

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE JANUARY 2026 BOARD MEETINGS

Special recognition for elementary school musical students was postponed until the February 9, 2026 Board Meeting due to the weather.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Johns shared that the Northgate School Board has been selected for the D. Richard Wynn Distinguished School Board Award by the Tri-State Area School Study Council. Dr. Johns shared a presentation on the Isha Project, a proposed new class and civil service opportunity for students in 2027, and Dr. Amick and Dr. Bowman presented updates to Northgate's secondary schedule structure.

The Board approved the following items at their January 12, 2026 General Meeting:

- Rescinded the offers of employment to Elizabeth Ceaser and Jean Benny as part-time teacher assistants.
- Accepted the resignation of Joel Lennen as part-time teacher assistant effective December 10, 2025 and the resignation of James Harris as part-time teacher assistant effective December 19, 2025.
- Accepted the resignation of Amy Pizzica as secretary at the Middle/High School, effective January 2, 2025.
- Approved Sue Carney and Aigul Baubekova as part-time teacher assistants, as recommended by the Superintendent, contingent upon submission of acceptable clearances.

Motion was made by Mrs. Patalano, seconded by Dr. Johns that the General meeting be adjourned. The general meeting was adjourned by unanimous voice vote at 6:51 p.m.

The Board approved the following items at their January 26, 2026 Board Meeting:

- Approved November and December Treasurers Reports, and ratified the November and December bill lists
- Accepted the Northgate Middle/High School Activities and Athletic Accounts report for the period ending December 31, 2025.
- Adopted 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 %.
- 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 2025 tax year, at a total cost of \$3,050, which is the same as the prior year amount.
- Approved 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.
- Adopted 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.
- Approved the continuation of the District's water treatment contract with Chemway for an additional year at a cost of \$7,915.00.
- Approved 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.
- Approved 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.

- Approved the following supplemental contracts 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

- Accepted the supplemental resignation of Anthony Barron as assistant football coach and assistant baseball coach effective immediately.
- Approved Scott Stiteler and Tom Laraia as volunteer Baseball Coaches.
- Approved 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.
- Approved the following staff member to serve as a mentor teacher during the second semester of the 2025-26 school year as listed below:

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

- Approved the 2nd 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

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

- Approved 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.
- Accepted the resignation of Stephen Thompkins as part-time Teacher Assistant effective January 26, 2026.
- Approved 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.
- Approved 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.
- Approved 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.
- Approved 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.
- Approved 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.
- Approved a one-year lease extension for \$1 between Northgate School District and Allegheny Health Network for the 7th floor space in Suburban.
- Approved 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.