

Superintendent Report: May Board Meeting
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ADMINISTRATIVE WORK:

The 2022-23 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!

We have made it through the testing season, and we are happy to report that we have zero third graders who would have been recommended for retention based on the Read By Grade 3 legislation, although the retention piece has been repealed moving forward. Ms. Lloyd reports the following for the middle and high school:

- We are at 100% for PSAT 8/9 for 8th graders (49 Testers) as well as 9th graders- PSAT 8/9 (42 Testers) and PSAT 10 (56 Testers).
- For 11th and 12th grade we were 100% for the SAT (67 Testers). We are at 100% for both ACT & MSTEP (66 Testers)

Shannon and I have started planning the summer newsletter, and we have posted the 2023-24 School of Choice application to the website.

BUDGET:

We are excited to present a ratified DEA bargaining agreement to the board for approval. Highlights of this new contract would include paid time off language, changes to the Schedule B, and potential wage increases if our fall count and state aid revenue reaches a certain target. Please see the memos in the packet for more information.

We are in the process of negotiating the DESPA contract. To date, conversations have been going well.

In May, we like to present information on our anticipated budget for the 2023-24 school year. The state is expecting to increase per pupil by at least 5%. We are watching, however, our enrollment numbers. We are expecting to graduate 65 students while bringing in approximately 50 new kindergarten students.

FACILITIES:

Our electronic signs are getting there! As of today, both are operational, although both need some minor tweaking. We continue to work with Johnson Sign Company and Daktronics to ensure the final project is exactly what we intended. We also have a new Brown Family Ticket Booth sign on its way. The original cracked when installing, which was our fault, but the second version will be more durable.

Amy, Rick, and I conducted a walkthrough with Matrix and Gunthorpe for the elementary HVAC project. We will prepare the space the week of Memorial Day so that Gunthorpe may begin demolition on June 5. The project is expected to take until August 7 for completion.

Carolyn Jones, Rick, and I continue to negotiate prices on the drainage work that needs to be done around the new high school. In the meantime, Rick is spearheading the gym floor repairs that are expected to start on May 22.

The three HVAC rooftop units over the middle school are 28 years old. Two of the units continue to limp along, although the unit over the classrooms that serve 5th and 6th grades has stopped working. Rick and I will be researching whether it is possible or advisable to repair the unit or to replace. Look for more information in upcoming meetings.

ATHLETICS:

Winter Sport Recap:

Bowling

8 total

CMAC record: 1-8

Overall record: 1-8

Boys Basketball

MS - 24 total

HS - 22 total

CMAC record: 7-6

Overall record: 10-12

CMAC All-conference - 2nd team: Drew Frantz & Cody Ream; Honorable mention: Calvin vanHartesvelt

Team First BCAM award - Seager Kennedy

LSJ All-Area Honorable Mention - Drew Frantz, Cody Ream

BCAM Outstanding Senior Student/Athlete award - Zach Sykes

BCAM Team Academic All-State

Girls Basketball

MS - 19 total

HS - 11 total

CMAC record: 12-1, 1st place - CMAC Champions

Overall record: 21-3

District Champions

Regional Finalist

CMAC All-conference - 1st team: Megan Zeitz & Kourtney Mack; 2nd team: Elizabeth Carpenter;

Honorable Mention: Gracie Taylor

LSJ Dream Team - Megan Zeitz

LSJ All-Area - Kourtney Mack

LSJ All-Area Honorable Mention - Lizzie Carpenter

BCAM Best D3 - Megan Zeitz

AP Division 3 All-State - Megan Zeitz

Detroit Free Press All-State Honorable Mention - Megan Zeitz

Detroit News All-State 4th team - Megan Zeitz

Mid-Season AP #1 ranking

Final AP #6 ranking

Wrestling

19 total - 13 boys, 6 girls

CMAC/GLAC record: 6-3, 5th place

Overall record: 14-11

League Championship meet: Champion - Rowan Bartlett; 2nd place - Alex Baker; 3rd place - Trenton Northrup; 4th place - Logan Storey, Joe Kadluboski

Individual Districts: Champion - Alex Baker; 3rd place - Joe Kadluboski; 4th place - Trenton Northrup, Rowan Bartlett

Individual Regional/State Qualifiers: 2nd place - Alex Baker

Girls Individual Regional/State Qualifiers: 3rd place - Mekenzie Herrick; 4th place - Aubree Mayr

State Championship meet: Alex Baker (1 win, 2 losses); Mekenzie Herrick (1 win, 2 losses); Aubree Mayr (0 wins, 2 losses)

MWA Academic All-State - Aubree Mayr

SAFETY:

Amy, Josh, and I attended the Parkland Massacre Debrief at the Sheriff's office this week. The goal of the training was to help both law enforcement and school administration understand what went well and what did not. Many of the recommendations from this training are reiterations of the findings in our SEC audit. This summer, the leadership team will debrief and prioritize the strategies and protocols we should implement to improve the safety of students and staff.

UPCOMING DATES:

May 23: 8th Grade Moving Up Ceremony
May 26: Last Day of School, ½ Day Dismissal
May 29: Memorial Day
June 5: Summer School Begins

ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

In an effort to model "orangeness" and an attitude of gratitude, I'd like to take a moment each month to highlight individuals and groups who support us along this journey:

- Kate Tringal earned a grant worth \$435 to attend Math Recovery training in June.
- I've thanked our first responders before, but they have stepped up and really helped through a couple of student emergencies this spring. We appreciate their quick response and care. We were also happy to partner with them in their fundraising efforts to acquire a LUCAS machine which assists with chest compressions during critical situations.
- Many thanks to all who led and volunteered for Community Day. I left that Friday afternoon 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!