the district.
- Approved the list of cafeteria workers for Sodexo.
- Approved the list of drivers for W.L. Roenigk, Inc. for transporting students.
- Approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Northgate Education Support Professionals Association (PSEA-NEA) regarding flexible days/hours for one teacher assistant.
- Accepted the resignation of Kim Mavilla as full-time custodian effective August 18, 2024 and approved her as a part-time teacher assistant effective August 19, 2024.
- Approved to continue the equine programming for the 2024-25 school year and contract with Orchardview Stables to provide these services at a cost not to exceed \$11,000.
- Approved a one-year contract with Studer Education for services outlined in their proposal and presentation. Cost for services is \$44,100. The district has received grant funding which will cover \$20,000 resulting in a net cost to the district of \$24,100.
- Rescinded the offer of employment to Dylan Jacobs as part-time teacher assistant.
- Approved the settlement agreement as presented.

The Board approved the following at their August 12, 2024 General Meeting:

- Approved the following handbooks: The proposed updated secondary Student Handbook; the proposed secondary Student Athletic/Activities Handbook; the proposed NOLA Handbook and Course Catalog, and the proposed Elementary Student Handbook for 2024-25 school year.
- Approved Amy Pizzica as Activity Coordinator for the 2024-25 school year in the amount of \$2,600

- Appointed Cheryl Patalano and Wendi Lee as representatives to the A.W. Beattie Career Center Committee, and that any interested Board Member may serve and act on behalf of Northgate School District during the absence of appointed representatives.
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 - 803 (rev) - School Calendar

The Board approved to rescind the following policies, which are superseded by 351:

451 & 551 (Controlled Substance Abuse)

- Accepted the resignations of Arafa Wilson and Jayci Ross as part-time teacher assistants.
- Accepted the resignation of Katie Coyne as full-time nurse assistant/support nurse.
- Accepted the resignation of David Forney as Social Studies teacher at the Middle/High School effective August 16, 2024.
- Accepted the resignation of Molly Lipovsky as Elementary teacher at Avalon Elementary School effective July 31, 2024.
- Approved the hiring of Kelly Langan as part-time teacher assistant effective the 2024-25 school year.
- Approved the hiring of Rebekah Rommes as a full-time Elementary teacher, effective the beginning of the 2024-25 school year.
- Rescinded the offer of employment to Alectra McNeal as part-time custodian.

- Approved the attendance of Dr. Caroline Johns, Dr. Chris Caton and Dr. Nancy Bowman to the AASA National Conference on Education (NCE) in New Orleans, LA March 6 - 8, 2025 at a total cost not to exceed \$7,770. Cost is being covered by the Grable Foundation.

The Board approved the following at their July 22, 2024 Optional Board Meeting:

- Approved an agreement with Michael Wagstaff to serve as a Secondary Assistant Principal beginning August 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026 at the Middle/High School for the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years. Also, the Board approved the proposed job description for this position and to issue a high school master key to Mr. Wagstaff.
- Approved additional travel costs for staff who attended the Project Zero Conference Summer Institute at Harvard University in Massachusetts, June 23 to 28, 2024, in the amount of \$1,165.