

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MARCH 2026 BOARD MEETINGS

The District Operations Committee section was reviewed and discussed, including Finance, Buildings and Grounds and Education items. Mr. Mike Hess and his team presented Veregy's potential partnership and related cost-saving facility improvement opportunities to the Board.

Visitors' Commentaries: Morgan McCue expressed concern over the organization of Northgate Middle School athletics, as well as concern over proper uniforms and coach-to-student ratio. Caroline Betton expressed concern over a lack of water provided during athletic events.

The following motions were approved at the March 9, 2026 Committee of the Whole Meeting:

- Approved Pouran Azarnoush as part-time Teacher Assistant, as recommended by the Superintendent and contingent upon the submission of acceptable clearances.
- Approved the hire of Eric Caldwell as varsity assistant softball coach with compensation of \$3,360, as per the teacher contract, contingent on receipt of acceptable clearances.
- Rescinded offer of employment to Alyssa Guzzie as varsity assistant softball coach, effective immediately.
- Accepted the resignation of Mario Guarnaccia as Teacher's Assistant, effective March 3, 2026.
- Accepted the resignation of Taylor Morrison as Teacher, effective immediately.
- Approved the Agreement between the Community College of Allegheny County and Northgate School District to allow for the placement of student observers and practicum students in Northgate District schools.

Concluding the General Meeting, the Student Affairs Committee met and discussed the results from the PIAA State Competition and WPIAL Championship. Guest from the Arts Ed Collaborative Yael Silk gave a presentation. Dr. Amick discussed a potential new wall wrap in the High School building, and Dr. Johns discussed the terms for hiring a new School Police Officer, as well as a new application for district participation in community events. The district principals provided an update and plan on attendance and tardiness, and Mr. Caton provided a presentation on spring testing dates. A partnership with Grow Pittsburgh was discussed and a new district special education plan was proposed to be added to the regular board meeting agenda.

The Board approved the following items at their March 23, 2026 Board Meeting:

- Approved 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.
- Accepted the District's financial audit report for the year ended June 30, 2025, prepared by Myers, Patsy & Associates.
- Approved 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.
- Approved 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.
- Approved 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.
- Approved the District to contribute \$500 to Bellevue Borough toward maintenance of Bellevue Memorial Park for baseball, pending proof of purchase & supply.

- Approved 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.).
- Approved 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.
- Approved the Northgate School District Special Education Plan for the 2026–2029 school years, in accordance with the requirements of the Pennsylvania Department of Education.
- Approved 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 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.
- Approved 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.
- Approved the hiring of Donovan Hopkins as part-time Teacher Assistant, as recommended by the Superintendent and contingent upon the submission of acceptable clearances.
- Approved the hire of Luke Miller as a volunteer baseball coach, contingent on receipt of acceptable clearances.
- Approved the hire of Mark Di'Amico as a volunteer baseball coach, contingent on receipt of acceptable clearances.
- Approved engagement 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.
- Approved 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.

- Approved the implementation of the District Participation Application for outside organizations requesting district participation as recommended by the Superintendent.
- Accepted the resignation of Ashley Vranick as swim coach effective on the last day of the 2026 season.
- Approved Max Mazotta, Brittney Jubak and Kira Honhold as Extended School Year (ESY) Teacher Assistants during the summer of 2026, as recommended by the Superintendent.
- Approved 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.
- Accepted the retirement resignation of Maureen Wertheimer, as Superintendent's Secretary and Board Secretary effective June 10, 2026.
- Approved 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.

Motion was made by Mrs. Patalano, seconded by Mrs. Lehman, that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting was adjourned by unanimous voice vote at 8:29 p.m.