

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

HIGHLIGHTS FROM OCTOBER 2024 BOARD MEETING

Special recognition was given to the following middle/high school students:

Nevaeh Barron - Embodying the FLAMES expectations on a regular basis & demonstrating perseverance with balancing Beattie and other Academic classes

Wyatt Amicone - Embodying the FLAMES expectations on a regular basis & demonstrating perseverance with a positive attitude

Caleb Gratner - Organizing a voting registration event and leading the organization of a blood drive at Northgate

Olivia Rajakovic - Organizing a voting registration event at Northgate

Reagan Michalski - Organizing a voting registration event at Northgate

Jamir Purifoy - Being cast in Pittsburgh Musical Theater's production of Beauty and the Beast at the Byham Theater

Jeanelle Stiteler - Participating in the Suburban Project

Student Council Representatives, Caleb Gratner and Asher Lardo, provided a student council report, including that they are working on structure change so that everyone can be included. They spoke about the various activities for Spirit Week. They also spoke about their committees, including community partnership; student engagement; inclusion committee; school improvement and promotions. It was mentioned they plan to attend an upcoming Pennsylvania Student Council conference and also that they continue to work toward Keystone Council recognition.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Johns mentioned we were honored to have been chosen as one of the three 2024 Gold Star Honor Games. On Oct. 4th, hundreds of people from the Northgate Community came out to Alumni Field to recognize our fallen heroes who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for our country. Prior to the football game, members of the Northgate Flames and South Side Rams Football Teams served as escorts for the Gold Star Families during the pre-game ceremony.

Avalon and Bellevue Elementary participated in National Walk and Roll to School Day. Northgate, along with other communities across the country, walked, biked and rollerbladed to school to highlight the importance of safe, active travel for youth and families. It was another successful year participating in this nationwide event.

We had a successful senior night where we recognized our senior football players, cheerleaders and band members during a Senior Night celebration at Alumni Field. We wish all of our seniors good luck in their future endeavors.

We recently partnered with ParentPowered, a program that offers an evidence-based parenting curriculum to families at no cost. Families will soon be enrolled in the program, which will send them text messages with fun facts and easy tips to help children learn and grow. We are very excited to launch this program in early November. You can learn more about it on our website, in your email and on our Facebook page.

The Northgate School District joined students and educators from across the region for the Eradicate Hate Global Summit. The conference included a viewing of the documentary "Repairing the World: Stories from the Tree of Life" and an opportunity to meet with survivors and family members of the 2018 Tree of Life Synagogue shooting. Breakout sessions during the day allowed students to meet with those in other districts to develop ways to promote anti-hate and anti-violence initiatives in their own school communities. Our No Place for Hate group also got to meet and take a photo with former U.S. Rep. Gabby Giffords.

Last Friday we partnered with The Dadliestcast Podcast and North Hills Community Outreach for a toy drive at Alumni Field. Community members were encouraged to donate new, unwrapped toys. All donations collected were taken to North Hills Community Outreach for the Holiday Toy Shop. North Hills Community Outreach provides underprivileged families with new toys and gifts for communities such as Bellevue, Avalon, West View, and Ross Township. Last year, it provided more than 700 families with gifts.

We have a few upcoming events during the month of November. On November 14th, Stop the Judgment Project will hold a candid and interactive discussion on mental health and substance use disorders. Middle/High School students and families can come out to the school to learn more about mental health and substance use disorders. More about this event can be found online and in your email. Also, parent-teacher conference day will be held November 5th. And for any parents interested in joining the Middle/High School PTO, the next meeting is also on November 5th at 6:30 in the MS/HS library. These details have also been emailed to all parents.

And, Dr. Johns recognized a few of our Northgate students. We have two A.W. Beattie students who are taking on leadership positions this year. For SkillsUSA, Anisten Jackson takes on the role as Vice President. For FCCLA, Juliana Shane takes on the role as Secretary.

Also, congratulations to Jamir Purifoy and Morrison Rudy for being selected as 2024-2025 Junior Rotarians. They will represent Rotary International, a worldwide service organization. The candidates were interviewed by members of the North Boroughs Rotary Club. The Junior Rotarian Program at Northgate is coordinated by Mrs. Kelly Winovich.

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

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Kandice Kyles	V Cheerleading Sponsor	\$2,000
Tamecca Minor Kyles	JV Cheerleading Sponsor	\$1,500
Dalaya Ethridge	MS Cheerleading Sponsor	\$1,500

- Approved the following non-athletic supplemental contracts for the 2024-25 school year as stated below:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Vocal Director	Stephanie Muczyk	\$1,500
Co-Play/Musical Director*	Lily Stromberg	\$1,500

*This position will be shared with Jessica Haberman

- Approved a non-athletic supplemental contract for Lily Stromberg as 2nd Assistant Band Director in the amount of \$1,500 for the 2024-25 school year.
- Approved the following position for the 2024-25 school musical:

Choreographer: \$1,500 - Kaitlin Muczyk

- Approved an MOU with The Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Pittsburgh for a mentoring partnership at no cost to the district.
- Approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Carnegie Mellon University (Arts Greenhouse) for after-school programming for the 2024-25 school year at no cost to the District. The term of this agreement may be extended by consent of both parties.

- Approved an agreement with Keystone Education Group / Steel City Academies for their service as an Approved Private School.
- Approved the Transportation Plan between Northgate School District and Butler County Department of Human Services, Office of Children, Youth and Families for transportation procedures to ensure the educational stability of foster care youth to comply with the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) foster care provision.
- Approved the District's participation with a team of four Northgate students and two teachers in the Husky Dog Pound Competition in Bloomsburg, PA March 26 - 27, 2025 at a total cost of \$1,200.
- Approved the Treasurer's Report, ratified the September 2024 Bill List and approved the Tax Refunds.
- Accepted the Northgate Middle/High School Activities and Athletic Accounts for the period ending September 30, 2024.
- Approved a three-year contract extension with NRG/Direct Energy for Natural Gas on the Columbia Gas System with a start date of September 1, 2025. The Contract will have a Basis price of (-\$0.267) cents per Dth. The Contract extension was recommended by the Western Pennsylvania Natural Gas Consortium Committee.
- Approved a twelve-month contract extension with Waste Management, with a start date of October 21, 2024, at a monthly cost of \$2,359.24.
- Approved purchasing and installing a new sound, projection, and lighting system from Runaway Productions at a total cost of \$297,314.46. This purchase is under a PA CoStars Cooperative Contract and will be paid for with budgeted capital project funds.
- Accepted the resignation of Robert Place, full-time custodian, effective October 27, 2024.
- Approved the purchase of two CEIA PD240 Rechargeable Handheld Metal Detector with Wide Search Area at a cost of \$403 each plus tax and shipping.
- Approved a change in the attendance date for the Superintendent to the AASA National Conference on Education (NCE) in New Orleans, LA in March 2025 to include an additional day. There is no additional cost.
- Eliminated the 3 part-time lunch monitor positions at the Middle/High School, which have not been filled, and created a Middle/High School hall monitor position at \$11.00 per hour. This position will be for 3 hours a day and will be effective as soon as a candidate is recommended.

- Approved Monique Barron as a Middle/High School Hall Monitor at \$11 an hour (3 hours per day).
- Approved an Affiliation Agreement for Internship/Practicum, Pre-clinical and Student Teaching/School Nursing Practicum between Millersville University and Northgate School District.
- Accepted the resignation of Colleen Kelly as part-time teacher assistant effective November 26, 2024.
- Approved the hiring Jenna Paulat as a part-time teacher assistant.
- Approved the mailing of the Strategic Plan update at a cost of \$4,500.

The Board approved the following at their October 15, 2024 General Meeting:

- Approved Dr. Chris Caton's attendance at the SAS Institute December 8 - 11, 2024 in Hershey, PA at a cost not to exceed \$1,100.
- Approved the attendance of Emily Angle, Brittney DeFazio, and Dr. Michael Amick at the State PBIS Conference to be held in Harrisburg, PA November 13-15, 2024 at a cost not to exceed \$2,500.
- Approved Lory Hawkins as a full-time Nurse Assistant.
- Approved Jayci Ross as a teacher assistant for extra-curricular activities.