

**Superintendent Report: July Board Meeting**  
**Submitted on July 20, 2023**

**ADMINISTRATIVE WORK:**

July has been busy filling open positions and preparing for the new school year. At the time of this report, we have one teaching position open and four DESPA positions vacant.

The administrative team has been heavily focused on improving school safety. We've reviewed and refined procedures and have upgraded the safety and security around classroom doors. We are also looking to upgrade our radio system and will be intentional about their use throughout the school day. Other upgrades will continue to happen as the team works through our security assessment and as funds become available. On July 13, I was able to attend a school safety roundtable meeting with local law enforcement and school administrators. It is good to see this kind of collaboration between our agencies.

Josh, Amy, Tania, and I have also been reviewing internal controls and procedures within the district and tightening some of the protocols. With new staff, COVID, and a change in leadership, it will be important to ensure good systems are in place for things like purchasing, field trips, fundraisers, etc.

Our district school improvement plan is in the process of being filed with the state. Ms. Johns, Mr. Stibich, and I are in the process of completing the consolidated app for Title Ia, Title IIa, and Title IV funding. Once again, we are using our Title IIa funds this year to focus heavily on school culture as well as ensuring that our new principals continue to be supported in their new roles.

I met with the DESPA leadership team on July 20 where we reviewed updates to their evaluation tool.

We believe that our health resource advocate position is secured for another year. This is a collaborative grant through the Michigan Department of Education and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. To keep Ms. Shelbie Davidson for another year, we are required to have an active COVID-19 testing plan, which may be as simple as saying that we are available to test anyone who wants to be tested upon return from an extended break (ie- the first day of school, the first day after winter break, and the first day after spring break).

We are putting on the final touches for our professional development for August 14 and 15 as well as planning for Registration Day on August 8. It will be *\*fantastic\** to have students in the building once more!

## **BUDGET DEVELOPMENT:**

GREAT NEWS! The state budget passed, increasing funding to schools by \$458 per pupil. That's a \$9,608 foundation allowance which is exactly where Raelynn and I had designed the budget. Now we are just waiting to see where our enrollment numbers fall.

Other highlights from the state budget:

- 100% Special Education reimbursement
- Enrollment Stabilization Fund: \$71M
- At-Risk funding increase: \$205M
- School Transportation Fund: \$125M
- .5% MPSERS payroll offset

## **FACILITIES:**

Ms. Dupuis will be working with a small committee to select a spot within the building to commemorate Ms. Linsey Ebert. We wanted to be very intentional in this process and not make decisions when emotions were running high; but, it is now time to move forward with this project. Our goal is to have a discussion at the August meeting and a decision approved by the board of education during the September meeting.

The elementary school HVAC program is going along well. The architect reports no issues on their end. Gunthorpe and their subcontractors have been working long hours and over the weekend to ensure a timely end to the project.

We continue to address the drainage issues around the high school gymnasium. We had a contractor complete work that included adding a french drain and additional drain tile at a cost of \$27,600. Through this project, we had a couple of colossal rain storms and were able to observe firsthand other issues that may be contributing to the ponding of water on the northwest side of the gym. This new discovery has led to additional work needing to be done, including lowering two nearby drains so that they actually receive water. The new project is expected to cost \$4860.

## **ATHLETICS SPRING RECAP:**

### **Baseball**

14 participants (Varsity only)

14-17 overall record

7-7 CMAC record (4<sup>th</sup> place)

Hosted Dansville Aggie Invite on May 13 (4 teams)

CMAC All-conference 1<sup>st</sup> team - Zach Sykes & Wyatt Mosley

CMAC All-conference honorable mention - Dylan Ream

MHSBCA All-District - Wyatt Mosley  
MHSBCA Academic All-District - Zach Sykes  
LSJ D3 All-Area - Wyatt Mosley & Zachary Sykes

### **Golf**

12 players (11 boys, 1 girl)

Finished 11<sup>th</sup> out of 13 at Regionals

A lot of improvement was made during the season for several golfers, some playing for the first time. Most of them were playing competitively for the first or second time.

Finished 4<sup>th</sup> at the Portland St. Patrick CMAC jamboree

Oak Lane (Webberville) worked out well as our 'home' course.

CMAC All-conference Honorable Mention - Alessia McGivern

### **Soccer**

24 Participants

10-6-1 overall record (also played 3 Jv matches)

6-3-1 CMAC record (4<sup>th</sup> place)

CMAC/GLAC All-Conference - Bella Baker

CMAC/GLAC All-conference 2<sup>nd</sup> team - Allie Grice, Elizabeth Carpenter

CMAC/GLAC All-Conference Honorable Mention - Faith Caroen

MiHSSCA All-District - Bella Baker, Allie Grice; 2<sup>nd</sup> team - Maggie Kodish, Elizabeth Carpenter

LSJ All-Area - Bella Baker, Elizabeth Carpenter, Allie Grice

### **Softball**

13 participants

9-27 overall record

2-12 CMAC record (7<sup>th</sup> place)

Hosted Dansville Aggie Invite on May 13 (4 teams) - finished runner-up

CMAC All-conference 1<sup>st</sup> team - Gracie Taylor

CMAC All-conference 2<sup>nd</sup> team - Kourtney Mack, Sarah Hawkins

CMAC All-conference Honorable Mention - Chloe Moore

MHSSCA All-District - Gracie Taylor, Kourtney Mack

MHSSCA All-Region - Gracie Taylor, Kourtney Mack

MHSSCA All-State Honorable Mention - Gracie Taylor, Kourtney Mack

MHSSCA Academic All-State - Kourtney Mack, Emily Tringal, Sarah Hawkins

MHSSCA Team Academic All-State

LSJ All-Area - Gracie Taylor & Kourtney Mack

### **Track & Field**

30 participants (25 boys, 5 girls)

2-5 overall dual meet record

Hosted 1 home meet (April 26)

Finished 7<sup>th</sup> out of 14 teams in the Fowler Invite (April 14)

Finished 4<sup>th</sup> out of 17 teams in Auburn C Perkins Memorial Relays (April 28) in Webberville

Finished 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 13 teams in Regionals (May 19) in Concord

Finished 5<sup>th</sup> out of 8 teams in the CMAC League Championship meet (May 24) in Fowler

Many PRs (person records) were bested as the season progressed

#### States:

Shane Braughton - 110M Hurdles, 6<sup>th</sup> place - All-State

Shane Braughton - Long Jump (17<sup>th</sup> of 29), High Jump (13 of 17), 300 Hurdles (DNF)

Elijah Neal - Long Jump (DNF)

Theo Davis - 1600 M Run (17 of 22), 3200 M Run (9 of 30)

Rebekah Hallock - 3200 M Run (27<sup>th</sup> of 27)

4x200 Relay - Devin Ackerson, Trent Ackerson, Joe Kadlubowski, Chase Goff (16 of 20)

4x100 Relay - Devin Ackerson, Trent Ackerson, Shane Braughton, Chase Goff (9 of 19)

4x400 Relay - Theo Davis, Trent Ackerson, Joe Kadluboski, Chase Goff (17 of 21)

### **MS Track & Field**

25 participants (19 boys, 6 girls)

Hosted 2 home meets (May 4, May 11)

Many PRs (person records) were bested as the season progressed

The increase in numbers (and girls) is a positive!

#### New MS Records:

Pole vault - Anderson Karkau

70 Meter Dash- Evy Kemler

200 Meter Hurdles- Mayson Burgett

4x100 Relay - Mayson Burgett, Kayden Keith, Cash Clark, Evan Sykes

4x800 Relay - Anderson Karkau, Colton Rhines, Hunter Greenman, Ayden Myer

**UPCOMING DATES:**

August 9: Registration Day  
August 10: Elementary Back-to-School Bash  
August 14: First Day for Teachers  
August 15: First Day for Students

*Board Members: Please consider joining us for the Welcome Back Breakfast at 8 AM in the MS Commons on August 14.*

**CELEBRATIONS:**

- We have exciting news to share regarding our Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP). This classroom requires a childcare license and a quality rating through Great Start to Quality. This summer, our program has been awarded the Enhancing Quality rating. Kudos to Charlotte Remington for overseeing this accreditation process.
- We also extend our congratulations to Charlotte who recently married Trooper Richard Birmingham! She has had a very busy summer. 🧡