

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MAY 2019 BOARD MEETINGS

The Northgate Board of School Directors honored District volunteers this month at a reception in the Northgate Middle/High School cafeteria.

Special recognition was given to the following students whose art work had been selected by the art teachers to be presented to the Board.

Avalon Elementary - Payton Arrington
Bellevue Elementary - Violet Watson
Middle/High School – Kira Blenk & Claire Ishiyama

Special recognition was also given to art teachers, Mrs. Lory Farrow and Mrs. Katie Novelli, for their assistance in instructing and selecting these students and their art work.

Special recognition was given to Gage Watson as Student Council Representative to the Board for the 2018-19 school year, and to Kayley Wisniewski as Beattie Student Representative to the Board for the 2017-18 and 2018-19 school years.

Gage Watson, Student Council Representative, provided a Student Council update. He spoke about the recent Senior Raffle and mentioned the money raised went towards the Prom. Gage also spoke about the notes of appreciation they did for teachers, and mentioned the upcoming Student Council Election for next year.

Kayley Wisniewski, Beattie Student Representative, provided a Beattie update, including they are working on finals and preparing for graduation. Kayley noted that a Northgate student, Madalyn Abramowicz, will be Valedictorian this year at the Beattie Senior Recognition ceremony.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Johns recognized and thanked students who participated in our choral, band and orchestra programs, and thanked the families and teachers for their support of the students. She mentioned that although Northgate is excited to make changes to the music program that will encourage more students to get involved, at this time, she is recommending the proposed changes be delayed for a year in order to give the District time to look into grants and donations of used instruments. She thanked Ms. Haberman for obtaining information on instrument repairs and purchases. Dr. Johns made positive comments about DARE graduation and thanked Sgt. Lucas and the Bellevue Police Dept. She mentioned that Sarah Reid, a Northgate Junior, was invited to speak at the Junior Achievement Board of Directors annual meeting. Sarah spoke about her experience attending the Leadership & Ethics Institute, which is sponsored by JA.

The Board approved the following items at their May 20, 2019 Board meeting:

- Approved the Treasurer's Report, Bill List and Tax Refunds.
- Designated the following multiple depositories for the fiscal year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. PNC, Citizens, PA School District Liquid Asset Fund (PSDLAF), PA Treasurer's Investment Program for Local Governments, PA Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT).
- Authorized the issuance and collection of the \$5.00 per capita tax for the 2019-20 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.
- Approved renewal of the following bonds:
 - School Board Secretary's Bond, 7/1/19 – 6/30/20 - \$100
 - Treasurer's Bond, 7/1/19 - 6/30/20, \$100
 - Activities Account Coordinator's Bond, 8/16/19 - 8/15/20, \$100
- Approved the purchase of a Workers' Compensation Insurance policy with UPMC Health Benefits, at a cost of \$45,240, which is \$5,254 less than the prior year cost.
- Mr. Daniel O'Keefe was elected Treasurer for the 2019-20 school year (July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020).
- Approved the following budget transfers as shown below:
 - Transfer of \$250 each from 222601 (Tech Supplies AES) and 222602 (Tech Supplies BES) to 222403 (AV Equipment Maintenance HS);
 - Transfer of \$1,000 from 262431 (Building Repairs & Maintenance AES) to 260608 (Custodial Supplies AES);
 - Transfer of \$200 from 222601 (Tech Supplies AES) to 222603 (Tech Supplies HS);
 - Transfers of \$655 from 327602 (Girls' Basketball Supplies), \$317 from 327601 (Boys' Basketball Supplies), \$740 from 327501 (Boys' Basketball Transportation), \$556 from 326503 (Cross Country Transportation), and \$244 from 326500 (Golf Transportation) to 327604 (Swimming Supplies);
 - Also approved additional transfers to allow for the purchase of chrome books for grades 6 -8.
- Approved the renewal of the District's HVAC system preventive maintenance agreement with Gunning, Inc. over a three-year period at annual costs of \$43,632, \$44,760 and \$46,020 for each respective year. This represents increases of 2.59% in the first two years, and 2.82% in the third year.
- Approved the replacement of the Gymnasium Lights at the Middle/High School with new LED Lights and controls for an amount not to exceed \$25,648.00.
- Approved the following as summer custodians: Heman Darjee, Matthew Laughlin and Danelle Frazier.

- Approved the Additional Targeted Support and Improvement (A-TSI) professional development plan at the Middle/High School.
- Approved the purchase and adoption of Smithsonian Science for the Classroom modules for K-5 Science classes and Smithsonian's Science and Technology Concepts models for 6-8 Science classes, at a cost of \$99,855.36.
- Adopted Illustrative Mathematics for 6-8 Math classes, at no cost to the district.
- Approved two chaperones and interested students to attend and present at the Hip Hop Ed Conference at Columbia University in New York, May 31 to June 1, 2019, at a cost of \$1,600.
- Approved the following athletic supplemental contracts for the fall of the 2019-20 school year as shown below:

FALL Name	Position
Todd Goble	Head Golf Coach
Michael Fulmore	Head Football Coach
Stephon Mathis	1st Asst. Football Coach
Alan Bowden	Asst. Football Coach
To Be Named	Asst. Football Coach
To Be Named	Asst. Football Coach
To Be Named	Asst. Football Coach
Val Pennington	Head Volleyball Coach
Max Schaar	1st Asst. Volleyball Coach
Brian Veshio	Head Cross Country Coach
Bill Silay	1st Asst. Cross Country Coach
Anthony Barron	M.S. Girls' Basketball Coach
Courtney Wolosik	Asst. Girls' Basketball Coach
Caitlin Gates	Varsity Cheerleading
Shelby Szakelyhidi	M.S. Cheerleading
Brandon Hogle	Weightlifting Sponsor

- Approved A.W. Beattie Career Center 2019-20 Budget in the amount of \$9,885,290.
- Approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between and among the Avalon Police Department, the Bellevue Police Department and the Northgate School District.
- Adopted a Resolution supporting Senate Bill 34 and House Bill 426 for school districts providing their own cyber learning program.
- Approved an amendment to the ESS contract to cover Extended School Years (ESY) Substitute Teachers effective June 10, 2019.
- Approved Josh McFall and Samantha Holman as Extended School Year Teachers (ESY), and Renee Crosby-Skinner as ESY Nurse from June 10 to June 27, 2019.

- Approved Mary Lundy, Megan Mueller, Donna LaLonde, Linda Sozanski, Linda Haag, Lisa Sefick, Joni Cousins, Cathy Mancini, Joe Szalinski, Nancy Camello, Lisa Davis, Elizabeth Entz, Veronica Geyer, and Donna Sherman as Extended School Year (ESY) Teacher Assistants from June 10 through June 27, 2019.
- Approved the elimination of one elementary lunchroom supervisor/monitor position and furlough one lunchroom supervisor/monitor at Bellevue Elementary effective the end of the 2018-19 school year.
- Approved an Educational Services Agreement with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit 3 to provide special education services to students assigned by the District for the 2019-20 school year.
- Approved an Affiliation Agreement for Internship/Practicum, Pre-clinical and Student Teaching between Duquesne University and Northgate School District.
- Approved summer hours for the District. Operating hours will be from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. during the weeks of June 10 to August 16, 2019.
- Approved the District to participate in an Asthma survey/screening conducted by Duquesne University. The survey/screening would be offered to K - 6 at no cost to the District or students.
- Approved to renew an agreement with Christopher Ursu, Director of Finance & Operations, to be effective July 1, 2019 for three years.

The Board approved the following items at their May 13, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting:

- Approved the Proposed Final General Fund Budget for the 2019-2020 fiscal year in the amount of \$26,670,027 and place the budget on public display. The millage rate, for Proposed Final Budget purposes only, is set tentatively at 25.5 mils. The Board will continue to review the Budget Plan in preparation for the final adoption of the budget scheduled for Monday, June 17, 2019, at 7:30 p.m. in the Northgate School District Administrative Center Boardroom. The Proposed Final Budget will be available for public inspection in the Administrative Center and each of the school building offices from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM Monday through Friday beginning Friday, May 17, 2019. The budget will also be available on the district website under the Administration section.
- Authorized the administration and HHSDR Architects / Engineers to proceed with the advertising and bidding for the Security Vestibule Improvements to Avalon Elementary, Bellevue Elementary and the Northgate Middle/High School.
- Approved an unpaid leave of absence for an employee from May 18 to July 26, 2019.
- Accepted the resignation of Shaun Tomaszewski as Director of Curriculum and Assessment.