

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.

◆ **GENERAL MEETING** - (5:30 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. **Administration** - Dr. Johns

- 1. **Tax Assessment Appeal Settlement**

Motion

Approve the negotiated settlement of the real estate tax assessment appeal filed by Meraki Residential III, LLC for the property located at 902-904 Erdner Avenue, Avalon, establishing a fair market value of \$1,500,000 for tax years 2026 and 2027. This settlement will result in refunded taxes of \$12,627 in 2026 and reduced taxes of \$13,003 in 2027.

2. Supplemental Positions

Motion

Approve the following supplemental positions for the 2026-27 school year.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Yearbook Club (Avalon)	Heather Persson	\$1,736
Mindfulness Club (Bellevue)	Sara Clunan	\$1,736
Rubik's Club (Avalon)	Sherrill Farmer	\$1,736
Rubik's Club (Bellevue)	Thomas Ewing	\$1,736
Avalon Book Club	Christina Mackowick	\$1,736

3. Supplemental Adjustment

Motion

Adjust the Elementary Forensics supplemental position to include both Gretchen Monahan and Austen Tarabay as Elementary Forensics Sponsors for the 2026-27 school year at a rate of \$1,736, to be split evenly as follows:

Sponsor 1: Gretchen Monahan (\$868)

Sponsor 2: Austen Tarabay (\$868)

4. Divided Supplemental

Motion

Approve the Middle School/High School Forensics supplemental stipend of \$1,736 to be split evenly as follows:

Sponsor 1: Gretchen Monahan (\$868)

Sponsor 2: Austen Tarabay (\$868)

5. Divided Supplemental

Motion

Approve the Avalon Best Buddies Club supplemental stipend of \$1,736 to be split evenly as follows:

Sponsor 1: Francesca Lindelow (\$868)

Sponsor 2: Jacob O'Keefe (\$868)

6. Kindness Club Supplementals

Motion

Approve the three Avalon Kindness Club supplemental stipends of \$1,736 each to be split evenly as follows:

Stipend 1: Abigail Anderson (\$1,736)

Stipend 2: Heather Perrson & Melinda Malsch (\$868 each)

Stipend 3: Sandi Nusskern, Nicole Borza, Austen Tarabay, Elesa DiBello, Breann Rupik, and Danielle DiDomenico (\$290 each)

7. Bellevue Kindness Club Supplementals

Approve the **two** Bellevue Kindness Club supplemental stipends of \$1,736 (total: \$3472) each to be split evenly as follows:

Stipends 1 & 2: Sharon Trimber, Theo Papazekos, Eileen Malette, Barb Gusew, Kristy Slate, Katie Caldwell, Moira Folan (\$496 each)

8. HealthCorps MOU (Renewal)

Motion

Approve an MOU with HealthCorps, Inc., in coordination with the University of Pittsburgh, for a Teens Make Health Happen Club in collaboration with our Advisory Program for the 2026-27 school year at no cost to the district.

9. STEM Coding Lab MOU

Motion

Approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with STEM Coding Lab to deliver an after-school computer science program for the 2026-27 school year at no cost to the District.

10. Arts Greenhouse MOU (Renewal)

Motion

Approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Carnegie Mellon University (Arts Greenhouse) for after-school programming for the 2026-27 school year at no cost to the District. The term of this agreement may be extended by consent of both parties.

11. Use of Facility Agreement

Motion

Approve a 1-year agreement with Pittsburgh Spirit to use athletic facilities at Northgate for games and practices (softball field and batting cages) at \$50 an hour, contingent upon availability, proper insurance coverage, and agreeing to a mutual hold harmless agreement. The term of this agreement shall be July 1, 2026 and continue through June 30, 2027.

12. Superintendent Goals

Motion

Approve the Superintendent goals for the 2026-2027 school year as submitted.

13. GoGuardian

It is recommended that the board approve the renewal of GoGuardian Admin, Teacher, and Beacon for one year at a cost of \$14,889.00.

- **Adjourn General Meeting**

◆ **DISTRICT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

A. Finance:

○ **Discussion:**

Financial Report

○ **Proposed Board Agenda Items:**

- 1. Bill List & Tax Refunds** - Ratify the August 2026 Bill List and approve the Tax Refunds found in Addendum ____.
- 2. E-Rate Amendment** - Approve an amendment to the District's contract with Epic Communications, which provides full-service e-rate support. The amendment extends the contract through the 30th year of e-rate (2027-28).

B. Buildings & Grounds:

○ **Discussion:**

Jonathan Fantazier - Tree Pittsburgh

○ **Proposed Board Agenda Items:**

None

C. Technology:

○ **Proposed Board Agenda Items:**

1. **Raptor** - It is recommended that the board approve the renewal of Raptor Emergency and Visitor management for one year, at a cost of \$5,600.00
2. **Google Workspace Renewal** - It is recommended that the board approve a three year renewal of Google Workspace at a cost of \$6,004.80 for the first year and \$6,380.10 each for the second and third years.

● **Old / New Business**

◆ **STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

● **Athletics:**

○ **Informational:**

Spirit Agreement (C. Johns)

Uniform Tracker (M. Wagstaff & C. Johns)

Athletics Ordering Process (C. Johns)

- **Proposed Board Agenda Items:**

1. **Use of Facility Agreement** - Approve a 1-year agreement with Pittsburgh Spirit to use athletic facilities at Northgate for games and practices (softball field and batting cages) at \$50 an hour, contingent upon availability, proper insurance coverage, and agreeing to a mutual hold harmless agreement. The term of this agreement shall be July 1, 2026 and continuing through June 30, 2027.
2. **Purchase of Baseball Uniforms** - Approve the purchase of baseball uniforms from BSN Sports at a cost of \$7400. This will provide 24 uniforms to both varsity and junior high.

- **Student Activities:**

- **Discussion:**

School Uniforms (A. Lehmann)

- **Education:**

- **Informational:**

LinkIT Pilot: LinkIT is a data management system that could potentially replace EdInsight for us. This pilot will allow us to preview the platform's capabilities and get a head start on the changeover process. We will need to share student data in the same way we currently share with EdInsight to get a full understanding of this new system's features.

- **Discussion:**

“Why Northgate?” document & community coffees

Dashtronic Program (elementary)

○ **Proposed Board Agenda Items:**

1. **Pediatric Therapy Associates (OT/PT)** - Approve a contract with Pediatric Therapy Specialists, Inc. from July 1, 2027 to June 30, 2030 to provide occupational and physical therapy services to students of the district at a rate of \$55 per hour to \$71 per hour, dependent on the service and year.

2. **LinkIT Pilot**

3. **AASA NCE-** Approve the attendance of Dr. Qualisha Zyhier and Dr. Michael Amick at the AASA NCE conference in Atlanta, GA February 25-27, 2027 at a cost not to exceed \$2500 per person. This is being funded by the Grable Foundation. There is no cost to the district.

● **Other Proposed Agenda Items**

○ **Administration**

1. **Unpaid Leave (Teacher #1)** - Approve a teacher request to use approximately 15 days of unpaid leave pending medical documentation.

2. **Unpaid Leave (Teacher #2)** - Approve a teacher request to use approximately 10 days of unpaid leave pending medical documentation.

● **Old / New Business**

PSBA Officers Elections

1. **PSBA Officers**

It is recommended the Board elect Officers for the following PSBA positions. No alternate candidates applied.

Holly Arnold, as "President-Elect" (one-year term Jan. 1, 2026 - Dec. 31, 2026)

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September 14, 2026

Administrative Center Boardroom

and

Matt Vannoy, as “Vice President” (one-year term Jan. 1, 2026 - Dec. 31, 2026)

2. PSBA Insurance Trustees Motion
(2 seats open / 2 candidates) (3-year term ends Dec. 31, 2029)

It is recommended the Board elect candidates for PSBA Insurance Trust Trustees. No alternate candidates applied.

Marianne L. Neel

Dr. Michael Faccinetto

No candidates applied for the Western Zone Representative position.

Board Director Interviews

Candidates:

- Beth Mosley
- Caroline Hari-Betton
- Kendra Hamilton