

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

HIGHLIGHTS FROM SEPTEMBER 2022 BOARD MEETINGS

Student Council Report: Peyton Celesti, Student Council Representative, provided a student council report. He mentioned they have nine executive board members this year. He also mentioned they have some new ideas that they are working on for this year, and one is to focus on promoting various events.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Johns mentioned that Avalon *Parents as Allies* in Making Program was featured at the Hands-On Science Program on the Rachel Carson Bridge. She mentioned the recent Middle/High School Open House, the Meet the Flames night, and a Team Building Day at the Middle School. She also mentioned several upcoming events: Elementary Open House scheduled for September 22; the Homecoming game scheduled for September 23, and a Flu Clinic scheduled for October 10. Dr. Johns also noted that Odyssey of the Mind will be returning this week and mentioned the recognition of Positive Behavior Network at Bellevue and the Middle/High School.

Dr. Johns and the Board paid tribute to Mr. Daniel O'Keefe.

The Board approved the following items at their September 19, 2022 Board meeting:

- Approved an MOU with The Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Pittsburgh for a mentoring partnership at no cost to the district.
- Approved the absence of students and select school staff for the 8th grade Washington, D.C. trip, March 23-24, 2023.
- Approved Malcolm Randall as a volunteer Boys' Basketball Coach.
- Approved the Rivers of Steel Mural after-school Club at Avalon and Bellevue Elementary Schools at a cost of \$2,100 per building.
- Approved the August 2022 Treasurer's Report; ratified the August 2022 Bill List and approved the Tax Refunds.
- Approved an amendment to the contract with Epic Communications, which provides full service e-rate support. The amendment extends the contract through the 26th year of e-rate (2023-24).
- Approved Resolution 09-22-01 pertaining to Act 57 of 2022 amending the Pennsylvania Local Tax Collection Law.

- Approved a district-wide service contract including MAX Pro real-time diagnostics hardware and software with TK Elevator for an initial term of three years, beginning October 1, 2022 at a cost of \$7,278.00 - year 1; \$7,016.83 - year 2, and \$7,262.15 - year 3.
- Approved the Good Project from Project Zero at Harvard Graduate School. Lessons will be taught at the High School.
- Approved the second reading of the following policies:
 - 113.1 (rev) - Discipline of Students with Disabilities
 - 218 (rev) - Student Discipline
 - 220 (rev) - Student Expression/Dissemination of Materials
 - 227 (rev) - Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia
 - 237 (rev) - Electronic Devices
- Approved the first reading of the following policy:
 - 913 (rev) - Nonschool Organizations/Groups/Individuals
- Appointed Cheryl Patalano as a representative to the A.W. Beattie Career Center Committee. (Ms. Eames will remain as the other representative.) Any interested Board Member may serve and act on behalf of Northgate School District during the absence of appointed representatives.
- Approved the attendance of the Superintendent and Dr. Michael Amick to the AASA 2023 National Conference on Education to be held in San Antonio, Texas, February 16-18, 2023 at a total cost not to exceed \$2,500 each. The cost of the trip will be covered through a grant from the Grable Foundation.
- Ratified Theodore Ickes as a bus driver for W.L. Roenigk, Inc. for transporting students.
- Ratified Merv Doerfler to be added to the list of cafeteria workers for Sodexo.
- Approved the School Resource Officer (SRO) Agreement with the Bellevue Police Department and Borough of Bellevue for August 2022 through June 2023 with the School District covering 100 percent of the School Resource Officer's salary during his time at the District.
- Approved a Settlement and Release Agreement for Student A.
- Approved the Strategic Plan as presented.
- Accepted the resignation of Joni Cousins as a Teacher Assistant effective September 15, 2022.

- Accepted the resignation of Ashley Nardone as elementary Guidance Counselor at Avalon Elementary.
- Approved the hiring of Austen Tarabay as full-time elementary Guidance Counselor at Avalon Elementary, Step 1. Effective date to be determined.
- Approved an Addendum to the Superintendent's Contract amending the performance evaluation deadline date from August 31st to October 31st each contract year.
- Elected Officers for the following PSBA positions:

Michael Gossert, as "President-elect" (one-year term)
and
Allison Mathis, as "Vice President" (one-year term)

- Elected candidates for PSBA Insurance Trust Trustees

Trustee (term ends December 31, 2025 - 3-year term)

- Kathy Swope
 - Roberta Marcus
- Appointed Cheryl Patalano as Vice President of the Board to fill the unexpired term to December 2022.
- Appointed Amy Joy Robinson as a Northgate voting delegate to the November 5, 2022 PSBA Delegate Assembly.

The Board approved the following items at their September 12, 2022 Committee of the Whole Meeting:

Dr. Johns provided a Strategic Plan update

- Accepted the supplemental resignation of Joseph Ball as Assistant Football Coach effective August 29, 2022.
- Approved Nathaniel Brown as Assistant Football Coach for the prorated amount of \$2,450.
- Approved Alan Bowden and Alex Glover as volunteer Football Coaches.
- Approved an Agreement with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU) to provide Title I services to our students residing in the Northgate School District attending nonpublic schools effective August 22, 2022 to August 22, 2023.
- Approved Dylan Stone as a paid Technology Intern at a stipend of \$1,000.

- Approved the first reading of the following policies:
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 - 220 (rev) - Student Expression/Dissemination of Materials
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 - 237 (rev) - Electronic Devices
- Accepted the resignation of Victoria Jennings as part-time Teacher Assistant.
- Rescinded the offer of employment to Nicole Vlcek as part-time Teacher Assistant.
- Ratified the hiring of Amanda McNeal as a part-time Teacher Assistant (changing from a substitute teacher assistant) effective August 25, 2022.
- Approved the participation of the Superintendent in AASA's (The School Superintendents Association) delegation to Israel, November 12-20, 2022. There is no cost to the district.