

**NORTHGATE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING AGENDA
Tuesday, May 27, 2025 - 6:30 p.m.
Administrative Center Boardroom**

- I. WELCOME, ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 7, 2025 COMMITTEE MEETINGS & GENERAL MEETING, AND THE APRIL 28, 2025 REGULAR BOARD MEETING**
- III. SPECIAL RECOGNITION - Mrs. Patalano**

Special recognition is given to the following Odyssey of the Mind students from Bellevue Elementary for advancing to the State Finals:

Isabella Benner	Abby Epton	Axel Sloane
Oscar Bergmann	Maggie Epton	

Special recognition is given to Caleb Gratner as Student Council Representative to the Board for the 2023-24 and 2024-25 school years.

Special recognition is given to the following students for their participation in the Middle/High School Musical - *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*:

Taylor Baldauff	Eliot Harold	Mackenzie Reed
Malia Benny	Kaylee Hunt	Victoria Rice
Alyx Bohn	Ian Jackson	Janelle Rickman
Emmalee Borland	Deven Kapoor	Morrison Rudy
Caleb Brandt	Annabelle Kemerer	Evan Russell
Stella Brandt	Madeline Kemerer	Zoe Russell
Colette DeHart	Asher Lardo	Liam Schubert
Addison Dixon	Braden Largent	Quinn Schubert
Hannah Epton	Kylie Michalski	Lenora Secich
Josie Fahrenhold	Reagan Michalski	Jeanelle Stiteler
Zachary Fleckenstein	Sophia Nash	Ryleigh Stone
Cayla Galbreath	Connor Patterson	Abby Straub
Morgan Gannon	Kaitlyn Patterson	Brody Straub
Caitlyn Garvin	Arelyn Perksin	Tessa Uccellini
Harper Geibel	Adam Porterfield	Abigail Wanat
Ayriana George	William Porterfield	Calvin Watson
Zaiden George	Olivia Rajakovic	Lily White
Emma Gratner	Grayson Rectenwald	Carrie Wynn
Liayla Groetzinger	Nathaniel Rectenwald	

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IV. STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT - Student Council Representative

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Dr. Johns

Technology Presentation - AIU3

VI. 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.)

VII. TREASURER'S REPORT - April 2025 - Addendum I - Mrs. Robinson Motion

VIII. ITEMS FOR ACTION

A. STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE - Mrs. Lee

1. Athletic Supplemental Resignations Motion

It is recommended the Board accept the following supplemental resignations:

Brandon Hogle as Head Baseball Coach

Rob Abramowicz as Head Softball Coach

Maddie Abramowicz as 1st Assistant Softball Coach

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2. Band / Bandfront Supplementals

Motion

It is recommended that the Board approve a supplemental contract for Jessica Haberman as Band Director for the 2025-26 school year in the amount of \$5,500. It is further recommended the Board approve a supplemental contract for Ashley McPaul as Bandfront Sponsor for the 2025-26 school year in the amount of \$2,500. (Amounts will be adjusted when the new Collective Bargaining Agreement is approved.)

3. 1st Assistant Band Director

Motion

It is recommended the Board approve a supplemental contract for Quinten Harkness as 1st Assistant Band Director in the amount of \$2,000 for the 2025-26 school year. (Amount will be adjusted when the new Collective Bargaining Agreement is approved.)

4. Waterfront Learning

Motion

It is recommended the Board approve the standard annual partnership agreement with Waterfront Learning. This establishes costs and procedures for the year. This comes at no cost unless the district contracts services.

5. School-Based ACCESS

Motion

It is recommended the Board approve the Addendum to Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU) Comprehensive Services Agreement - 2025-26 for the AIU to provide support and assistance to the District in seeking reimbursement under Pennsylvania's School-Based ACCESS Program at an annual fee of \$5,000.

B. DISTRICT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE - Mrs. Robinson

1. Bill List

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

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2. Depositories

Motion

Section 621 of the Pennsylvania School Code requires, during the month of May, the Board of School Directors designate depositories for the forthcoming school year. It is recommended that the Board of School Directors designate the following multiple depositories for the fiscal year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. [Citizens Bank; Huntington Bank; PA Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT); PA School District Liquid Asset Fund (PSDLAF); PNC Bank].

3. Surety Bonds

Motion

It is recommended the Board approve renewal of the following bonds: School Board Secretary's Bond, 7/1/25 to 6/30/26 - \$100; Treasurer's Bond, 4/21/25 to 4/21/26, \$100; Activities Account Coordinator's Bond, 8/16/25 to 8/15/26, \$100.

4. Student Insurance

Motion

a. Athletic

It is recommended that the Board approve United States Fire Insurance Company, an AIG insurance company, Plan AAA, to provide coverage to students while participating in interscholastic athletic programs, band, cheerleading, and/or school-sponsored activities at an estimated cost of \$9,950 for the 2025-26 school year.

b. Voluntary Student Insurance

It is recommended that the Board approve United States Fire Insurance Company to provide voluntary student insurance for 2025-26 at no additional cost.

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5. Board Treasurer

Motion

Section 404 of the Pennsylvania School Code requires that the Board elect a Treasurer for the period of one (1) year. It is recommended that _____ serve as Treasurer for the 2025-26 school year (July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026). Arrangements for securing the necessary bond for the Treasurer will be made by the Administration.

6. Proposed Final General Fund Budget

Motion

It is recommended the Board approve the Proposed Final General Fund Budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year in the amount of \$30,826,011 and place the budget on public display. The millage rate, for Proposed Final Budget purposes only, is set tentatively at 29.8584 mils. The Board will continue to review the Budget Plan in preparation for the final adoption of the budget scheduled for Monday, June 23, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the Northgate Administrative Center Boardroom. Members of the public will be able to access the budget beginning Friday, May 30, 2025, by going to the District website (www.northgatesd.net), selecting "Budget", and then selecting "Budget Information". It will also be available for public inspection in the Administrative Center and each of the school building offices from 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM Monday through Friday beginning Friday, May 30, 2025.

7. MRO Position

Motion

It is recommended that the Board approve the continuation of Clayton Berwick to assist the Facility Manager on an as-needed basis outside of the normal teacher work day at the current teacher contract coverage rate for the 2025-26 school year. Hours and work to be assigned by the Facility Manager.

8. Pest Management Agreements

Motion

It is recommended the Board approve a one-year agreement for pest management services at Avalon Elementary for \$1,082.88, Bellevue Elementary for \$1,082.88, Northgate High School for \$1,186.56.

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9. Summer Custodial Help

Motion

It is recommended the Board approve Sylvan Patalano as student summer custodial help at \$10 per hour.

10. Summer Custodial Help

Motion

It is recommended the Board approve AnnaJean Patalano as summer custodial help at \$10 per hour, as recommended by the Superintendent, contingent upon submission of acceptable clearances.

11. High School Painting

Motion

It is recommended the Board approve a proposal from Clark Contractors, Inc., as per KPN JOC Cooperative Contract, for specified high school stairwell painting projects in the amount of \$91,739.03.

12. Cafeteria HVAC Project - Avalon

Motion

It is recommended that the Board approve a proposal from Gunning, Inc. under PA CoStars Cooperative Contract No. 008-E23-1151 for the replacement of Uni-Vents and Condensing Units in the Avalon Cafeteria, for \$70,600.00 to be paid from the 2025-26 capital projects budget.

13. Summer Technology Help

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It is recommended the board approve Nathan Gratner as student summer technology help at \$10 per hour.

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C. FOOD SERVICE COMMITTEE - Mrs. Pollanen

1. Food Service Motion

It is recommended that the Board renew its agreement with Sodexo Management, Inc. for one year starting July 1, 2025. The agreement may be renewed by mutual agreement of both parties for up to four additional one-year periods beyond the initial year of the agreement, which was the 2023-24 school year.

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

1. A.W. Beattie Career Center Budget Motion

It is recommended the Board approve the proposed A.W. Beattie Career Center 2025-26 Budget, as approved by A.W. Beattie Career Center Joint Operating Committee on April 24, 2025, in the amount of \$12,007,075.

E. POLICIES

1. 2nd & Final Reading Motion

It is recommended the Board approve the second and final reading of the following policies:

249 (rev) - Bullying/Cyberbullying

807 (rev) - Opening Exercises / Moment of Silence / Flag Displays

2. 1st Reading Motion

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

113.1 (rev) - Discipline of Students with Disabilities

113.2 (rev) - Behavior Support

202 (rev) - Eligibility of Nonresident Students

236.1 (rev) - Threat Assessment

254 (rev) - Educational Opportunity for Military Children

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F. ADMINISTRATION - Dr. Johns

1. AIU Educational Services Agreement Motion

It is recommended the Board approve an Educational Services Agreement with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU) to provide special education services to students assigned by the District for the 2025-26 school year.

2. MOU with Police Motion

It is recommended the Board approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between and among the Avalon Police Department, the Bellevue Police Department and the Northgate School District that supports district-police collaboration and includes a general outline of roles and responsibilities.

3. Board Secretary Motion

Section 404 of the Pennsylvania School Code requires that the School Directors shall elect a secretary every four (4) years for a four (4)-year term. The election is to be held in May with the term beginning the first day of July. It is recommended the Board elect to continue the services of Laureen Dowd as Secretary for the Board of School Directors for a term commencing July 1, 2025 until June 30, 2029. Appropriate arrangements for bond will be made.

4. Teacher Assistant Motion

It is recommended the Board approve the hiring of Amanda Cheatham as part-time Teacher Assistant, as recommended by the Superintendent, contingent upon submission of acceptable clearances.

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5. Teacher Assistants ESY

Motion

It is recommended the Board approve Jacob O’Keefe, Max Mazzotta, Amanda Cheatham, and James Harris as Extended School Year (ESY) Teacher Assistants for the summer of 2025, as recommended by the Superintendent, contingent upon submission of acceptable clearances.

6. Teacher Hire

Motion

It is recommended the Board approve the hiring of Molly Lipovsky Rossetti as an elementary teacher at Avalon Elementary beginning the 2025-26 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent, at Step 7, pending updated certification.

7. Student Assistant Program (SAP) Provider

Motion

It is recommended the Board approve to renew an agreement with Allegheny Children’s Initiative to be the Student Assistance Program (SAP) provider for the District for the 2025-26 school year at no cost to the District.

8. Title III MOU 2025-26

Motion

It is recommended the Board approve an MOU with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU) for Title III ESL services.

9. Vector Solutions

Motion

It is recommended the Board approve the purchase of Vector Solutions to access online training modules at a cost of \$9,717.80 for the first year effective July 1, 2025.

10. AIU MOU

Motion

It is recommended the Board approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU) Head Start and Pre-K Counts Programs, in participation with the Trying Together and United Way, to support best practices in transition to kindergarten. This MOU fulfills the Hi5! requirements for kindergarten transition. Effective January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025.

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11. Precision HR

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It is recommended the Board approve a one-year renewal contract with Precision HR Solutions, Inc. to provide substitute nurses and substitute custodians to the Northgate School District effective July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026, with an option to extend 2 additional years, at an hourly cost to the district of \$34 for substitute nurses and \$25 for substitute custodians.

IX. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

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

B. LEGISLATIVE REPORT - Mr. Rajakovic

X. OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

1. PSBA Voting Delegates

Motion

It is recommended that the Board appoint _____ and _____ as Northgate's two voting delegates to the Tuesday, October 21, 2025, PSBA Delegate Assembly.

2. School Leadership Conference

Motion

It is recommended the Board approve the attendance of any interested Board Member at the PASA-PSBA School Leadership Conference in the Poconos, PA, October 19-21, 2025.

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- XI. 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.)

XII. DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, June 5, 2025	-----	Last Day for Seniors
Thursday, June 5, 2025	7:00 p.m. Alumni Field	H.S. Commencement
Friday, June 6, 2025	-----	Last Day for Students
Monday, June 9, 2025	-----	Last Day for Teachers - Staff Only (In-service)
Monday, June 9, 2025	5:30 p.m. Administrative Center Boardroom	Student Affairs Committee
Monday, June 9, 2025	7:00 p.m. Administrative Center Boardroom	District Operations Committee (& General Mtg., if needed)
Monday, June 23, 2025	6:30 p.m. Administrative Center Boardroom	Regular Board Meeting

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION - (negotiations)