

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

April 19, 2011

Northgate Staff,

Special recognition was given to Betty Peterson, Teacher Assistant, who has retired.

Special recognition was also given to Sarah Amick for winning a scholarship to experience a month in China this summer.

Savannah Paladin, Student Council Representative, reported to the Board on Student Council activities, including projects to raise money for the Japan Relief Effort and for the Leukemia Foundation. Student Council participated in the Winter Special Olympics, and a Talent Show is scheduled for April 20th.

Dr. Bonfield commented that he had received a letter of response from Representative Deasy regarding the Governor's budget.

The Board approved the following items at their April 18, 2011 Board meeting:

- Approved the Treasurer's Report and Bill List
- Approved the following use of facility requests:
 - a. Approved the request from Assumption to use the Avalon Elementary School gym for the 2011-12 boys' and girls' basketball program on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings from 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. from October 14, 2011 to March 16, 2012.
 - b. Approved the request from the Cross Country Coach at Assumption School to use the Northgate Cross Country course for two after-school meets, and also to use the course once per week from August 1 to October 15, 2011 for practice. It is understood that use of the course will be coordinated with Coach Frank Nesko so as not to conflict with Northgate Cross Country activity.
 - c. Approved the request of the Northgate Boys' Basketball Boosters to use the Middle/High School gym the week of April 25 - 29 and May 9 - 13, 2011 (excluding May 11) from 5:00 - 9:30 p.m. and Saturday, April 30 and May 14, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. to hold a boys' basketball spring league.
 - d. Approved the request of Bellevue-Avalon Girls' Athletic Association (BAGAA) to use the indoor baseball facilities at the Middle/High School on Monday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. from April 4 through June 27, 2011 (excluding days which school is not open and Graduation night).

- e. Approved the request of the YMCA to use Bellevue Elementary cafeteria on Friday, May 6, 2011, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. for an informational community event.
- Approved James Rieg as a four-hour, part-time custodian at the Middle/High School.
- Authorized the District to enter into an agreement with ASSET, Inc. for elementary science.
- Approved Personal Finance as a graduation requirement for the graduating class of 2014 and eliminating Computer Application I as a graduation requirement for the class of 2015 and beyond.
- Approved Joe Andrews as a Volunteer Baseball Coach.
- Approved to rescind its adopted practice of closing buildings to all student activities for two weeks in the summer.
- Approved an athletic supplemental for Neal Martin as Head Girls' Varsity Basketball Coach for the winter season of the 2011-12 school year.
- Approved the Northgate Middle/High School Activities and Athletic Accounts for the period ending March 31, 2011.
- Authorized the Administration to seek quotes for a tax anticipation loan for 2011-2012. Quotations will be due on June 20, 2011 at noon. Quotations will be reviewed and presented for approval at the regular Board meeting to be held on June 20, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. The loan closing will be scheduled on or after July 1, 2011.
- Agreed to the request by the Borough of Avalon to pay 1/3 of the cost, or \$2,100 annually, for a part-time Census Clerk to verify residency.
- Approved an increase in lunch prices from \$1.60 at the elementary schools to \$1.70, and from \$2.00 at the Middle/High School to \$2.10, in compliance with Section 205 of the 2010 Child Nutrition Reauthorization Act: Equity in School Lunch Pricing. Adult lunches will increase from \$2.85 to \$3.00. The cost of breakfast will remain the same.
- Accepted with regret the following retirement resignations at the end of the 2010-11 school year: Patricia Staab, Elementary Title I Teacher; Lelanda Andria, Elementary Teacher; Athena McMonagle, Elementary Teacher; Jack Downey, Elementary Teacher; Roberta Johnson, Elementary Guidance Counselor; Gail Hustwit, Special Education Teacher; Sharon Baling, Middle/High School Reading Teacher; Bonita Mohr, Middle/High School Math Teacher, and Barb Sandy, Middle/High School English Teacher.
- Approved the adoption of the Allegheny Intermediate Unit's policies and procedures under the federal requirements of 34 CFR 300. The IU-adopted policies and procedures are implemented to fulfill the requirements of 22 Pa. Code, Chapter 14 and the regulatory requirements under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act - Part B.

- Approved the request of YMCA to operate a summer literacy and numeracy program for second graders at Bellevue Elementary School. Both Avalon and Bellevue students are eligible to attend.
- Approved an agreement with W.L. Roenigk, Inc. to freeze bus rates at 2010-11 rates for the 2011-12 school year and extend the transportation contract one year.
- Approved the submission of application for one Act 80 day for seniors for the 2010-11 school year.
- Approved the elimination of the following teaching positions due to substantial decrease in pupil enrollment in the School District and/or the curtailment and/or alteration of Social Studies course(s)/class(es) as recommended by the Superintendent due to substantial decline in course enrollment and/or to conform with standards of organization and/or to conform with educational activities recommended by the Department pursuant to 24 P.S. § 11-1124:

1. One Social Studies position.

The Superintendent is hereby instructed to seek approval of said curtailed and/or alteration of Social Studies course(s)/class(es) with the Pennsylvania Department of Education and to determine the appropriate teacher to be furloughed as necessary.

- Approved the elimination of two part-time and six full-time teaching assistant positions and to determine the appropriate people to be laid off as necessary.
- Approved the elimination of two and two-fifths lunchroom supervisor positions and to determine the appropriate people to be terminated.