

# BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

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March 18, 2014

Northgate Staff,

Special recognition was given to Gina Ungarino for being one of 16 students accepted into a two-week program at Drexel University Wespahl College of Media Arts and Design this summer where she will be able to explore the fields of Fashion Design or Design and Merchandising.

Special recognition was also given to Mr. Jeff Smith for assisting Gina with her essay to be accepted into the program.

Special recognition was given to Darion Trimmer for WPIAL Section 3 AA – Champion – Weight Class 136 lbs.

Dr. Pasquerilla talked about the recent Arts Odyssey Festival.

A summary was provided of the recent Pittsburgh Penguins Foundation's visit and their donation of Tablets for Education and Kindle Fire HDX 7's to Avalon and Bellevue Elementary.

The Board approved the following items at their March 17, 2014 Board meeting:

- Approved the following use of facility requests:
  - a) The request from the Northgate Community Swim Program to sponsor an American Red Cross Lifeguarding Certification and Recertification course on the following Saturdays, April 5, 12, 26 and May 3 and 10, 2014. The classes will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end 3:00 p.m. (Upon completion of the written and practical portions, students will be certified for CPR, First Aid and AED, as well as Lifeguarding.)
  - b) The Lease Agreements for two classrooms at Bellevue Elementary per the agreement.
  - c) The YMCA's request to use either Avalon or Bellevue Elementary cafeteria Mondays through Fridays from June 9 to August 15, 2014, excluding July 4, from 6:45 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. and from 3:30 to 6:00 p.m. as a drop-off and pick-up location for their summer camp.
  - d) The request of Joanna Recker to use Avalon Elementary gym on Friday, March 21, 2014, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

- e) The request of the Northgate Aquatics Club (NGAC) to use the Middle/High School cafeteria on Monday, April 7, 2014, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. for their end of season banquet.
- f) The request of the Pittsburgh Poison All Stars to use the Middle/High School gym on Saturday, April 12, 2014, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. for their dance team dress rehearsal.
- Approved for the Allegheny Intermediate Unit's Early Learning Classroom to operate a program in a classroom at Avalon Elementary and reimburse the District \$1,200 a month per the Keystone to Opportunities grant.
- Approved the following course at the high school as part of the Social Studies Curriculum as recommended by the Superintendent: Government.
- Approved the following athletic supplemental contracts for the spring of the 2013-14 school year as stated below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Liz Mohr	1st Asst. Softball Coach
T.J. Wiley	Weightlifting Sponsor

- Approved the following athletic supplemental contracts for the fall of the 2014-15 school year as stated below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
John Wiley	1st Asst Football Coach
Hank Marziale	Asst. Football Coach
Chris Berner	Asst. Football Coach
Frank Camello	Asst. Football Coach

- Approved Don Thomas and George Frisch as volunteer Football Coaches for the 2014-15 school year.
- Approved effective the 2014-15 school year, to institute Middle School Baseball to replace JV Baseball.
- Approved the Treasurer's Report, Bill List and Tax Refunds.
- Approved a settlement with Fourteen Hundred, Inc. in which the assessed value of Block and Lot 160-L-25 would be set at \$200,000 for tax years 2013 and 2014. Also, the Board approved a settlement with Morgan Avalon LLC in which the assessed value of Block and Lot 160-A-140 would be set at \$4,600,000; \$5,000,000; and \$5,300,000 for tax years 2012-2014, respectively.
- Authorized Northgate School District's continued participation in the Western Pennsylvania Electric and Natural Gas Consortiums for the purchase of electricity and natural gas for up to a three-year term. The agreement for electricity will commence

after the final meter read date in January 2015, and the agreement for natural gas will commence after the final meter read date in August 2015.

- Approved the District to enter into an agreement with The Eric Ryan Corporation (ERC) to utilize ERC's utility and telecommunications auditing and consulting services. The fee would be 25 % of all refunds/credits recovered in the first 12 months following implementation of ERC's recommendations.
- Approved L. Douglas McCausland to serve as Trustee for the Allegheny County Schools Health Insurance Consortium for the Northern Region for a two-year period effective March 31, 2014.
- Accepted a foreign exchange student with a J-1 Visa for the 2014-15 school year and approve AIFS Foundation- Academic Year in America (AYA) as the sponsor, pending submission of appropriate paperwork to the Superintendent.
- Approved the proposed 2014-15 Allegheny Intermediate Unit Program of Services budget as submitted.

The Board approved the following item at their March 10, 2014 Committee of the Whole meeting:

- Approved Rob Abramowicz as Assistant Softball Coach for the spring of 2013-14 school year.
- Approved a three-year custodial agreement (July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2017) as presented.
- Accepted the resignation of Amy Dombrowski as teacher assistant effective February 24, 2014. Also, the Board accepted the resignation of Shea (Charnesky) Tompkins.
- Approved Pamela Ebaugh as a substitute teacher assistant.
- Approved a contract with Mitel NetSolutions for the purchase and installation of a Hosted Voice Over IP Telephony System for a term of 60 months.