

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

June 8, 2026 – Committee of the Whole Meeting

The Committee of the Whole meeting was held on Monday, June 8, 2026. The Board discussed a range of financial, facilities, technology, athletic, student activity, education, and administrative matters in preparation for the upcoming Regular meeting.

A General meeting was opened by Mrs. Patalano at 7:06 p.m.

The following motions were approved by the Northgate School Board of Directors:

- Approved a change in the supplemental stipend for the Entrepreneurship Club sponsorship for the 2025-26 school year, to be paid from the District's Startable Grant from Innovation Works.
- Approved the hire of Patricia Schmader as Payroll, Benefits and Compliance Manager, as recommended by the Superintendent, contingent upon submission of acceptable clearances, with a start date to be determined.
- Approved the Addendum to the Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU) Comprehensive Services Agreement for 2026-27 for School-Based ACCESS Program (SBAP) Support Services.
- Approved the hiring of Alexander Lambert as student summer custodial help.
- Approved Jozyeh Williams as summer custodial help, contingent upon submission of acceptable clearances.
- Approved an Agreement with Employee #1.

June 22, 2026 – Regular Board Meeting

The Regular Board meeting was held on Monday, June 22, 2026. The Board recognized three retiring staff members for their dedicated service to the Northgate School District:

- Todd Goble, a health and physical education teacher who also served as Athletic Director;
- Judy Zimmerman, who managed payroll for 30 years and never missed a payroll;
- Maureen Wertheimer, a computer science teacher who was appreciated and respected by students and staff alike.

The minutes from the May 11, 2026 and May 26, 2026 Committee meetings and General meeting were approved.

The following motions were approved by the Northgate School Board of Directors:

District Operations

- Ratified the June 2026 Treasurer's Report.
- Ratified the April 2026 Bill List and Tax Refunds.
- Approved the Final General Fund Budget for the 2026-2027 school year at a tax rate of 31.202 mills. The Board noted that Northgate remains committed to responsible stewardship of district resources and consistently works to keep operating costs as low as possible, while never compromising on the quality of education and services provided to its students.
- Approved the purchase of general insurance policies for the 2026-27 fiscal year from CM Regent Insurance Company, covering property, equipment breakdown, general liability, commercial crime, commercial auto, educators' legal liability, excess liability, and cyber insurance.
- Approved Resolution 6-26-01 authorizing the District to reduce Homestead property taxes through gaming funds received from the Commonwealth, under the provisions of the Homestead Property Exclusion Program Act and the Taxpayers Relief Act.
- Approved the Activities & Athletic Accounts report for the quarter ending 6/30/26.
- Approved the purchase of a Workers' Compensation Insurance policy with UPMC Work Partners.
- Approved the continuation of Clayton Berwick to assist the Facility Manager on an as-needed basis for the 2026-2027 school year.
- Approved a two-year service agreement with Cummins for annual servicing and testing of the emergency generators located at Avalon, Bellevue, and the High School.
- Approved a one-year pest management agreement for services at Avalon Elementary, Bellevue Elementary, and Northgate High School.
- Approved a one-year agreement with Cintas for annual and semi-annual inspections of the fire alarm system at the High School.
- Approved the purchase of 50 Apple iPads for the 2026-27 school year.

Student Affairs

- Approved an agreement with McGuire for their service as an Approved Private School.
- Approved the Cai and Kate Curriculum (Chill) for implementation in Grades Pre K-1.
- Approved the following supplemental contracts for the spring season of the 2026-27 school year, contingent on receipt of acceptable clearances: Jess Haberman as Band Director; Mark Schuler as Volleyball Head Coach; Brian Veshio as Cross Country Head Coach; and Joshua McFall as Cross Country 1st Assistant Coach.

- Approved Mark Shuler as a volunteer volleyball coach for the 2026-27 school year, contingent on receipt of acceptable clearances.
- Approved the purchase of Amplify Core Knowledge Language Arts curricular materials for a three-year extension.

Administration

- Approved an Agreement with Employee #2.
- Approved the submission of applications and acceptance of grants, if awarded, for the following: Title I; IDEA; Title IIA; Select Teacher & Administrator Grants; Title III; Pre-K Counts; Title IV; PCCD; Ready to Learn Grant; and Safe Schools.
- Approved Dr. Edward Snell as school doctor for mandated school physicals.
- Approved the Faculty Handbook.
- Approved the attendance of the Superintendent at the 2026 Global Cities Education Network (GCEN) Symposium, sponsored by Digital Promise, to be held in Lisbon from November 16–19, 2026, at no cost to the District.
- Approved a salary adjustment for Carrie Davies, effective July 1, 2026.
- Approved the purchase of a WAZER Desktop Waterjet, to be fully funded by the PA Smart Grant.
- Approved the transfer of Moniqueka Barron from the position of Attendance/Main Office Secretary to Athletic Secretary, effective August 1, 2026.
- Rescinded the offer of employment to Patricia Schmader as Payroll, Benefits, and Compliance Manager, effective immediately.
- Approved the hire of the following individuals as Teacher Assistants, with start date to be determined, pursuant to the terms of the Collective Bargaining Agreement: Nichole Monheim, Angela Dickson, and Emily Lenhart.

Items for Information

Mrs. Lee and Dr. Bilski provided the A.W. Beattie Career Center Report. Mr. Rajakovic provided the Legislative Report, including a reminder about the PSBA legislative priorities survey and the upcoming PSBA Leadership Conference in October. Ms. Pollanen provided the Food Service/Wellness Committee Report, noting that food and wellness continues to go well across the district.

In the absence of Dr. Johns, Mrs. Patalano read the Superintendent's report. The following teachers have attained Professional Employee Status:

Katie Blaney	Brittney DeFazio
Elesa DiBello	Moiria Folan
Tricia Schink	Austen Tarabay

The Board was reminded of the PASA-PSBA 2026 School Leadership Conference, scheduled for October 18–20.

Respectfully Submitted,

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