

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.

◆ **DISTRICT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** - (5:30 p.m.)

A. Finance:

○ **Informational:**

Delinquent Real Estate Tax Status Report Availability and Summary

The 2026 Quarter 1 Report and Exhibit from Andrews & Price are available in the shared drive. Following is a summary:

Delinquent Real Estate Tax Collection Update (Q1 2026)

- The District's legal counsel and delinquent tax collector provided an update on collection activity, enforcement actions, and repayment efforts for the first quarter of 2026.

Collections Activity

- Total collections for the period were approximately \$278,640, including:
 - January: ~\$109,000
 - February: ~\$75,300
 - March (through mid-April): ~\$95,700

Overall Status

- The majority of delinquent accounts are actively being managed through a combination of:
 - *Payment plans*, many of which are current or showing consistent payments
 - *Ongoing enforcement actions*, including default judgments, sheriff's sale preparation, and legal filings where necessary
 - Several properties have *resolved balances or become current* through payments made during the quarter

Enforcement & Legal Actions

- For more challenging cases, counsel continues to pursue appropriate legal remedies, including:
 - Filing for *default judgments*
 - Initiating or advancing *sheriff's sale proceedings*
 - Issuing *non-compliance notices* when payment plans are not followed
 - Certain cases involve *complex circumstances* (e.g., bankruptcy proceedings, estates, or ownership issues), which can delay resolution but are being actively managed

Payment Plan Trends

- Many taxpayers remain engaged and are *maintaining repayment agreements*
- In some cases, *missed or inconsistent payments* have required follow-up action or escalation

Outlook

Collection efforts remain active and ongoing, with a balanced approach of:

- Encouraging voluntary repayment through structured plans, and
- Advancing enforcement actions where necessary to protect District revenues

○ **Discussion:**

- Audit Firm Selection
- Financial Results, Proposed Budget, and Planning

○ **Proposed Board Agenda Items:**

- 1. Audit Firm Selection** - Appoint [Firm Name] to provide independent auditing services for Northgate School District for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2026, June 30, 2027, and June 30, 2028, including financial statement audits and, if applicable, Single Audits, in accordance with the firm's proposal submitted in response to the District's Request for Proposals.

This appointment also includes audits of the District's real estate tax collectors for the years ending December 31, 2025, December 31, 2026, and December 31, 2027.

The engagement shall be conducted in accordance with the terms, conditions, and pricing outlined in the firm's proposal, as reviewed and recommended by the Administration.

This recommendation is based on a formal evaluation process conducted by the Administration in accordance with the District's Request for Proposals.

- 2. Bill List & Tax Refunds** - Ratify the April 2026 Bill List and Tax Refunds found in Addendums I & II.
- 3. Board Treasurer** - Elect Michael Rajakovic to serve as Treasurer for the 2026-27 school year (July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027). Arrangements for securing the necessary bond for the Treasurer will be made by the Administration. (Section 404 of the Pennsylvania School Code requires that the Board elect a Treasurer for the period of one (1) year.)
- 4. Depositories** - Designate the following multiple depositories for the fiscal year July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027: Citizens Bank; Huntington Bank; PA Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT); PA School District Liquid Asset Fund (PSDLAF); PNC Bank. (Section 621 of the Pennsylvania School Code requires, during the month of May, the Board of School Directors designate depositories for the forthcoming school year.)

5. **Student Insurance (Athletic)** - Approve United States Fire Insurance Company, an AIG insurance company, Plan AAA, to provide coverage to students while participating in interscholastic athletic programs, band, cheerleading, and/or school-sponsored activities at an estimated cost of \$9,950 for the 2026-27 school year.
6. **Student Insurance (Voluntary)** - Approve United States Fire Insurance Company to provide voluntary student insurance for 2026-27 at no additional cost.
7. **Surety Bonds** - Approve renewal of the following bonds:
School Board Secretary's Bond, 7/1/26 to 6/30/27 - \$100;
Treasurer's Bond, 4/21/26 to 4/21/27, \$100; Activities
Account Coordinator's Bond, 8/16/26 to 8/15/27, \$100.

B. Buildings & Grounds:

○ **Discussion:**

- Bellevue Playground Retaining Wall Project
- High School Kitchen Boiler/Steamer
- Bellevue Domestic Hot Water Boiler
- Summer Student Custodial Help
- Summer Custodial Help (18 and over)

○ **Proposed Board Agenda Items:**

1. **High School Kitchen Boiler/Steamer** - Approve the purchase of a new Cleveland 3 Compartment Gas-Fired Steam Boiler at a cost of \$52,209.90 from Curran Taylor Inc. under PA CoStars Contract #036-004. The purchase price includes the removal and disposal of the existing Crown GC-3 boiler/steamer. This purchase is to be funded from the _____ account.

2. **Bellevue Domestic Hot Water Boiler** - Approve the purchase of a new Lochinvar CWN987PM domestic hot water boiler at a cost of \$30,400 from Gunning Inc. under PA CoStars Contract #008-E23-1151. The purchase price includes the removal and disposal of the existing 1992 Lochinvar boiler. This purchase is to be funded from the _____ account.
3. **Summer Student Custodial Help** - Approve the hiring of _____ as student summer custodial help at a rate of \$11 per hour.
4. **Summer Custodial Help** - Approve _____ as summer custodial help at \$11 per hour, as recommended by the Superintendent, contingent upon submission of acceptable clearances.

C. Technology:

○ **Proposed Board Agenda Items:**

1. **Bellevue Camera Project** - It is recommended that the board approve the purchase and installation of eight additional security cameras for Bellevue Elementary with installation and configuration to be done by Horizon Information Services at a total cost of \$10,836.00 to be taken from the 26-27 school year budget. In addition it is recommended that the board approve upgrades to the existing security camera servers at Bellevue and Avalon Elementary by Horizon Information Services at a cost of \$1,968 to be taken from the 26-27 school year budget.
2. **Nathan Gratner Summer Help** - approve Nathan Gratner as student summer technology help at \$11.00 per hour.

3. **PowerSchool Renewal** - It is recommended that the board approve the renewal of all Powerschool products through the 2026-2027 school year at a total approximate cost of \$42,906.69 to be taken from the 26-27 fiscal year. Products include SIS, Maintenance and Support, SIS Hosting, SIS SSL Certificate, PowerPack, Digital Document Delivery, Digital Document Signature, Digital Document Storage, Ecollect Forms, School Messenger Communicate, Platform Hosted, and Student Analytics.

- **Old / New Business**

D. Food Service Committee:

1. **Food Service** - Approve the renewal of the District's agreement with Sodexo Management, Inc. for a one-year term commencing July 1, 2026. The agreement may be extended for one additional one-year term upon mutual agreement of both parties, with a formal rebid to occur in the spring of 2027.

◆ **GENERAL MEETING** - (7:00 p.m.)

- **Welcome, Roll Call and Pledge to the Flag**
- **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.)

- **Items for Action:**

- A. Finance - Mr. Rajakovic**

Proposed Final General Fund Budget - Approve the Proposed Final General Fund Budget for the 2026-2027 fiscal year in the amount of \$31,766,271 and place the budget on public display. The millage rate, for Proposed Final Budget purposes only, is set tentatively at 29.8584 mils. The Board will continue to review the Budget Plan in preparation for the final adoption of the budget scheduled for Monday, June 22, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. in the Northgate Administrative Center Boardroom. Members of the public will be able to access the budget beginning Friday, May 15, 2026, by going to the District website (www.northgatesd.net), selecting "Budget", and then selecting "Budget Information". It will also be available for public inspection in the Administrative Center and each of the school building offices from 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM Monday through Friday beginning Friday, May 15, 2026.

- **Adjourn General Meeting**

◆ **STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE** - (7:10 p.m.)

- **Athletics:**

- **Informational:**

Spring Sports Update

- **Discussion**

- Business Sponsorships (Jen McWilliams)

- **Proposed Board Agenda Items:**

- 1. Supplemental Football Coach (Offensive/Defensive Line Coach)** - Approve the hire of Brian Dippolito as 5th Assistant Football Coach (Offensive/Defensive Line Coach) at a rate of \$3,360, contingent on receipt of acceptable clearances.

- 2. Volunteer Football Coach** - Approve the hire of Sam Dippolito as a Volunteer Football Coach, contingent on the receipt of acceptable clearances.

- **Student Activities:**

- **Informational:**

- Student Showcase May 21st
 - Bellevue Elementary Inaugural Boot Ball
 - 8th Grade Washington DC trip (Middle School)
 - Cai & Kate Premier
 - Avalon Field Day 5/8
 - Elementary Band Concerts 5/11-13
 - Allegheny Land Trust K-5 Classroom Visits 5/8, 14, 15
 - Draw Your Destiny ZED Cartoon Assembly 5/20
 - Bellevue Field Day 5/29
 - Kindergarten Graduation 6/8 (Bellevue)
 - 6th Grade Graduation 6/11 (Bellevue)
 - Kindness Club Entrepreneurship Night 5/11(Avalon)
 - Avalon Remake Learning Night 5/14
 - Family Bingo in the Park 6/4 (Avalon)
 - Kindergarten & 6th Grade Graduation 6/8

- **Proposed Board Agenda Items:**

- None

- **Education:**

- **Information:**

High School Graduation Information

- **Discussion:**

Policy 918: Title I Parent and Family Engagement

- **Proposed Board Agenda Items:**

1. **Harris Education Solutions** - Approve the one-year agreement with Harris Education Solutions for the edInsight Data Management System, which will provide Northgate School District with data dashboard, analytics, student data depot, and data analyst capabilities, for a price to be determined.
2. **MHY Family Services** - Approve the Agreement with MHY Family Services for the 2026-2027 school year for placement of eligible Northgate students at Longmore Academy, a Pennsylvania Department of Education-licensed private academic school, to meet the educational needs of referred students.
3. **Grand Canyon University Affiliation Agreement** - Approve the agreement with Grand Canyon University through the 2027/2028 school year for placement of preservice teachers and counselors.
4. **RMU Enrollment Agreement** - Approve an MOU with Robert Morris University (RMU) to offer college in high school enrollment courses for the 2024-25 school year, contingent upon review of agreement by the Solicitor.

- **Other Proposed Agenda Items**

- **Administration**

1. **Bandfront Director** - Approve the hire of Ashley Lyons as Band Front Director with compensation of \$2,800, as per the teacher contract, contingent on receipt of acceptable clearances.
2. **1st Assistant Bandfront Director** - Approve the hire of Quinten Harkness as 1st Band Assistant with compensation of \$2,240, as per the teacher contract, contingent on receipt of acceptable clearances.

3. **2nd Assistant Band Director** - Approve the hire of Abigail Davin as 2nd Assistant Band Director (Bandfront Assistant) at a rate of \$1,680, as per the teacher's contract, contingent on receipt of acceptable clearances.
4. **PSBA Policy Services Agreement** - Approve the PSBA Policy Services Member Agreement with the Pennsylvania School Boards Association, authorizing Northgate School District's participation in the PSBA Policy Service and Administrative Regulations Service, for the purpose of accessing PSBA's copyrighted policy guides, administrative regulation templates, and related support through the PSBA Policy Portal.
5. **AIU Comprehensive Services Agreement** - Approve a Comprehensive Services Agreement with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU) to provide services to students assigned by the District for the 2025-26 school year.
6. **Federal Programs Agreement** - Approve an agreement with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU) for its coordination of all Federal Programs, including Title I, II, III, IV and multiple ESSER grants, at a cost \$100 per hour with an estimate being 85.5 hours per academic year. Service will commence July 1, 2026 and expire June 30, 2027. Approval of agreement is pending review by the Superintendent and Solicitor.
7. **Superintendent Contract Amendment** -
8. **Allegheny County Tax Assessment Resolution** - Approve the resolution urging Allegheny County Council and the County Executive to mandate a periodic property tax reassessment system, calling for regular reassessments of all county properties on a cycle of no less than every five years and no more than every three years.

- **Old / New Business**

- **PSBA Voting Delegates** - Appoint two Board delegates to attend the PSBA Delegate Assembly on Saturday, November 7th, at 9 a.m at Cumberland Valley School District. This meeting will be in-person only.
- **Beattie Ballots**