

**NORTHGATE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING AGENDA
Monday, March 23, 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 JANUARY 26, 2026 COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND GENERAL MEETING, AND THE FEBRUARY 23, 2026 REGULAR BOARD MEETING.

III. Recognition - Northgate Middle and High School

Upstanders - The Board would like to recognize the following 11 middle school students who were nominated by teachers, interviewed, and selected as Upstanders:

Manny Kalu	Favour Kalu
Arianna Billups	Connor Porterfield
Maevyn Mureithi	Greyson Rectenwald
Brody Straub	Layla Lynch
Madelyn Sierra	Grace Perkins
Gunner Falk	

Photography - The Board would like to recognize the students in our photography club whose outstanding photographs were selected to decorate the hallway of Northgate Middle and High School:

Ayrianna George	Josephine Aranda
Madeline Kemerer	Angelina Legari
Maliek Jackson	Alena Lumsden

IV. STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT - Student Council Representatives

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V. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT - Dr. Johns

Schneider Presentation - Schneider presents their findings.

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 - February 2026 - Addendum I - Mr. Rajakovic Motion

VIII. ITEMS FOR ACTION

A. DISTRICT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE - Mr. Rajakovic

1. Bill Lists Motion

Ratify the February Bill List found in Addendum II.

2. Centegix Purchase Motion

Approve the purchase of Centegix Safety Platform for a term of 5 years at a cost of \$155,700.00. PCCD Safety Grant will cover \$93,000 of the cost with the remaining to be covered by district.

3. Audit Approval Motion

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

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4. Precision HR

Motion

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.

5. 2026-2027 AIU Program of Services Budget

Motion

Approve the proposed 2026/2027 Allegheny Intermediate Unit Program of Services Budget in the amount of \$2,431,488. The Allegheny County (AIU3) school districts' total contribution to the budget is \$2,042,623. The Northgate School District's contribution to the Program of Services Budget is estimated to be \$16,006. The district's final withholding allocation will be based on the District Aid Ratio and Weighted Average Daily Membership (WADM). The withholding allocations will be determined by the Pennsylvania Department of Education sometime after July 1, 2026.

6. AIU Lease Agreements

Motion

Approve the renewal of two lease agreements with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU3) for the use of two classrooms at Bellevue Elementary School for the 2026-27 school year, reflecting a 3% rate increase. The classrooms will be used for AIU-operated Head Start and Pre-K programs.

7. Contribution to Bellevue Borough/Baseball

Motion

Approve the District to contribute \$500 to Bellevue Borough toward maintenance of Bellevue Memorial Park for baseball, pending proof of purchase & supply.

8. Use of Facility

Motion

Approve the Chill Project use of facility request for the Cai & Kate Live Show event at Northgate MS/HS, including the scheduled set-up day on May 27, 2026 (11:00 a.m.–7:30 p.m.) and premiere event on May 28, 2026 (3:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.).

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B. STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE - Mrs. MacDonald

1. 50th Anniversary Wall Wrap Motion

Approve a proposal by Dr. Michael Amick a 50th Anniversary wall wrap at the Middle High School FROM Noveum Designs at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.

2. District Special Education Plan Motion

Approve the Northgate School District Special Education Plan for the 2026–2029 school years, in accordance with the requirements of the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

3. Grow Pittsburgh Motion

Approve a partnership between the Middle High School and Grow Pittsburgh to construct 6–8 raised beds to establish a learning garden and assistance in developing an outdoor classroom.

4. Kids Of Steel Elementary Supplemental Motion

Approve an additional elementary supplemental for Kids Of Steel at Bellevue Elementary at a rate of \$1,736 to be shared by Emily Parker and Mark Majerac.

C. ADMINISTRATION - Dr. Johns

1. Wagstaff Agreement Motion

Approve to extend the agreement with Michael Wagstaff to serve as a Secondary Assistant Principal at the Middle/High School for one year, beginning July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027, as recommended by the Superintendent.

2. Teacher Assistants Motion

Approve the hiring of Donovan Hopkins as part-time Teacher Assistant, as recommended by the Superintendent and contingent upon the submission of acceptable clearances.

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3. Volunteer Coach

Motion

Approve the hire of Luke Miller as a volunteer baseball coach, contingent on receipt of acceptable clearances.

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Approve the hire of Mark Di'Amico as a volunteer baseball coach, contingent on receipt of acceptable clearances.

5. Artist in Residency

Motion

Motion for Northgate School District to engage in an Artist in Residency with the Pittsburgh Center for the Arts to create an art installation titled "Beloved Northgate Community" in collaboration with the V.O.I.C.E.S student group. Project will be funded from the Learning Neighbor Grant and not to exceed \$5,000.

6. KeySolution Staffing, LLC

Motion

Approve the agreement between Northgate School District and Keysolution Staffing, LLC for the provision of psychiatric evaluation services for district students, at a rate of \$650 per evaluation, with the term of the Agreement commencing on July 1, 2026 and concluding on June 30, 2027.

7. District Participation Application

Motion

Approve the implementation of the District Participation Application for outside organizations requesting district participation as recommended by the Superintendent.

8. Resignation

Motion

Accept the resignation of Ashley Vranick as swim coach effective on the last day of the 2026 season.

9. ESY Teacher Assistants

Motion

Approve Max Mazotta, Brittney Jubak and Kira Honhold as Extended School Year (ESY) Teacher Assistants during the summer of 2026, as recommended by the Superintendent.

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10. Keystone Testing Delay

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Approve the high school to run on a 2 hour delay schedule on the following dates for the purpose of Keystone testing administration: Monday, May 11th; Tuesday, May 12th; Wednesday, May 13th; and Thursday, May 14th.

11. Retirement

Motion

Accept the retirement resignation of Maureen Wertheimer, as Superintendent's Secretary and Board Secretary effective June 10, 2026.

12. School Police Officer Position:

Approve the job description and posting for the position of School Police Officer (SPO). This position shall be designated as a full-time role reporting to the Superintendent or Director of Safety and Security, with compensation established at a rate of \$35.00 per hour.

IX. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

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

B. LEGISLATIVE REPORT - Mr. Rajakovic

C. SUPERINTENDENT - Tenure

X. OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

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XII. DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, Mar. 26, 2026	5:30 p.m.	Tri State Board Banquet
Mar. 30 - Apr. 6, 2026	N/A	Spring Break
Friday, Apr. 10, 2026	11:45 a.m.	Honor Roll Assembly
Mon., Apr. 10, 2026	5:30 p.m.	District Operations Committee
Thursday, Apr. 16	7:00 p.m.	Legally Blonde Staff Preview
Friday, Apr. 17	7:00 p.m.	Legally Blonde Musical
Saturday, Apr. 18	1:30 & 7:00 p.m.	Legally Blonde Musical

XIII. ADJOURNMENT