

Superintendent Report: May Board Meeting
Submitted on May 15, 2025

ADMINISTRATIVE WORK:

The 2024-25 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 school improvement team will be meeting for a day-long session on June 9 to debrief this year's activities and to plan for the upcoming school year. The math committee has several dates throughout June bookmarked to work on curriculum alignment.

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 153 responses.

During our last half-day of professional learning, our staff dove deep into the article, [Is Standardized-Based Grading Effective?](#) (Link & Guskey, 2022). Here are some of our takeaways:

- Standards-Based Grading (SBG) is a reporting method.
- No reporting method (whether A, B, C, D, F or 4, 3, 2, 1) will change student outcomes.
- What is taught and how it is taught is what makes the difference in student proficiency.
- Unlimited re-takes (especially to earn a 4) may not be the best practice.
- Reporting on noncognitive behaviors (work habits) is still essential, but it should be a separate grade from content mastery. This will provide a better, more accurate, and more comprehensive picture of what students accomplish in school.
- When done well, SBG is an effective communication tool to report on student progress.

We are committed as an Aggie Family to address the issues in our teaching, assessment, and grading practices that may have contributed to lower student achievement. Remember, it takes time to right the ship. This will be a 12-18 month process.

BUDGET:

David will present the proposed budget for the 2025-2026 school year at next month's meeting along with Revision II of the 2024-2025 budget. The May Estimated Revenue Conference will be held on May 16.

We are just starting DEA and DESPA negotiations. Language for DEA is set through June 30, 2026; however, the collective bargaining agreement allowed for a one-year opener for wages.

FACILITIES:

We have gathered three quotes for fencing:

Clery Fencing: \$18,852

Metter Construction: 11,980

Superior Fence & Rail: 15,673

Based on these numbers, I plan to contract with Metter Construction/Fence to install the fence between the elementary playground and the property to the west of our property. Metter has 20 years of experience in this industry.

I am in the process of researching asphalt repair for our high school parking lot. My hope is to stretch the life of the parking lot another 3-5 years to allow our sinking fund balance to increase.

Proposals for the facilities assessment have been reviewed. Mr. Lilly and Mr. Hacker participated in a review of the proposals on Wednesday and will bring a recommendation to the board for consideration.

We are excited to add the new-to-us Aggie head to our campus. Where it will go has not been decided just yet.



SAFETY:

This summer, we will add perforated film and/or safety film to a couple of classrooms that have full glass exterior doors.

This month's board packet will include bid information on an updated, integrated public address system.

UPCOMING DATES:

May 23: Last Day of School, ½ Day Dismissal
May 26: 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:

- Much appreciation to the Hart and Bezeau families for their generous donation of the former Western Michigan University's bronco sign for use at Dansville Schools. It will make a beautiful addition to our campus!
- Many thanks to all who led and volunteered for Community Day. I left that Wednesday afternoon once again with my heart full of pride at the services our students performed. A special thank you goes out to Mr. Andrews and his school improvement team, who ensured this special event remained intact.
- As we conclude another successful school year, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to our teachers and staff who have unwavering dedication, passion, and commitment to our students' growth and success. Their tireless efforts, creativity, and resilience have made a profound impact on the lives of many.