

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

HIGHLIGHTS FROM JANUARY 2025 BOARD MEETING

Special recognition is given to the following Bellevue students:

For participation in the No Place for Hate group Supporting the Duolingo Initiative:

Oscar Bergmann
Aleyna Bowers
Caolan DeHart
Margaret Epton
Sophia Gorsuch
Benjamin Gratner
Annalise Johnston
Alyvia Kalule
Auliyah Kaufmann
Arloe Libstaff
Luke McCue
Levi McKamey
Levi Moore
Maeve Murray-Marcum
Eliza Piccirilli
Sonny Popps
Yoselin Ramos
Kinley Rush
Lennon Russell
Kinsley Scott
Aliza Singer
Violet Watson

For participation in the No Place for Hate group Supporting the Duolingo Initiative and participation in Peer Mentoring:

Elijah Betton
Addison Lott

For participation in Peer Mentoring:

Nyier Bey-Muldrow
Isha Hamadi

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Johns recognized the Board for Board Recognition Month.

Dr. Johns noted that in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Northgate School District faculty and staff spent time volunteering for a number of different community service projects. Staff and Kindness Club members at Bellevue Elementary served lunch and ice cream sundaes to senior citizens at The Lutheran Service Society. Other groups volunteered at Animal Friends, The Avalon Public Library, and The Education Partnership. A special thank you to everyone who took time out of their day to make a difference.

Congratulations to not one, but two Northgate students for placing in the essay contest at the 25th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Breakfast at La Roche University. Anastasia Beridze won first place with an essay focused on the access and cost of prescription drugs. Nadege Elijah Niyonyishu won third place with an essay on how pollution affects everyone but modest-income communities more. The Essay was based on MLK's Letter from a Birmingham Jail. This year's theme was "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

A special shoutout to Northgate's Unified Bocce Team. The 2024-25 season is well underway and has been a success thus far. The team's last home match is next Monday, February 3rd. We encourage everyone to come out and support them.

Congratulations to Alexis Trischler for being chosen as one of Junior Achievement of Western PA's 18 Under Eighteen honorees. 18 Under Eighteen showcases the talents and achievements of 18 of the region's most incredible young people. Alexis was chosen because of the work she does with The Seen Project. The goal of The Seen Project is to help create a safe space for open conversations about mental health. On February 4th, Alexis and the 17 other honorees will be celebrated at Acrisure Stadium for their outstanding work.

Although this was last month, I want to say a big thank you to everyone who helped with the National Honor Society's Toy Drive. Your contributions by either volunteering to collect, wrap or donate a gift brought so much joy to kids in our community. In total, we collected 134 gifts, which were delivered to kids just in time for Christmas!

The Spring Arts Greenhouse programming will be starting up in February. "Make Big Art" is at Suburban for 6th and 7th graders and "Creating Comic Books Part 2" continues the recent program for 7th and 8th graders located at the MS/HS in the art room. Keep an eye out for the registration flyers at the beginning of February.

We need your help raising money for the 8th Grade D.C. Trip! We will be hosting a Pizza Hut Fundraiser on February 4, at the Bellevue location. All you have to do is use the code 'hutgives' either online at checkout or give it to the Team Member taking your order in-store or over the phone. Twenty percent of the total

sales will go toward the 8th Grade D.C. Trip! You can also find this information on our website or social media.

Chris Ursu provided a finance presentation on basic and special education funding and costs.

The Board approved the following items at their January 27, 2025 Board meeting:

- Approved Austin Mitchell as a volunteer Boys' Basketball Coach.
- Accepted the resignation of Chris Lucas as Head Football Coach.
- Approved the following athletic supplemental contracts for the fall season of the 2025-26 school year for football as listed below (Amounts will be adjusted when the new Collective Bargaining Agreement is approved):

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Head Coach	Mark Fratangelo	\$7,000
1st Asst. Coach	Brennan Sefick	\$4,500
V Asst. Coach	Chris Lucas	\$4,000
V Asst. Coach	James Harris	\$3,000
V /JV Asst. Coach	Ryan Long	\$3,000
V/JV Asst. Coach	Dan Sefick	\$3,000
MS Asst. Coach	Anthony Barron	\$3,000
MS Asst. Coach	Rod Weaver	\$3,000

- Approved the following as volunteer football coaches: Lewis Clark; Jeremiah Jackson; Christian Davin; Jackson Reynolds, and Frank E. Camello.
- Approved the following supplemental contracts for the 2024-25 Spring Musical, as listed below:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Pit Orchestra	Jessica Haberman	\$1,500
Sound/Light	Krystle Bates	\$1,500
Set Construction	Jack Gusew	\$1,500
Art Director	Morgan Jessup	\$1,500
Costumes	Betty Jo Largent	\$1,500
Acting/Stage Mgr.	Julianna Burns	\$1,500

- Approved the following non-athletic supplemental contracts effective January 20, 2025 in the prorated amounts as listed below:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
National Honor Society Sponsor	Jen Tusick	\$ 850
AV Coordinator	Adam Burns	\$1,300
Activity Acct. Coordinator	Mike Bichko	\$1,300

- Approved the secondary Course Catalog for the 2025/2026 school year.
- 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>
Kirby Crabbe	Pam Lawrence	\$400
Jacob O'Keefe	Melinda Malsch	\$800

- Approved an agreement with Arts Education Collaborative to do curriculum work at a cost not to exceed \$10,000.
- Approved the November and December Treasurer's Reports, ratified the November and December 2024 Bill Lists and approved the Tax Refunds.
- Accepted the Northgate Middle/High School Activities and Athletic Accounts report for the period ending December 31, 2024.
- Approved the licensing of computer software from AMCA Systems, LLC to facilitate the completion, automated distribution, and electronic filing of IRS Forms 1094-C and 1095-C for the 2024 tax year, at a total cost of \$3,050.
- Approved the following budget transfers:
 - Move \$17,933.97 from account 262430 Repairs Custodial Contingency) to account 262433 (Building Repairs & Maintenance HS).
 - Move \$39,300.00 from account 400430 (Building Improvements) to account 400432 (Building Project Contingency).
- Approved a three-year contract extension with UGI for Natural Gas on the Peoples Gas System with a start date of September 1, 2025, as recommended by the Western Pennsylvania Natural Gas Consortium. The Contract will have a Basis price of (-\$0.50) cents per Dth.
- Approved a request from Center Stage Dance Academy to use Avalon Elementary auditorium for rehearsal and performance on Sunday, April 27, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

- Approved a request from The Dance Floor at Hiland to use the High School auditorium for rehearsal and performance on Friday, May 9, 2025, from 4:00 pm - 9:00 pm and Saturday, May 10, 2025, from 9:30 am - 5:00 pm.
- Approved a continuation of the District's water treatment contract with Chemway for an additional year at \$7,537.
- Approved the purchase of security mapping software from Critical Response Group, Inc. in an amount of \$19,130 to be paid from the Safety Grant.
- Approved the 1st & final reading of the following policies:
 - 610 (rev) - Purchase Subject to Bid/Quotation
 - 611 (rev) - Purchases Budget
- Approved the 2nd and final reading of the following policies:
 - 805 (rev) - Emergency Preparedness & Response
 - 805.1 (rev) - Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies
 - 805.2 (rev) - School Security Personnel
 - 806 (rev) - Child Abuse
 - 904 (rev) - Public Attendance at School Events
 - 909 (rev) - Municipal Government Relations
- Approved Dr. Caroline John's participation in the Global Leadership Program July 7-15, 2025. Cost for participation will be covered by a scholarship through the Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators in partnership with EF Tours. There is no cost to the district.
- Approved the request of teacher # 6 (24-25) for a medical Sabbatical Leave for the second semester of the 2024-25 school year at one-half the teacher's regular salary.
- Approved an Affiliation Agreement for Internship/Practicum, Pre-clinical and Student Teaching between Carlow University and Northgate School District.
- Approved a change in the 2024-25 school calendar for the March 5, 2025 two-hour delay to be moved to February 27, 2025.
- Approved the school calendar for the 2025-2026 school year. The following days are to be Act 80 days: August 19, 20 and October 13, 2025, and January 19, and May 19, 2026.
- Accepted the resignation of Melinda Mangino as elementary lunchroom monitor, with her last day being January 17, 2025.

- Approved the attendance of Dr. Caroline Johns at the PARSS Conference, May 1-2, 2025 in State College, PA at a cost of \$525 for registration plus mileage.
- Accepted the resignation of Dr. Nicole Smith as Secondary Student Services Principal effective February 28, 2025.
- Accepted the resignation of Kelly Langan as part-time Teacher Assistant with her last day being January 31, 2025.
- Approved the hiring of Lindsay Shawley as a full-time Nurse Assistant.
- Approved the hiring of Sharon McNeal as a part-time Teacher Assistant
- Approved Marcia Lynne Carolina as an elementary Substitute Lunchroom Monitor.
- Sarah Decubellis attained tenure.

The Board approved the following at their January 13, 2025 General Meeting:

- Approved Salli Bowman as a long-term substitute secondary Guidance Counselor for the 2nd semester of the 2024-25 school year.
- Approved the hiring of James Harris as a part-time Teacher Assistant effective January 14, 2025.
- Ratified one unpaid day for Teacher Assistant #2 (24-25) for December 18, 2024.
- Approved a change in the 2024-25 school calendar for the elementary evening parent/teacher conferences from March 11 & 12, 2025 to January 22 & 30, 2025.

The Board approved the following at their December 19, 2024 Special Board Meeting:

- Accepted the resignation of Jacob O'Keefe as part-time Teacher Assistant.
- Approved the hiring of Jacob O'Keefe as a full-time elementary Special Education Teacher, Step 1, effective January 2, 2025.
- Approved the hiring of Sara Clunan as a full-time elementary Special Education Teacher, Step 2, effective July 1, 2025.

- Accepted the resignation of Alexa Falvo as a Teacher Assistant effective December 20, 2024.
- Ratified the transfer of Lori Hawkins from Nurse Assistant to part-time Teacher Assistant effective December 3, 2024.
- Approved the use of facility request for Special Olympics to use the Avalon gym on Tuesday evenings for floor hockey, January 7 through February 25, 2025, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.