

**NORTHGATE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING AGENDA
Monday, January 26, 2026 - 6:30 p.m.
Administrative Center Boardroom**

Our Vision: Students First and Foremost

Our Mission: The Northgate School District provides a challenging academic program that prepares students to value learning, think critically and creatively and embrace diverse viewpoints. With a focus on developing the whole child, the district provides experiences that encourage the development of empathy, integrity and resilience to prepare all students to meet with success.

I. WELCOME, ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 10, 2025 COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND GENERAL MEETING, THE NOVEMBER 24, 2025 REGULAR BOARD MEETING, AND THE DECEMBER 2, 2025 BOARD REORGANIZATION MEETING

III. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Special recognition is given to the following students who participated in the elementary musical:

Armani Barnes	Mera Garso	Eliza Piccirilli
Isabella Benner	Oliver Gore	Lincoln Rice
Oscar Bergmann	Asuntina Gottron	Emerson Rothman
Jonathan Bogdewic	Cole Hilliard	Jalaya Schink
Marcellus Bonner	Elodie Holmes	Polly Secich
Alaia Brooks	Annalise Johnston	Persephone Seth
Arhea Collins	Ezra Jones	Josephine Skinner
Nicole Cupps	Ivan Kirk	Gabe Stratemier
Archimedes Do	Sofia Lambert	Amelia Thompson
Abby Epton	Owen Lott	Dylan Wickline
Maggie Epton	Dominic McAfee	Hazel Zacharias-Graham
Elliot Garso	Maeve Murray-Marcum	
Maggie Garso	Annalycia Oukaci	

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IV. STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT - Student Council Representatives

V. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT - Dr. Johns

School Board Recognition Month

The Isha Project Presentation

Secondary Schedule Presentation

2024-2025 Local Audit Report - Myers, Patsy & Assoc - Mr. Chris Ursu

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 REPORTS - November 2025- Addendum I - Mr. Rajakovic Motion
December 2025 - Addendum II

VIII. ITEMS FOR ACTION

A. DISTRICT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE - Mr. Rajakovic

1. Bill Lists Motion

Ratify the November and December 2025 Bill Lists found in Addendum III.

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2. Activities/Athletic Accounts

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Accept the Northgate Middle/High School Activities and Athletic Accounts report for the period ending December 31, 2025. See Addendum IV.

3. Act 1 Resolution

Motion

Adopt an opt-out resolution (01-26-01) stating that the District will not raise the rate of any tax by more than its Adjusted Act 1 Index of 4.5 %. See Addendum V.

4. AMCA

Motion

Approve 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 2025 tax year, at a total cost of \$3,050, which is the same as the prior year amount.

5. Audit Approval

Motion

Accept the District's financial audit report for the year ended June 30, 2025, prepared by Myers, Patsy & Associates.

6. Appointment of Real Estate Tax Collector

Motion

Approve Resolution 01-26-02 appointing Emily Carter as tax collector for Northgate School District for Avalon properties until December 31, 2027, and approving Jordan Tax Service, Inc. as Deputy Tax Collector for Northgate. This is due to a vacancy in the position as no one was elected at the last municipal election. See Addendum VI.

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7. Resolution for Ready to Learn Block Grant Motion

Adopt a resolution declaring the District's intent to receive and use available funds from the 2025-2026 Ready to Learn Block Grant Tax Equity Supplement pursuant to Act 55 of 2024 and Section 2599.6 of the Pennsylvania School Code. Northgate will receive \$110,892.32 and will use the funds to mitigate or prevent an increase in the real estate tax millage rate levied by the School District, which is an enumerated purpose of the Act. See Addendum VII.

8. Chemway Water Treatment Motion

Approve the continuation of the District's water treatment contract with Chemway for an additional year at a cost of \$7,915.00.

9. TruGreen Motion

Approve TruGreen Commercial to provide grounds care services at \$6,046.41, including fertilizer, weed controls, vegetation control treatments, fall aeration, and overseeding at Alumni Stadium, and vegetation control at Avalon Elementary and the High School.

10. Furniture Purchase Motion

Approve the purchase of 10 new mobile folding cafeteria tables for the Avalon Elementary School Cafeteria from School Outfitters at a cost of \$18,137.93 under the BuyBoard Cooperative Contract #767-26.

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B. STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE - Mrs. MacDonald

1. Supplemental Motion

Approve the following supplemental contract for the spring season of the 2025-26 school year as shown below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Joseph Sciulli	1st Asst. Baseball Coach	\$3,360
Francesca Lindelow	8 Grd. Volleyball Coach	\$2,240
Rhen Basil	7 Grd. Volleyball Coach	\$2,240
Deanna Caldwell	V. Softball Coach	\$5,040
Alyssa Guzzie	V. Softball Asst. Coach	\$3,360
Jacob O'Keefe	Asst. Coach Baseball	\$2,800
Terry Benson	1st Asst. Coach Swim	\$3,920

2. Resignation Motion

Accept the supplemental resignation of Anthony Barron as assistant football coach and assistant baseball coach effective immediately.

3. Volunteer Coaches Motion

Approve Scott Stiteler and Tom Laraia as volunteer Baseball Coaches.

4. Supplemental Motion

Approve a supplemental contract for Jeanne-Marie Hannan as Art & Gardening Club sponsor for the second semester of the 2025-26 school year in the amount of \$868.

5. Mentor Teacher Motion

Approve the following staff member to serve as a mentor teacher during the second semester of the 2025-26 school year school year as listed below:

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<u>Inductee</u>	<u>Mentor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Jeanne-Marie Burdette (long term art teacher sub)	Jason Clarkson	\$400

C. POLICIES - Mr. Rajakovic

1. Policies Motion

Approve the 1st reading of the following policies:

102 (rev) - Academic Standards
105 (rev) - Curriculum
122.1 (new) - Nonschool-sponsored Student Groups
123 (rev) - Interscholastic Athletics
209.2 (rev) - Diabetes Management

D. ADMINISTRATION - Dr. Johns

1. Kennywood Motion

Approve Saturday, May 23, 2026, as the official date for the Annual School Community Picnic at Kennywood Park.

2. Teacher Assistants Motion

Approve the hiring of Kirsten Russell and Erika McAfee as part-time Teacher Assistants, as recommended by the Superintendent, contingent upon the submission of acceptable clearances.

3. Resignation Motion

Accept the resignation of Stephen Thompkins as part-time Teacher Assistant effective 1/26/2026.

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4. PARSS Conference

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Approve the attendance of Dr. Caroline Johns at the PARSS Conference, April 29 to May 1, 2026 in State College, PA at a cost not to exceed \$715 for registration, hotel and meals.

5. Calendar - 2026-2027

Motion

Approve the school calendar for the 2026-2027 school year as found in Addendum VIII. The following days are to be Act 80 days: August 18, 19 and October 12, 2026, and January 18, and May 18, and June 8 and 9, 2027.

6. Personally Poland Education Seminar

Motion

Approve the Superintendent's participation in the "Personally Poland Education Seminar" offered through Classrooms Without Borders on June 21 through 29, 2026. Total cost is \$2,100 with Dr. Johns paying \$500 and the district paying \$1,600.

7. PAIU Conference

Motion

Approve Sgt. Hudson's attendance at the PAIU statewide School Safety and Security Conference March 12 & 13, 2026 in State College, PA at a cost of \$850 plus meals.

8. PASA Leadership Forum

Motion

Approve the attendance of Dr. Caroline Johns at the PASA Leadership Forum, March 18 through March 20, 2026, in State College, PA at a cost not to exceed \$850 for registration, travel and meals.

9. AHN/Suburban Lease Agreement

Motion

Approve a one-year lease extension for \$1 between Northgate School District and Allegheny Health Network for the 7th floor space in Suburban.

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10. Superintendent's Contract

Motion

Approve a new contract between the Northgate School District and Dr. Caroline Johns for a five (5) year term, commencing July 1, 2026 at a starting salary of \$194,000.

IX. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

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

B. LEGISLATIVE REPORT - Mr. Rajakovic

C. SUPERINTENDENT - Tenure

The following teacher has attained Professional Employee Status as certified by the Superintendent to the Board Secretary, and this certification shall be recorded in the official minutes of this meeting:

Andrea Malm

X. OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

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.)

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XII. DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2026	4:00 p.m.	Elem. Parent Teacher Conf. Night
Thursday, Feb. 5, 2026	4:00 p.m.	MS/HS Parent Teacher Conf. Night
Monday, Feb. 9, 2026	5:30 p.m.	District Operations Committee Administrative Center Boardroom
Monday, Feb. 9, 2026	7:00 p.m.	Student Affairs Meeting Administrative Center Boardroom (& General Mtg., if needed)
Monday, Feb. 16, 2026	-----	No School - Presidents Day
Monday, Feb. 23, 2026	5:30 p.m.	Board Work Session Administrative Center Boardroom
Monday, Feb. 23, 2026	6:30 p.m.	Regular Board Meeting Administrative Center Boardroom

XIII. ADJOURNMENT