

**NORTHGATE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING AGENDA
Monday, April 28, 2025 - 6:30 p.m.
Administrative Center Boardroom**

- I. EXECUTIVE SESSION - 5:30 p.m. (Personnel, Negotiations & Student Settlement)**
- II. WELCOME, ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 10, 2025 COMMITTEE MEETINGS & GENERAL MEETING, AND THE MARCH 24, 2025 REGULAR BOARD MEETING**
- IV. SPECIAL RECOGNITION - Mrs. Patalano**

Special recognition is given to the following Bellevue Elementary and Avalon Elementary students for their work on the elementary musical:

Bellevue - 6th Grade

Ciara DeFlorimonte
Benjamin Gratner
Addison Lott
Annalise Mehlo
Kinley Rush
Lennon Russell
Violet Watson

Bellevue - 4th Grade

Kendyl Burka
Asuntina Gottron
Janelle Herzog
Dominic McAfee
Lauren Reese
Jalaya Schink
Polly Secich
Dylan Wickline

Bellevue - 5th Grade

Alaia Brooks
Arhea Collins
Abby Epton
Maggie Epton
Lilliana Figley
Donovan Gannon
Mera Garso
Annalise Johnston
Arloe Libstaff
Naomi McKivigan
Maeve Murray-Marcum
Eliza Piccirilli
Emerson Rothman
Olivia Wallace

Avalon - 6th Grade

Braden Brooks
Gianna Easler
Jonah Mosley

Avalon - 5th Grade

Armani Barnes
Nicole Cupps
Josephine Skinner

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V. STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT - Student Council Representative

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Dr. Johns

VII. VISITORS' COMMENTARY (Visitors: Please state your name and municipality; please limit your remarks to three (3) minutes or less. Please summarize your comments during this Visitors' Commentary time. Once the Board begins the "Items for Action" part of the Agenda, only comments sought by the Board will be recognized.)

VIII. TREASURER'S REPORT - March 2025 - Addendum I - Mrs. Robinson Motion

IX. ITEMS FOR ACTION

A. STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE - Mrs. Lee

1. Volunteer Coach Motion

It is recommended the Board approve Laurel McMahon as a volunteer swimming coach.

2. Co-op MOU Nazareth Prep Motion

It is recommended the Board approve an MOU with Nazareth Prep for a two-year (2025-26 & 2026-27) co-op agreement for girls' basketball, pending review of agreement by the Superintendent and Solicitor.

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3. Supplemental Resignation Motion

It is recommended the Board accept the resignation of Deon Daniels as boys' basketball coach.

4. MOU with Robert Morris Motion

It is recommended the Board approve the renewal of an MOU with Robert Morris University (RMU) to offer college in high school enrollment courses for the 2025-26 school year, contingent upon review of agreement by the Solicitor.

5. Horticulture Intern Motion

It is recommended that the Board approve Kane Williams, a 12th-grade Northgate student, to intern with Ms. Ash Emmrich of Arts Greenhouse as a paid Horticulture Intern to be paid retroactively with a start date of April 22, 2025, at a rate of \$10 an hour and not to exceed a total of 220 credit hours. This will be paid through our Moonshot Grant. There is no cost to the District.

6. Magic School AI Motion

It is recommended the Board approve Magic School AI for an annual cost of \$6,000.

B. DISTRICT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE - Mrs. Robinson

1. Bill List Motion

It is recommended the Board ratify the March 2025 Bill List found in Addendum II.

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2. Student Activities & Athletics Acct. Signer Motion

It is recommended that the Board approve Mr. Michael Bichko, in his role as Student Activities and Athletics Account Coordinator, as an authorized signer for activities and athletics checks. Additionally, it is recommended that the Board approve Dr. Nancy Bowman as a second authorized signer. Both signatures will be required on all checks.

3. Activities Report Motion

It is recommended the Board approve the Activities & Athletic Accounts report for the quarter ending March 31, 2025. See Addendum III.

4. CSIU Motion

It is recommended that the Board approve renewal of the District's agreement with CSIU for the use of its web-based financial information system applications. The estimated cost is \$16,954.05 for 2025-26, broken down by application as follows:

Assets Inventory: \$1,900.00
Fund Accounting: \$5,729.00
Human Resources: \$3,134.25
Payroll: \$6,190.80

5. Real Estate Assessment Appeals Program Motion

It is recommended that the Board approve the continuation of the District's Residential and Commercial Property Appeals Program for the 2026 tax year. This approval will authorize Andrews & Price to file appeals of 2026 tax assessments before October 1, 2025. This action is necessitated by a new Allegheny County ordinance that has changed the appeals deadline to October 1 in the prior year, rather than March 31 of the appeal year.

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6. Use of Facility Request - JP Gallery

Motion

It is recommended the Board approve the request from JP Gallery for Performing Arts to use Avalon Elementary auditorium for a performance on Saturday, June 7, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. contingent upon proof of proper insurance coverage and a mutual hold harmless agreement. Applicable fees apply to this request.

7. Full-Time Custodian

Motion

It is recommended the Board approve the hiring of Nolan Duncan as a full-time custodian, as recommended by the Superintendent.

8. Unpaid Days Custodian

Motion

It is recommended that the Board approve the request for custodian #1 (24-25) for six unpaid days for the following dates: April 30, May 3, 10, 16, 17, and June 6, 2025.

9. FSN

Motion

It is recommended the Board approve a contract with Full Service network for a 200 megabit per second load balancing internet connection and a block of five static ip addresses at an initial cost of \$74 for setup and an ongoing cost of \$88 per month.

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C. POLICIES

1. 1st Reading Motion

It is recommended the Board approve the first reading of the following policies:

249 - Bullying/Cyberbullying

807 - Opening Exercises / Moment of Silence / Flag Displays

D. ADMINISTRATION - Dr. Johns

1. Director of Finance & Operations Motion

It is recommended the Board approve to renew an agreement with Christopher Ursu, Director of Finance & Operations, to be effective July 1, 2025 for 5 years (July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2030) as submitted.

2. ESY Teacher Assistant Motion

It is recommended the Board approve Susan Passaro as an Extended School Year (ESY) Teacher Assistant for the summer of 2025, as recommended by the Superintendent.

3. ESY Teacher Assistant Camp AIM Motion

It is recommended the Board approve Valerie Cupps as Extended School Year Teacher Assistant during the summer of 2025 for Camp AIM ESY, as recommended by the Superintendent.

4. Teacher Retirement Motion

It is recommended the Board accept the retirement resignation of Lisa Auth as elementary teacher at Avalon Elementary School effective June 13, 2025.

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5. AIU Sponsor to Sponsor Motion

It is recommended the Board approve the Sponsor to Sponsor Agreement with Sodexo which allows for the District's food service management to provide meals to the AIU for Head Start and Pre-K.

6. AIU Technology Motion

It is recommended the Board approve to renew an agreement with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU) to provide district technology services effective July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2028. Cost includes an annual increase of 3%. Approval of agreement is pending review by the Superintendent and the Solicitor.

Year 1: \$108,665

Year 2: \$111,925

Year 3: \$115,283

7. AIU Agreement Federal Programs Motion

It is recommended the Board approve an agreement with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU) for its coordination of all Federal Programs, including Title I, II, III, IV and multiple ESSER grants, at a cost \$90 per hour with an estimate being 85.5 hours per academic year. Service will commence July 1, 2025 and expire June 30, 2028. Approval of agreement is pending review by the Superintendent and Solicitor.

8. Teacher Assistant Resignation Motion

It is recommended the Board accept the resignation of Rhakya Hipps as part-time Teacher Assistant.

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X. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- A. A.W. BEATTIE CAREER CENTER REPORT** - Mrs. Lee / Dr. Bilski

- B. FOOD SERVICE/WELLNESS COMMITTEE REPORT** - Mrs. Pollanen

- C. SOCIAL EQUITY COMMITTEE REPORT** - Mrs. Lee

- D. LEGISLATIVE REPORT** - Mr. Rajakovic

XI. OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

- XII. VISITORS' COMMENTARY** (Subject to time limitation or postponement at the board's discretion.) (Visitors: Please state your name and municipality; please limit your remarks to two (2) minutes or less. Please summarize your comments during this Visitors' Commentary time.)

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XIII. DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, May 12, 2025	5:30 p.m.	Student Affairs Committee Administrative Center Boardroom
Monday, May 12, 2025	7:00 p.m.	Business Operations Committee Administrative Center Boardroom (& General Mtg., if needed)
Wed., May 14, 2025	7:00 p.m. H.S. Auditorium	MS/HS Band Concert
Tuesday, May 20, 2025	-----	No School - Staff Only (Inservice)
Thursday, May 22, 2025	4:30 p.m. Middle/High School	Student Showcase of Excellence (incl. elementary band concert)
Saturday, May 24, 2025	-----	Kennywood
Monday, May 26, 2025	-----	No School - Memorial Day
Tuesday, May 27, 2025	6:30 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting Administrative Center Boardroom

XIV. ADJOURNMENT