

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

HIGHLIGHTS FROM JANUARY 2023 BOARD MEETINGS

Student Council Report: AnnaJean Patalano, Student Council Representative, provided a student council report. She spoke about the plan to paint the walls of the second floor of the middle/high school. She mentioned that the push for school spirit is under way and going well, and that Student Council is in the process of planning for the Valentine's Day dance.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Johns provided a Superintendent's Report, including that our boys' basketball team is having a fantastic season, securing their first winning season since 2012-13. The District presented its Tireless Awards at their recent inservice to teachers and staff at all three buildings to recognize the collective work done in the district in recent years. Dr. Jeff Evancho and Dr. Chris Caton were selected as winners of the Innovation in Education Award: Leadership Category by the Three Rivers Educational Technology Conference.

On February 7th, the Middle School will host a "Transition to Middle School" night for parents of current sixth grade students. Parents will have an opportunity to meet the principal, school counselor, teachers and parents of current seventh grade students to learn more about the transition to middle school. Also, on February 7th, the High School will host a "Meet the Teachers" night, providing an opportunity for parents of students to meet the second semester teachers.

Avalon Elementary is continuing its Parents as Allies in Making program, where parents who completed the training in the fall are now beginning to lead sessions in the school's makerspace. Avalon Elementary welcomed an educator from Mobile Ed Productions who taught students about astronomy in a planetarium that was set up in the school gym. The lesson took students through the solar system as they learned about the sun and each of our neighboring planets.

The Chill Mobile visited Bellevue Elementary last week for the second time this school year with the theme being science, where students participated in an interactive lesson that allowed them to virtually explore outer space. Students at Bellevue Elementary decorated the entrance of the school to celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Students were tasked with writing their dreams on paper hands, which were displayed by the front doors.

Seniors, Benjamin Skalos and Christian Packard, along with sophomore, Annabelle Urquhart, were selected to participate in the Allegheny Valley Honors Band during a concert hosted by Fox Chapel Area School earlier this month.

High school art students recently completed a painting project to add a new "Flames" display in our school colors in one of the hallways at the high school.

We will be hosting Senior Nights for our winter sports teams; the boys' basketball team will be February 7th, the girls' basketball team will be February 9th and swimming on February 15th.

The Board approved the following items at their January 23, 2023 Board meeting:

- Approved that an item be added to the agenda under section IX.B.2. (Student Activities/Athletics) as follows: It is recommended the Board approve the following athletic supplemental contracts for the spring season of the 2022-23 school year as stated below:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
8th Gr. Volleyball Coach	Tiaura Hanner	\$2,000
7th Gr. Volleyball Coach	Anna Kirasic	\$2,000

- Approved that an item be added to the agenda under section IX.G.3. (Administration) as follows: It is recommended the Board accept the retirement resignation of Lisa Davis as a part-time teacher assistant with her last day being February 13, 2023.
- Approved for Northgate School District to cover the cost for students participating in College in the High School at a total cost for the District up to \$32,000.
- Approved the secondary Course Catalog for the 2023/2024 school year as presented.
- Approved the secondary Student Handbook as presented.
- Approved the request of Northgate Odyssey to cover the costs of school membership for Odyssey of the Mind at \$290 per school and regional competition entry fees at \$100 per team for one year only.
- Approved the following athletic supplemental contracts for the spring season of the 2022-23 school year as stated below:

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- Approved the November and December 2022 Treasurer's Reports; ratified the November and December 2022 Bill Lists, and approved the Tax Refunds
- Accepted the Northgate Middle/High School Activities and Athletic Accounts report for the period ending December 31, 2022.
- Approved the purchase of a Volunteer Accident Insurance policy from Bollinger Speciality Group and underwritten by Guarantee Trust Life at a premium cost of \$500.

- Adopted an opt-out resolution stating that the District will not raise the rate of any tax by more than its Adjusted Act 1 Index of 5.3%.
- Approved the continuation of the District's Residential and Commercial Property Appeals Program in 2023 with Andrews & Price.
- Approved an Interested Purchaser Agreement with Mark Helbling to effectuate a free and clear sheriff's sale of a vacant lot on South Sprague Avenue in Bellevue. The agreement provides that Mr. Helbling will advance all expenses related to the proceedings and make a minimum bid of \$15,000. The total expenses are anticipated to be \$6,000, and the remaining \$9,000 will be prorated among the various taxing bodies.
- Approved a continuation of the District's water treatment contract with Chemway for an additional year at a cost of \$6,836.
- Approved TruGreen Commercial to provide lawn care services at a cost of \$7,036.88, including fertilizer, weed controls and vegetation control treatments at Alumni Stadium and the three school building grounds in the spring, summer and fall.
- Approved a proposal from Garland/DBS, Inc. to replace the roof of the exit stairwell from the gymnasium and auditorium stage at Avalon Elementary at a cost of \$53,988 under the OMNIA Partners cooperative agreement.
- Approved the hiring of Thomas Loar as a part-time custodian.
- Approved the advertisement of a request for proposals for food service management company services beginning in the 2023-24 year and renewable for up to four additional years.
- Approved the second and final reading of the following policies:
 - 610 (rev) - Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotations
 - 611 (rev) - Purchases Budgeted
- Approved changing one of the half-time nurse assistant positions to one full-time nurse assistant position.
- Approved the attendance of the Superintendent at the PARSS Conference, April 26-28, 2023, in State College, PA at a cost of \$275 for registration plus mileage.
- Accepted the retirement resignation of Lisa Davis as a part-time teacher assistant with her last day being February 13, 2023.

The Board approved the following items at their January 17, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting:

- Approved Amy Charley as a volunteer swim coach. Also, the Board approved Maddie Abramowicz as a volunteer softball coach.
- Accepted the updated Northgate School District logo, including color and font as presented.
- Approved the purchase of football uniforms for home games from Century Sports at a cost not to exceed \$7,255.
- Approved the purchase of football uniforms for away games from Century Sports at a cost not to exceed \$7,255.
- Approved the first reading of the following policies:

610 (rev) - Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotations
611 (rev) - Purchases Budgeted

- Approved the second & final reading of the following policy:

209.1 (rev) - Food Allergy Management

- Ratified the change in assignment for Kim Mavilla as a part-time teacher assistant to a full-time custodian effective January 9, 2023.
- Approved April Deanda as a part-time teacher assistant.
- Accepted the retirement resignation of Mary Devenyi as a part-time nurse assistant at Avalon Elementary effective December 2022.
- Ratified Anna Yackoski as a nurse assistant substitute, at \$17.18 an hour.
- Approved the request of teacher number 2 (22-23) for a medical Sabbatical Leave for the second semester of the 2022-23 school year at one-half the teacher's regular salary.
- Approved a change in the attendance date for the Superintendent to the AASA National Conference on Education in San Antonio, Texas, in February 2023 to include an additional day at an additional cost not to exceed \$305.
- Approved Dr. Jeffrey Evancho's attendance at the South by South West (SXSW) conference in Austin, Texas in March 2023 at no cost to the District. Cost will be covered by Remake Learning.