

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

HIGHLIGHTS FROM APRIL 2026 BOARD MEETINGS

The minutes from the March 13, 2026 and March 27, 2026 meeting were accepted by unanimous vote.

Special recognition is given to the following students for their remarkable display of sportsmanship at the WPIAL and PIAA Swimming & Diving Championships:

Aubrey Persson
Greyson McKelvey

Asher Lardo, Student Council Representative, provided the student council report for April.

Ms. Lardo highlighted several student council initiatives. The student council social media team works collaboratively to promote awareness of Northgate events, clubs, and sports.

The middle school liaison, a 9th grade student, will attend monthly middle school meetings to foster collaboration between the two schools.

Ms. Lardo also shared information about the Student Experience Seminar, a monthly program through which student council members have participated in Personally Poland, engaged with children of Holocaust survivors, and attended a Holocaust memorial service.

Dr. Johns provided the Superintendent's Report. She shared that the upcoming Student Showcase is a K-12 event, open to all grade levels.

The recent production of Legally Blonde was a success, with the highest audience attendance in school history.

Advertisements are out for the Canada trip in March of 2027; an information meeting will be held the following Tuesday in the middle/high school library at 5:30 p.m. for additional details.

The district is partnering with Whole Care through AHN to provide free fresh produce at AHN Suburban on April 17th, June 26th, August 14th, and October 23rd from noon to 4:00 p.m.

The Kennywood Picnic is scheduled for Saturday, May 23rd, and is open to students and parents; tickets may be purchased at the front desk of each school office.

Multiple Northgate students were recognized as A.W. Beattie Career Center Students of the Month.

Northgate Baseball Night at PNC Park is scheduled for June 9th; Board member Amber Lehman helped organize the event.

The Avalon D.A.R.E. graduation took place on April 13th, with thanks extended to Sergeant Lucas for his service.

The National Honor Society blood drive is scheduled for April 29th.

The track and field students will be recognized at next month's Board meeting following their successful season.

Mr. Ursu provided a delinquent real estate tax status report, an overview of the financial report, an update on the budget progress, and overviews of the following projects: June 2025 Fund Balance, 2025-26 Rolling Forecast, June 2026 Projected Fund Balance. He discussed the 2026-27 Budget Scenarios Calculator.

Bob Metz discussed the Bellevue retaining wall project and the proposals from Schneider Electric and Veregy.

Rob King discussed the district's E-rate needs, the changes in Google Workspace's Education License, and the purchase of new Chromebooks for the schools.

Todd Goble gave an update for spring sports and athletic procedures, as well as the Northgate-Avonworth Cooperative Agreement.

Dr. Johns shared about the Student Exhibit at the John A Hermann., Jr. Memorial Art Museum, the Legally Blonde musical, the Student Showcase, the Elementary Choral/Drama supplemental position, and the spring concert series.

Dr. Amick shared the Future Ready Data Report for Northgate High School, as well as the Just Discipline Project, aimed at lowering suspension rates in the district.

The Board approved the following items at their April 27, 2026 Board meeting:

- Approved the March 2026 Treasurer's Report.
- Ratified the March 2026 Bill List.
- Approved the Activities & Athletic Accounts report for the quarter ending March 31, 2026.
- Approved renewal of the CSIU Financial Information System agreement for 2026–27 at an estimated cost of \$17,238.76, covering Assets Inventory (\$2,000), Fund Accounting (\$5,772.95), Human Resources (\$3,207.50), and Payroll (\$6,258.31).
- Approved continuation of the Residential and Commercial Property Appeals Program for the 2027 tax year, authorizing Andrews & Price to file appeals before the new October 1, 2026 deadline per a new Allegheny County ordinance.
- Approved the A.W. Beattie Career Center 2026–27 Budget in the amount of \$12,473,936.
- Adopted the PSBA State Budget Resolution urging the Pennsylvania General Assembly to provide the highest funding possible for public education.
- Approved Scouting America's use of the 7th floor of Suburban from approval through June 30, 2027.
- Authorized Andrews & Price to obtain an independent property appraisal for 940 Ohio River Blvd. in connection with the ongoing tax assessment appeal, at a cost not to exceed \$4,000.
- Approved the purchase of network equipment licensing through E-Rate at a total district cost of \$12,494.88 (full cost: \$83,299.27), to be purchased in 2026–27.
- Approved the purchase of UPS devices from Iron Bow Technologies LLC through E-Rate at a total district cost of \$400.55 (full cost: \$2,670.35), to be purchased in 2026–27.

- Approved the purchase of 1,251 Google Workspace for Education Plus licenses for 2026–27 at a total district cost of \$7,130.70.
- Approved the purchase of 280 Lenovo Chromebook 100e G5 MediaTek Chromebooks for 2026–27 at a total cost of \$93,727.20.
- Approved a non-athletic supplemental contract for Alisa Mehlo as Elementary Choral/Drama Sponsor for 2026–27, with pay per the teachers' contract.
- Approved the absence of Dr. Caroline Johns and Ms. Emily Carter to chaperone the EF Tours Canada Trip in Spring of 2027.
- Approved the Sponsor to Sponsor Agreement with Sodexo, allowing district food service management to provide meals to the AIU for Head Start and Pre-K.
- Approved the 2nd and final reading of Policy 815.1 – Generative Artificial Intelligence in Education.
- Approved the AIU Comprehensive Services Agreement Addendum for Waterfront Learning Services for 2026–27, providing virtual education options including courses, instruction, and professional development.
- Accepted the retirement resignation of Judy Zimmerman as Business Assistant, effective August 31, 2026.
- Approved Qualisha Zyhier's attendance of the Honor Reinforce Grow Conference hosted by Preschool Program Specialist and the Pennsylvania Key, May 27–28 in Altoona, PA, at a cost not to exceed \$445.
- Approved the MOU with North Allegheny School District for the transport of Northgate students during emergencies.
- Approved the Secondary Assistant Principal/Athletic Director job description.
- Approved the MOU with the Bellevue and Avalon Police Departments establishing procedures for coordination, incident reporting, and response to school-based incidents.

- Approved the Cooperative Sports Agreement with Avonworth School District for the 2026–27 and 2027–28 school years.
- Approved the Agreement for Educational Services with The Bradley School, a provider of specialized educational and related services for students with identified needs, for 2026–27.
- Approved the agreement with Glade Run Lutheran Services for placement of students at St. Stephen's Academy for 2026–27.
- Approved the adoption of the Allegheny Intermediate Unit's policies and procedures under the federal requirements of 34 CFR 300, fulfilling requirements under IDEA Part B.
- Approved a sabbatical leave for professional development for the Fall 2026–27 semester at one-half the teacher's regular salary.
- Ratified a request for 1½ unpaid days for a custodian on April 20 (half day) and June 5, 2026.
- Accepted the resignations of Deanna Caldwell as Head Softball Coach and Eric Caldwell as First Assistant Softball Coach, both effective April 17, 2026.
- Approved the following softball coaching contracts:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Robert Abramowicz	Head Softball Coach	\$5,040
Kristin DeFlorimonte	First Asst. Softball Coach	\$3,360

- Approved the MOU and Article of Agreement with Crisis Center North for 2026–27, providing school-based counseling and prevention education services for students impacted by dating and domestic violence, at a cost of \$500.
- Approved a request from former Board member Katrina Eames to present her brother Zachary Fleckenstein's diploma to him during this year's graduation ceremony.