

# BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

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January 19, 2016

Northgate Staff,

Isaac Eames, Student Council Representative, reported that Student Council is currently discussing future plans, which include possible fundraisers such as a pep rally and/or penny wars. They are also discussing a possible Sadie Hawkins dance. He further reported that Student Council will attend a Leadership Conference one day in February.

Rachel Aubel, Beattie Student Representative, reported on activities at Beattie, including seniors are preparing for graduation. Rachel also reported on Skills USA.

Dr. Pasquerilla recognized and thanked the Board Members for their service for Board Recognition month.

Dr. Pasquerilla announced the District received a grant in the amount of \$4,000 from Allegheny Financial Group. He thanked the Allegheny Financial Group for their donation and Ms. Lattari for procuring the grant.

Cottrill, Arbutina & Associates, Auditors, provided a 2014-15 local audit report.

The Board approved the following items at their January 18, 2016 Board meeting:

- Approved the Treasurer's Reports, Bill Lists and Tax Refunds.
- Approved the continuation of the District's Residential and Commercial Property Assessment Appeals Program in 2016 with Andrews and Price.
- Accepted the Northgate Middle/High School Activities and Athletic Accounts for the period ending December 31, 2015.
- Approved the delinquent real estate tax payment schedule proposed by the owner of Savoy Courtyard, as recommended by Andrews & Price.
- Authorized the District's participation in the ~~Western Pennsylvania Electricity Consortium~~ Extension for the purchase of electricity from Direct Energy only if the price is at or below the current price. The extended agreement will begin after the final meter read date in January 2018 under the current agreement for a period of 12 months, and the price will include all costs except distribution, sales taxes, and other local utility charges as contained in the original agreement.
- Authorized Andrews & Price to initiate Sheriff's Sale proceedings on parcel number 159-D-66.

- Approved the licensing of computer software from AMCA Systems, LLC for the completion, automated distribution, and electronic filing of IRS Forms 1094-C and 1095-C
- Accepted a bid from Stringert, Inc. in the amount of \$58,680 to remove and replace the Bellevue Elementary School gym roof in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the District's invitation to bid
- Approved a continuation of the District's water treatment contract with Chemway for an additional year.
- Approved the following use of facility requests:
  - a) The request of the North Boroughs Tidal Waves Swim Team to use the Northgate Middle/High School Swimming Pool for spring clinic from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday from May 23 to May 27, and May 31 to June 3, 2016 and tentatively May 16 – 20, 2016.
  - b) The request of MYTAA to use the high school batting cage area on Friday evenings from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. from January 22 to March 18, 2016 on an availability basis only.
  - c) The request of the Cub Scouts to use the Northgate Middle/High School cafeteria for a Cub Scouts banquet on Saturday, April 16, 2016, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- Accepted the resignation of Arthur Knight as custodian.
- Approved an MOU with Crisis Center North to support the grant that provides mentoring services to Northgate, wherein the District is responsible for the cost of the 4th year in the amount of \$3,000.
- Approved the following athletic supplemental contracts for the spring of the 2015-16 school year as stated below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Abby Bayer	Middle School Volleyball Coach
Brianne Wise	Middle School Volleyball Coach
Brandon Hogle	Head Baseball Coach
Jason Swalga	1st Asst. Baseball Coach
Frank Camello, Sr./	Asst. Baseball Coach
Frank Camello, Jr.	Asst. Baseball Coach
Gary Shepard	Head Softball Coach
Heather Persson	1st Asst. Softball Coach
Rob Abramowicz	Asst. Softball Coach
Theresa Benson	Middle School Swim Coach
T.J. Wiley	Spring Weightlifting Coach

- Approved Justin McGurgan and Jacob O'Keefe as volunteer baseball coaches.
- Approved a continuance of the Cooperative Sports Agreement with Avonworth School District for the years 2016-17 and 2017-18.
- Approved Rebecca Macek as a substitute teacher assistant.
- Accepted the resignation of Christine Boring as Science/Chemistry teacher at the Middle/High School.
- Approved the proposed revision of the Board's Operational Manual, which was first approved in 1978, and provides for the general structure and operation of the Board and the duties and responsibilities of each Board committee, a Code of Ethics for Board Members and Administrators, and the Policy for Public Commentary at Board meetings.
- Approved revised policies 004, 115, 317, 806, and new policies 011 and 824.
- Approved a Translation Agreement with Allegheny Intermediate Unit 3.
- Approved extending a Server Monitoring and Maintenance Agreement with Ideal Integrations to monitor and maintain the District's servers.
- Approved the adjudication agreement for student X.
- The Principles for Governance and Leadership, as approved by the voting delegate at the PSBA Delegate Assembly in October 2015, was adopted by the School Directors of the Northgate School District, collectively and individually. These principles update the Standards for Effective Governance and Code of Conduct that have been the standard for Pennsylvania school boards for over a decade. The principles reflect a commitment by the school board to Advocate Earnestly, Lead Responsibly, Govern Effectively, Plan Thoughtfully, Evaluate Continuously, Communicate Clearly and Act Ethically. Also, the Board Secretary will communicate this action to PSBA for inclusion in the list of boards adopting the principles.

The Board approved the following item at their January 11, 2016 Committee of the Whole meeting:

- Ratified the District's continued participation in the Act 183 Consortium with the AIU for RWAN (regional wide area network) and switching the vendor from Sunesys to DQE communication.
- Approved an agreement with Seneca Valley for cyber services for German courses.