

Superintendent Report: May Board Meeting
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ADMINISTRATIVE WORK:

The 2023-24 school year is nearing completion. Teachers are administering summatives and preparing report cards; principals are completing teacher evaluations and organizing end-of-the-year banquets and activities; facilities and grounds are preparing for summer maintenance and projects. It is an exciting time of the year!

The math committee has met twice and is in the process of narrowing down two different sets of curriculum to pilot for the upcoming school year. The technology committee has also reviewed the survey data and is currently looking at two potential devices to replace our aging iPads.

The school improvement team will be meeting for a day-long session on May 29 to debrief this year's activities and to plan for the upcoming school year.

The administrative team is in the process of collecting 360* data to help inform our practice as leaders. At the time of this report, we have received 176 family surveys back.

The changes in the Public Employees Relations Act requires that anyone conducting evaluations on educators must go through inter-rater reliability training. The principals and I plan to attend a training on June 14. However, this law also applies to boards of education and the evaluation of the superintendent. Look for more information to come on that.

Amy Convey and Jennifer Williams have facilitated an after school literacy program for K-2 at-risk students. This program will continue into the summer school session. Speaking of summer school, we will be running a half-day session four days a week for middle school and elementary students from June 3-27. High school will be running full-day sessions for credit recovery five days a week from June 3-28.

Unfortunately, we didn't have enough students to run a begindergarten class this year. Ms. Popek has worked with the few families that were interested in this program. Some have transitioned to the GSRP program, some will do two years of kindergarten, and at least one family has decided to wait a year. We are also looking to add a full-time PE teacher to the elementary school. Right now, we are planning for the following sections:

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| GSRP: | 1 | Third: | 3 |
| Kindergarten: | 3 | Fourth: | 3 |
| First: | 3 | Fifth: | 3 |
| Second: | 2 | | |

BUDGET:

David will be presenting the proposed budget for the 2024-2025 school year at next month's meeting along with Revision II of the 2023-2024 budget.

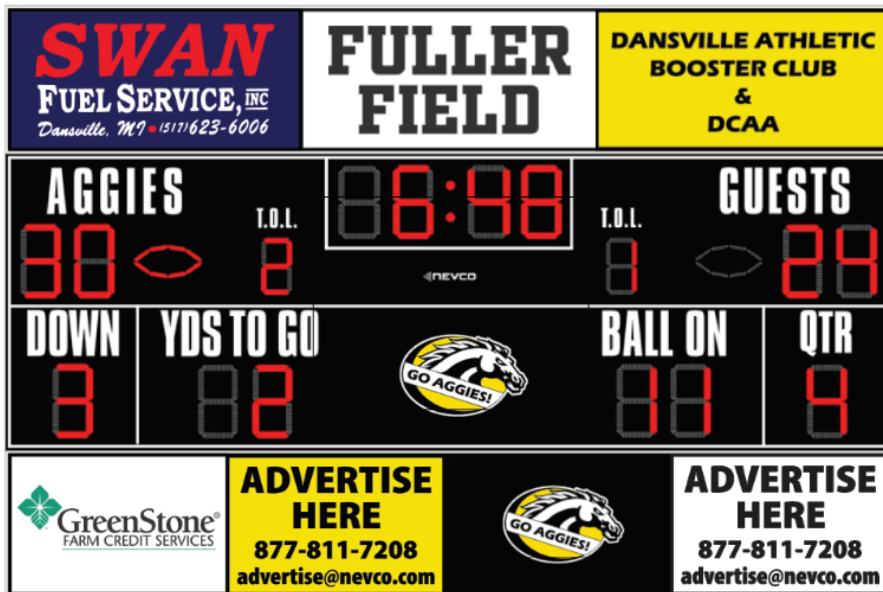
We have tentative agreements signed with both DEA and DESPA. Pending ratification by each association, we will be bringing those collective bargaining agreements to the board for approval in May and June.

FACILITIES:

Mr. Miller has scheduled a routine Asbestos inspection for May 28 and will be getting the remainder of the catch basins cleaned out before the summer thunderstorms roll in. We still have to conduct and pass one more test on the well water for the athletic complex.

Both Mr. Miller and I have reached out to excavating companies to see if we can schedule someone to address drainage issues on the soccer field; however, we keep coming up short. Dates for the parking lot rehabilitation have not been set just yet. Rick will be working a great deal this summer moving the spaceship room to its new location in the middle school.

Jeff Dassance has secured sponsors for the new football scoreboard to offset the cost to the district. At this time, Dansville Schools will contribute approximately \$6K toward the scoreboard but may recoup costs when/if more sponsors come forward. Here is the first rendition:



SAFETY:

Rick, Jeff, Amy, Jessica Herzfeld, Tania, and I attended the tabletop exercise conducted by Ingham County Sheriff's Office and Holt Public Schools on May 9. The focus of this training was how to address an incident involving a person on foot suspected of a violent domestic situation while a Friday night football game is occurring. We also heard an excellent debrief from the Mason team on how they handled the tornado event during a football game last August.

UPCOMING DATES:

- May 21: Retirement Celebration for Brenda Moran and Stephanie Heraux, 3:00 - 4:30 pm
May 24: Last Day of School, ½ Day Dismissal
May 27: Memorial Day
June 3: Summer School Begins

ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

I'd like to take a moment each month to highlight individuals and groups who support us along this journey and to celebrate the great happenings in the district:

- Our second grade team received a grant to participate in LETRS training, a two-year commitment to learning more about the science of reading.
- Many thanks to all who led and volunteered for Community Day. I left that Friday afternoon once again with my heart full of pride at the services our students performed. A special thank you goes out to Mary Hekman who ensured that this special event remained intact even with the turnover in administration.
- The spring play, the art show, the music concerts... if you missed those, you've missed some real treats!
- The Dansville Schools Education Foundation passed out their teacher-level grants this past week. Congratulations to:
 - Kindergarten who received \$2000 to purchase more engaging learning materials and manipulatives
 - Second grade who received \$2000 to purchase additional texts for BookWorms
 - Science Olympiad who received \$450 to attend professional development for the coaches
 - Makenna Krieger-Shanley who received \$275 to purchase educational games for middle school social studies students
 - Kate Tringal received \$550 for high-interest, low-reading level books.