

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE JANUARY 2019 BOARD MEETINGS

Student Council Report: Gage Watson, Student Council Representative, provided a Student Council update. He mentioned the recent winter sock hop dance. He mentioned that Student Council is planning for upcoming activities, including the Arts Odyssey festival.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Johns provided an update on professional development.

Dr. Johns recognized and thanked the Board Members for their service for Board Recognition month. Northgate choral students and Mrs. Winovich provided a choral performance. Mrs. Robinson recognized Mr. Paladin on his four years as Board President.

Representatives from PFM Financial Advisors presented financing options for future capital projects, including bank loans and bonds. A representative from Concord Public Finance also presented financing options for future capital projects, including bank loans and bonds at the January Committee of the Whole meeting.

The Board approved the following items at their January 21, 2019 Board meeting:

- Approved the Treasurer's Reports and Bill Lists.
- Adopted an opt-out resolution stating the District will not raise the rate of any tax by more than its Adjusted Act 1 Index of 3%.
- Approved the purchase of a blanket bond insurance crime policy at a cost of \$676 from Element Risk Management.
- Accepted the Northgate Middle/High School Activities and Athletic Accounts for the period ending December 31, 2018.
- Approved the continuation of the District's Residential and Commercial Property Appeals Program in 2019 with Andrews & Price.
- Approved a resolution authorizing the District to participate in the Allegheny Intermediate Unit Western PA Electricity and Natural Gas Consortiums.
- Approved a natural gas contract with Direct Energy Marketing, LLC with a start date of September 1, 2019. This contract stipulates a purchase price of Nymex Minus \$0.219/Dth and is through the AIU Natural Gas Consortium.
- Adopted the Resolution assigning the School District's interests in school real estate taxes and tax liens for tax parcels 214-M-323 and 214-G-275 to the Borough of Avalon pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Assignment Agreement.

- Approved a budget transfer of \$300 from account 214302 (School Psychologist Training) to account 214504 (School Psychologist Travel) to pay for travel costs outside of conference fees. Also, the Board approved a budget transfer of \$1,500 from account 129329 (Access Prof/Tech Services) to account 129330 (Behavioral Health) to cover the cost of training for the Student Assistance Program.
- Approved a continuation of the District's water treatment contract with Chemway for an additional year at a cost of \$6,195, which is \$295 more than the previous year. This is the first cost increase since 2013.
- Approved TruGreen to provide lawn care services at a cost of \$5,564.71, including fertilizer and weed control treatments at Alumni Stadium and the three school building grounds in the spring, summer, and fall. The cost is 3% higher than the prior year amount.
- Approved a contract with Yarborough Development, Inc. to replace at Bellevue Elementary the smaller exterior steel staircase and eliminate the larger exterior steel staircase and make all repairs to the handrail area to make safe for the low bid amount of \$39,550.00.
- Approved the request of B.A.G.A.A. to use the Bellevue Elementary gym from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Friday evenings, February 1, 15, 22, March 1 and 8, and Thursday evening, February 7, 2019.
- Approved the following supplemental contract for the 2018-19 Spring Musical:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>
Vocal Director	Kassandra Lorey Smith

- Approved the following staff member for the Mentoring Program for the remainder of the 2018-19 school year (half-year).

<u>Inductee</u>	<u>Mentor</u>
Adam Strotz	Angela Hoffman

- Approved permitting Magee Womans Hospital to conduct the Girls on the Run Program at both Avalon and Bellevue Elementary Schools.
- Approved permitting Pittsburgh Kids Marathon to conduct the Kids of Steel Program at Avalon Elementary School.
- Approved permitting CDG Sports to conduct an after school fun sports program on February 28, March 1, 7, 8, 14 and 21, 22 and 29, 2019 from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Bellevue gym. There is a cost to the students of \$10 per session.
- Approved the Middle School/High School Course Catalog for the 2019/2020 academic year. The Course Catalog outlines for students, families, and educators our secondary-level program of studies. The Catalog also contains updated course

descriptions and important information about the District's College in High School Program partnership with the Community College of Allegheny County.

- Approved the following athletic supplemental contracts for the spring of the 2018-19 school year as stated below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Max Schaar	Middle School Volleyball Coach
April Krivoniak	Middle School Volleyball Coach
Brandon Hogle	Head Baseball Coach
Jason Swalga	1st Asst. Baseball Coach
Frank Camello/Jr.	Asst. Baseball Coach
Rob Abramowicz	Head Softball Coach
Mike Marusic	1st Asst. Softball Coach
Missy Stone	Asst. Softball Coach
Theresa Benson	Middle School Swim Coach
Ed Marcellus	Spring Weightlifting Coach

- Approved Shane Adams and Benjamin Valeriano as volunteer boys' basketball coaches.
- Approved an amendment to the Teacher Substitute contract to increase the starting daily substitute rate to \$100 a day.
- Ratified Bonitta Wilmore as a bus driver for W.L. Roenigk, Inc. for transporting students.
- Approved an MOU between the District and Holy Family for an after school SNAP Program at no cost to the District.
- Passed a Resolution adopting the Pennsylvania School Boards Association Principles for Governance and Leadership as the principles and expectations for the conduct of the business and fulfillment of the public responsibilities of the Northgate Board of School Directors.

The Board also approved the following items at their January 14, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting:

- Approved Kimberly Kennedy as a substitute part-time custodian.
- Recognized the Northgate Quarterback Club (Football Boosters Association) as the football team's boosters. The Boosters are not sponsored by the School District.
- Approved a contract with Final Site to develop and maintain the District website at a set up fee of \$9,000, a first year fee of \$5,900, and years two through five, a fee of \$6,900 each year.
- Ratified Kimberly Kennedy as a cafeteria worker for Sodexo.