

**NORTHGATE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING AGENDA
Monday, June 21, 2021 - 6:30 p.m.
via zoom meeting**

- I. EXECUTIVE SESSION - 5:30 p.m. (Personnel & Safety)**
- II. WELCOME AND ROLL CALL**
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MAY 10, 2021 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING, AND THE MAY 17, 2021 REGULAR BOARD MEETING**
- IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Dr. Johns**

Odyssey of the Mind Presentation - Bill Bergmann, Susan Rosati & Angela Melton
- V. VISITORS' COMMENTARY** (Visitors: Please state your name and address; please limit your remarks to three (3) minutes or less. Please summarize your comments during this Visitors' Commentary time. Once the Board begins the "Items for Action" part of the Agenda, only comments sought by the Board will be recognized.)
- VI. TREASURER'S REPORT - May 2021 - Addendum I - Mrs. Robinson** Motion
- VII. ITEMS FOR ACTION**
 - A. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE**
 - 1. Revised Agreement with SP Smith Construction Serv. - Mr. O'Keefe** Motion

It is recommended the Board approve a revised agreement with S.P. Smith Construction Services, LLC for monthly facility services and construction management at a fee of \$2,800 a month.
 - 2. Unpaid Leave of Absence - Mr. Gratner** Motion

It is recommended the Board approve an unpaid leave of absence from July 1-16, 2021 for custodian number 1 (20-21).

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3. Change Order - Mrs. Lumsden

Motion

It is recommended that the board approve a change order to Baiano Construction Inc. for a change in scope modifying the width of asphalt disturbance from 36" to 18" along 600 lf of curb for a credit amount of (\$11,502.00).

B. EDUCATION COMMITTEE

1. A-TSI Plan - Dr. Smithey

Motion

It is recommended the Board approve the Additional Targeted Support and Improvement (A-TSI) plan at the Middle/High School.

2. French Trip

Motion

It is recommended the Board approve the request for students and Ms. Cynthia Cromer, French Teacher, to be excused from school to attend a trip to France & England in April 2022 (departure date, April 5). (This is the trip that was originally scheduled for November 2021.) This will be a non-school funded trip.

3. OT/PT Services - Mr. Gratner

Motion

It is recommended that the Board enter into a two-year agreement with Pediatric Therapy Specialist, Inc. for Occupational and Physical Therapy services.

4. Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Greater Pgh. MOU

Motion

It is recommended the Board approve an MOU with The Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Pittsburgh for a mentoring partnership at no cost to the district.

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5. Summer School Teachers - Mrs. King Motion

It is recommended the Board approve two teachers (Mike Bichko and Robb Craycraft) to act as facilitators for summer school.

6. Elementary Summer Program Motion

It is recommended the Board approve Renee Crosby-Skinner as Nurse for the elementary summer program. It is further recommended the Board approve the following teachers for the elementary summer program, June 14 - July 1, 2021, Monday - Thursday.

Avalon:

Abby Anderson-Kindergarten
Allison Dushack-1st Grade
Lori King-2nd Grade
Gail Bernauer-3rd Grade
Heather Persson-4th Grade
Heidi Roberts-5th Grade

Bellevue:

Abby Bayer-Kindergarten
Barb Gusew-1st Grade
Kristy Slate-2nd Grade
Katie Caldwell-3rd Grade
Regis McDevitt-4th Grade
Sue Emery-5th Grade

7. Non-Athletic Supplemental - Mrs. McWilliams Motion

It is recommended the Board approve the following non-athletic supplemental contract for the spring musical for the 2021-22 school year as shown below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Karen Klicker	Musical Director	\$3,000

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C. ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

- 1. Athletic Supplemental Resignation - Mrs. McWilliams** Motion

It is recommended the Board accept the resignation of Bill Silay as Assistant Cross Country Coach.

- 2. Athletic Supplementals** Motion

It is recommended the Board approve the following athletic supplemental contracts for the fall season of the 2021-22 school year as shown below, contingent upon submission of acceptable clearances:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>
James Coleman	Asst. Football Coach	\$3,000
Amber Ricci	Asst. Volleyball Coach	\$2,500
Josh McFall	Asst. Cross Country Coach	\$2,500

- 3. Volunteer Coach - Mrs. Robinson** Motion

It is recommended the Board approve Joe Greer as a volunteer Boys' Basketball Coach.

- 4. Baseball Trip - Mrs. Lumsden** Motion

It is recommended the Board approve the request for students and Mr. Brandon Hogle, Baseball Coach, to be excused from school to attend a trip to Vero Beach, Florida for preseason training March 22 - 27, 2022. This will be a non-school funded trip.

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D. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 1. Bill List and Tax Refunds - Mrs. Robinson** Motion

It is recommended the Board ratify the May 2021 Bill List found in Addendum II and approve the Tax Refunds found in Addendum III.

- 2. Final General Fund Budget** Motion

It is recommended the Board approve the Final General Fund Budget for the 2021-22 school year with expenditures in the amount of \$27,222,031 at a tax rate of 26.32 mils. See Addendum IV.

- 3. Real Estate Duplicates** Motion

It is recommended the Board approve the Real Estate Duplicates, which are the county's certified assessments for the 2021-22 fiscal year for all properties within the boroughs on which the tax collectors will base the annual real estate tax bills. The amounts charged to the Avalon and Bellevue Tax Collectors will be as follows:

	<u>AVALON</u>	<u>BELLEVUE</u>
Total Assessed Value	\$185,875,620	\$317,933,913
Amount Charged	\$4,892,246	\$8,368,021

- 4. General Insurance - Mrs. Lumsden** Motion

It is recommended that the Board approve the purchase of the following insurance policies from CM Regent Insurance Company for the 2021-22 (July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022) fiscal year at the costs shown:

- a. Property insurance: \$31,796
- b. Equipment breakdown coverage: \$4,344
- c. General liability with law coverage: \$9,532
- d. Violent Incident: \$3,788
- e. Commercial crime policy: \$434
- f. Commercial auto policy: \$2,174
- g. Educators' legal liability coverage: \$15,866
- h. Excess liability coverage: \$5,346
- i. Cyber insurance: \$8,150

Total: \$81,430

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5. Student insurance

Motion

a) Athletic

It is recommended that the Board 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 a cost of \$9,950 for the 2021-22 school year.

b) Voluntary Student Insurance

It is recommended that the Board approve United States Fire Insurance Company to provide voluntary student insurance for 2021-22 at no additional cost.

6. Workers' Compensation - Mr. O'Keefe

Motion

It is recommended that the Board approve the purchase of a Workers' Compensation Insurance policy with UPMC Health Benefits at a cost of \$46,850.

7. Activities Report

Motion

It is recommended that the Board approve the Activities & Athletic Accounts report for the quarter ending 6/11/21. (See Addendum V.)

8. Homestead/Farmstead - Mrs. West

Motion

It is recommended the Board approve Resolution 06-21-01 authorizing the District to reduce Homestead property taxes by an amount of \$697,616 to be received from the Commonwealth from gaming funds under the provisions of the Homestead Property Exclusion Program Act (part of Act 50 of 1998) and the Taxpayers Relief Act (Act 1 of 2006). (See Addendum VI.) If subsequent to the adoption of this Resolution the Pennsylvania Department of Education notifies the School District that for the 2021-22 fiscal year it will receive a different Property Tax Reduction Allocation pursuant to the Taxpayer Relief Act (Act 1 of 2006) and/or any amendments thereto, then the maximum real estate assessed value reduction for the homestead and farmstead exclusions will be based upon

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the subsequently issued aggregate amount available for homestead and farmstead real estate tax reduction for the school year beginning July 1, 2021, utilizing the above calculations.

9. Per Capita Tax

Motion

It is recommended that the Board authorize the issuance and collection of the \$5.00 per capita tax for the 2021-22 fiscal year as provided for under the School Code, its Supplementals and Amendments, and also a \$5.00 per capita tax under Act 511, for a total of \$10.00.

E. ADMINISTRATION - Dr. Johns

1. AIU Educational Services Agreement

Motion

It is recommended the Board approve an Educational Services Agreement with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit 3 (AIU) to provide special education services to students assigned by the District for the 2021-22 school year.

2. MOU with Teachers

Motion

It is recommended the Board approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Northgate Education Association (NEA) regarding temporary teaching positions utilizing ESSER Grant funding.

3. Director of Partnerships & Equity

Motion

It is recommended the Board approve the hiring of Dr. Jeffrey Evancho as Director of Partnerships and Equity half-time for one year, as recommended by the Superintendent, in the amount of \$50,000 per year, and approve the Agreement as submitted. This position will be paid for by grant funding and/or ESSER III funding.

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4. ESY Teacher Assistant

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It is recommended the Board approve Lisa Davis as Extended School Year (ESY) Teacher Assistant during the summer of 2021, as recommended by the Superintendent.

5. Summer Program Teacher Assistant

Motion

It is recommended the Board approve Nancy Camello as an elementary summer program Teacher Assistant during the summer of 2021, as recommended by the Superintendent.

6. Recall

Motion

It is recommended the Board approve recalling Christine Gold, Rita Trevisan, Patricia Coss, Jeri Emery and Madonna Matthews as part-time elementary Lunchroom Supervisors, who were temporarily furloughed at the December 7, 2020 Board meeting, effective date of return the first day of the 2021-22 school year (August 26, 2021).

7. Roenigk Driver

Motion

It is recommended the Board ratify Larry Ritchey as a bus driver for W.L. Roenigk, Inc. for transporting students as verified by W.L. Roenigk, Inc. as having proper clearances, physicals and license to transport Northgate students. Continued utilization of drivers is at the discretion of the School District.

8. Grants

Motion

It is recommended the Board approve submission of the following grants:

- Title I
- Title IIA
- Title III
- Title IV
- Ready to Learn Grant
- IDEA
- Select Teacher & Administrator Grants
- Pre-K Counts
- Safe Schools
- ESSER

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9. School Doctor

Motion

It is recommended the Board appoint Dr. Edward Snell as a school doctor for the mandated school physicals at \$100 per hour.

10. Technology Agreement - AIU

Motion

It is recommended the Board approve an agreement with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit 3 (AIU) to provide district technology services effective July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024, contingent upon review of Agreement by Solicitor.

11. American Rescue Plan/Health & Safety Plan

Motion

It is recommended that the Board approve the American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary Emergency Relief Health and Safety Plan.

VIII. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

A. LEGISLATIVE REPORT - Mr. O'Keefe

B. A.W. BEATTIE CAREER CENTER REPORT - Mr. O'Keefe / Mr. Gratner

C. SUPERINTENDENT - Tenure

The following teachers have attained Professional Employee Status as certified by the Superintendent to the Board Secretary, and this certification shall be recorded in the official minutes of this meeting:

Katie Hepner
Molly Lipovsky
Josh McFall

Malla Mizikowski
Erika Scherling
Samantha Schuetz

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IX. OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS

A. PASA-PSBA School Leadership Conference - Mr. O'Keefe Motion

It is recommended the Board approve the attendance of any interested Board Member at the PASA-PSBA School Leadership Conference in the Poconos, Pennsylvania, September 27-29, 2021.

B. PSBA Voting Delegates - Mr. O'Keefe Motion

It is recommended that the Board appoint (Mike Rajakovic) and (Amy Robinson) as Northgate's two voting delegates to the October 23, 2021 PSBA Delegate Assembly.

X. VISITORS' COMMENTARY (Subject to time limitation or postponement at the board's discretion.) (Visitors: Please state your name and address; please limit your remarks to two (2) minutes or less. Please summarize your comments during this Visitors' Commentary time.)

XI. DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, August 2, 2021	6:00 p.m.	Finance Comm. Mtg.
Monday, August 2, 2021	7:30 p.m.	Buildings & Grounds Comm. Mtg.
Wed., August 4, 2021	4:30 p.m.	Athletic Comm. Mtg.
Monday, August 9, 2021	6:30 p.m.	Education Comm. Mtg.
Monday, August 9, 2021	7:30 p.m.	Committee of the Whole Mtg.
Monday, August 16, 2021	6:30 p.m.	Board Meeting

XII. ADJOURNMENT