

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

HIGHLIGHTS FROM MARCH 2025 BOARD MEETING

Special recognition was given to the following Avalon Elementary Students:

Camryn Anthony - Leadership
Norah Benson-Cypher - Role Model
Callen Crawford - Role Model
Maeve Crawford - Leadership
Jaxon George - Leadership
Aubree Grimm - Leadership
Larry Grimm - Hardworker
Cole Hilliard - Leadership
Elizabeth Juracko - Leadership
Zachary Long - Outstanding Future Chef
Ishmael Martin - Outstanding Growth
Elijah Mitchell - Leadership
Camryn Ostrowski - Leadership
Emerson Perkins - Leadership
Persephone Seth - Leadership
Gabriel Stratemier - Leadership
Callen Sweeney - Outstanding Performance
Isabella Waller - Leadership
Kyle Wellington - Improved Attendance

The Board recognized Women's History Month.

Student Council Report: Caleb Gratner, Student Council Representative, provided a student council report. He mentioned they held a Valentine's Day Dance, and that next year they are considering changing it to a Spring Dance. He mentioned they held fundraisers. Caleb also noted members attended the Region B conference. They are working to renovate the hillside at the Middle/High School. He also mentioned they are working on organizational improvement within the Student Council and they updated their council meeting attendance policy.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Johns provided a Superintendent's Report, including that Northgate is one of 13 school districts in the Pittsburgh area that will host the League of Innovative Schools Spring 2025 Convening. The League of Innovative Schools is a national network of forward-thinking school districts organized by Digital Promise, a global nonprofit working at the intersection of research, technology, and practice to accelerate innovation in education and shape the future of learning. Northgate will be a host site Thursday, March 27.

Five elementary school students participated in the annual “Future Chef” competition this month at the Middle/High School. Students first had to submit recipes for a contest that showcased their healthy cooking skills. Five finalists were then chosen to make their dishes with the help of food service staff. The winners were chosen by two local chef judges. Bella Weiser prepared the winning dish, “Egg Roll in a Bowl.” The other talented finalists included Nicole Cupps, Zachary Long, Micaiah George and Clover White.

This past month, Northgate had the honor of presenting alongside AIU3 and Remake Learning at the National Conference on Education. Our team showcased innovative projects and shared insights with educators and leaders from across the country. It was an incredible opportunity to collaborate, learn and highlight the amazing work happening at Northgate.

Northgate High School Musical presents *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*! Show dates are April 10, 11 and 12. Tickets are on sale now. More information can be found on our website and Facebook.

Northgate Odyssey had a successful time at the Western PA Regional Odyssey of the Mind Tournament. Primary teams created skits about the Seven Wonders of the World, while Avalon’s 3rd grade team tackled the vehicle problem and their 4th-5th grade team earned 6th place in the theater problem. Bellevue’s 5th grade team overcame challenges in the structure problem to earn 3rd place and an invitation to the State Finals, along with an OMer Award for perseverance.

Congratulations to our boys’ basketball team for making it all the way to the quarterfinals in the PIAA state playoffs. We are so proud of their hard work and success.

Congratulations to the 13 Northgate-Avonworth swimmers who competed in the PIAA 2A Swimming Championships at Bucknell University. The team took home seven medals.

Congratulations to Bellevue’s very own Annalise Johnston for being awarded the prestigious Carson Scholar Fund award. The Carson Scholar Fund honors students who demonstrate outstanding academic achievement, strong character, and a commitment to serving our community. As a winner, Annalise has earned a \$1,000 college scholarship, which will help support her future educational goals.

At the end of February, district leaders and staff attended a 2-hour delay, professional development, designed to center our kids around the idea of Martin Luther King Jr’s beloved community. The No Place for Hate student group facilitated the professional development, creating space for the entire Northgate school community to engage in dialogue around how the collective participants can work together to build a more beloved community.

Registration for Northgate's summer camps is now open. Camps offered include Northgate's Half-Day Summer STEAM Camp, BotsIQ and the Greenhouse Summer Camp. Links can be found on our website.

United Way provided a Champion School District Banner to the District for becoming a Champion School District

Dr. Amick and Dr. Peacock provided presentations on Elementary PASS Data and Student Attendance and Tardies and incentives for being on time.

The Board approved the following items at their March 24, 2025 Board meeting:

- Approved Scott Stiteler and Jacob O'Keefe as volunteer baseball coaches.
- Approved \$500 to be paid to Bellevue Borough for the maintenance of Bellevue Memorial Park for use by the Northgate baseball team. Payment will be made upon receipt of the purchase of supplies.
- Approved a change in the supplemental stipend for the Entrepreneurship Club sponsorship from the amount of \$3,500, which was approved in August 2024, to \$7,000 for the 2024-25 school year, to be paid from the District's Startable Grant from Innovation Works. (\$3,500 for fall & \$3,500 for spring)
- Approved an agreement with The Behavioral Institute for March 1 to June 30, 2025 for consultant services. Cost will be based on the structure fee in the contract.
- Approved the February Treasurer's Report and ratified the February 2025 Bill List.
- Approved the purchase of a wall wrap from Novum Designs in the amount of \$3,469.52 for Bellevue Elementary School.
- Approved the following budget transfers:
 - Move \$137 from account 227116 (Professional Development BES) to account 110621 (Supplies BES Contingency)
 - Move \$250 from account 238305 (Inservice BES Principal) to account 110621 (Supplies BES Contingency)
 - Move \$300 from account 238512 (Travel BES Principal) to account 110621 (Supplies BES Contingency)
 - Move \$968.12 from account 238603 (BES Principal Supplies) to account 110621 (Supplies BES Contingency)
 - Move \$1,814.88 from account 238609 (BES Principal Supplies Contingency) to account 110621 (Supplies BES Contingency)

- Approved the Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU3) Lease Agreements for two classrooms (Head Start and Pre-K) at Bellevue Elementary for the 2025-26 school year.
- Approved a salary adjustment for Dr. Michael Amick, Principal, to \$120,000 effective July 1, 2025.
- Approved the proposed 2025-2026 Allegheny Intermediate Unit Program of Services budget in the amount of \$2,361,050. The Allegheny County (AIU3) school districts' total contribution to the budget is \$1,984,536. The Northgate School District contribution to the Program of Services budget is estimated to be \$14,704 and will be determined by PDE according to District Aid Ratio and Weighted Average Daily membership (WADM).
- Approved Eileen Malette, Melinda Malsch, Samantha Schuetz and Josh McFall as Extended School Year (ESY) Teachers during the summer of 2025.
- Approved Malla Mizikowski as Extended School Year (ESY) Nurse, during the summer of 2025.
- Approved Krista Black as Extended School Year (ESY) Behavioral Specialist during the summer of 2025.
- Approved Abby Anderson as Extended School Year (ESY) Reading Specialist during the summer of 2025.
- Approved Pilar Lojacono, Elizabeth Entz, Lianna Orellana, Amanda McNeal, Amy Noble, Valerie Cupps, Lynn Bonnett, Sheila Braxton, Patty Bowen, and Sharon McNeal as Extended School Year (ESY) Teacher Assistants for the summer of 2025.
- Approved Katie Anderson and Katie Caldwell as substitutes for the summer of 2025 ESY Program.
- Renewed an agreement with KeySolution for contracted psychoeducational evaluation services at a rate of \$650 per special education evaluation/gifted evaluation.
- Accepted the retirement resignation of Pamela Auth as math teacher at the Middle/High School effective June 9, 2025.

The Board approved the following at their March 10, 2025 General Meeting:

- Approved an agreement with employee #7 (24-25).