

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

HIGHLIGHTS FROM SEPTEMBER 2024 BOARD MEETING

The Board recognized National Hispanic Heritage Month.

Student Council Representatives, Caleb Gratner and Asher Lardo, provided a student council report, including that they met in August for a retreat where they did team building, discussed including Advisory Members and planned Homecoming. Homecoming was held outside this year. They also spoke about the recent Spirit Week, pep rally and Homecoming Parade. They mentioned their upcoming meeting and also mentioned they will utilize advisory members to gain input and for advisory members to assist in providing information back to their fellow classmates.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Johns noted that we had a great Homecoming celebration. We hosted our annual Homecoming Parade followed by Meet the Flames and our varsity football game. For the first time ever, we had a tie and crowned two Homecoming Queens: Carrie Wynn & Aniyah Settles. Alyx Bohn was named Homecoming King.

Dr. Johns mentioned that we are extremely excited and honored to have been chosen as one of the three 2024 Gold Star Honor Games. These games were created to honor our nation's heroes who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for our country and for our freedom. Each game consists of two teams that select 5 players from each team who willingly give up their names for an evening to play in honor of a local fallen hero. This event will be held on October 4th at the Home Football game.

Both Avalon and Bellevue Elementary Schools hosted their annual Morning Wake Up breakfast events for parents. Both schools had a schedule of sessions divided by grade level. Parents were invited to come learn more about the school, meet teachers and see the school in operation.

We hosted a successful 9th grade orientation, followed by Open House to kick off the school year. Parents with students in 9th grade were invited to attend an orientation in the high school auditorium followed by Open House for all Middle/High School students. Elementary Open House also took place the same evening. Dr. Johns thanked everyone who attended.

Both Bellevue Elementary and the Middle/High School were recognized as a "Pennsylvania Positive Behavior Support Network Participating Site." Both schools met criteria for implementing "School-Wide Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports" with fidelity during the 2023-24 school year. They will receive recognition for Tiers 1, 2 and 3 at the 2024 Innovate and Integrate: MTSS & PBIS Advanced Implementation Forum. Congratulations to them.

Dr. Johns also mentioned two after-school programs in partnership with CMU and Arts Greenhouse, where 7th and 8th grade students will meet every Thursday starting September 26th at the Middle/High School for snacks and comic book making, and starting September 24, 5th and 6th grade students will meet Tuesdays at Suburban for snacks, art and creative writing.

Northgate Seniors Olivia Rajakovic, Caleb Gratner and Reagan Michalski will hold a voter registration drive on October 3rd and 4th for students who turn 18 before election day and who want to register to vote.

The Board approved the following items at their September 23, 2024 Board meeting:

- Approved the following athletic supplemental contracts for the winter season of the 2024-25 school year as listed below:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Head Girls' Basketball Coach	Betty Howard	\$6,000
1st Asst. Girls' Basketball Coach	Stephon Adams	\$4,000
Asst. Swimming Coach	Theresa Benson /	\$1,750
(this will be a shared position)	Meghan Henigin	\$1,750

- Approved a Unified Champion Schools MOU with Special Olympics Pennsylvania for Northgate to start a unified Bocce team.
- Approved the absence of students and select school staff for the 8th grade Washington, D.C. trip, May 8 - 9, 2025.
- Approved the adjustment to the High School Student Council Sponsor supplemental contract position for the 2024-25 school year for the position to be shared between Stacy Gallagher and Adam Burns with each receiving \$1,500.
- Approved an Agreement with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU) to provide Title I services to our students residing in the Northgate School District attending nonpublic schools effective August 22, 2024 to August 22, 2025.
- Approved the August 2024 Treasurer's Report; ratified the August 2024 Bill List and approved the Tax Refunds.
- Approved an amendment to the district's contract with Epic Communications, which provides full service e-rate support. The amendment extends the contract through the 28th year of e-rate (2025-26).

- Approved a proposal from Electro-Kote Company to electrostatically paint the new exterior doors and window frames at the Middle/High School at a cost of \$12,200.
- Approved the purchase of a Garland Double-Deck Natural Gas Convection Oven from Alto-Hartley at a cost of \$13,722.00 under the KPN Cooperative Contract.
- Approved the hiring of Curtis Wilson as a full-time custodian effective 9/24/2024.
- Approved the hiring of David Ferree as a part-time custodian.
- Approved the second & final reading of the following policy:

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- Approved the School Resource Officer (SRO) Agreement with the Bellevue Police Department and Borough of Bellevue for August 2024 through June 2025 with the School District covering 100 percent of the School Resource Officer's salary during his time at the District.
- Approved a leave for Teacher #5 (24-25) consistent with FMLA guidelines that include concurrent use of available sick days effective January 2025, and unpaid leave for the remainder of the spring semester 2025, as well as a child-rearing leave for the school year 2025-2026.
- Approved the hiring of Sammi Beining as a part-time elementary lunchroom monitor at Bellevue Elementary.
- Approved the hiring of Naomi Swartzbaugh as a part-time teacher assistant.
- The Board elected Officers for the following PSBA positions:

Sabrina Backer, as "President-Elect" (one-year term 2025)
and
Matt Vannoy, as "Vice President" (one-year term 2025)

- The Board elected a Western Zone Representative: (2-year term Jan. 2025-Dec. 2026): Kristy Bolte
- The Board elected candidates for PSBA Insurance Trust Trustees: (term ends Dec. 31, 2027)

Nathan G. Mains
Richard Frerichs
William S. LaCoff