

## **Superintendent Report: Board Meeting**

**Submitted on June 22, 2023**

### **ADMINISTRATIVE WORK:**

Summer means planning! We are wrapping up end of the year reports and planning for the 2023-24 school year. Summer school is winding down with just four days to go at the elementary and middle school levels. This year we had 57 students participate in grades K-8. High school students who need to complete work for credit recovery have the opportunity to learn and receive support throughout the summer months. Twenty-two secondary school students were invited to participate in the summer credit recovery program.

We have finalized the current school improvement plan. The district school improvement team will be excited to share with you the progress we made this past year despite a massive change in leadership, deep losses, and weather cancellations. That tells you how much continuous improvement is in our Aggie Family's DNA!

All director and administrative evaluations have been completed. Merit pay has been finalized with all employee groups as required by law. Contracts and bargaining agreements are all in place for the next year.

The summer newsletter is jam-packed with celebrations and information. Look for that in your mailbox soon.

### **BUDGET:**

Last month, we presented information on our anticipated budget for the 2023-24 school year. The state is expecting to increase per pupil by at least 5%, but we are predicting a slight decline in enrollment based on exiting seniors and incoming kindergarten students. Our fund balance percentage will likely decrease as well, but this is expected as we spend down one-time funds related to COVID, safety grants, etc.

The 2023 Winter Tax Levy and the School Loan Revolving Fund application will need to be moved to the July BOE meeting. Typically these tasks are completed in June, but with turnover at the county level, our business office did not have the required information to complete these documents.

Raelynn Johns will be presenting 2022-23's Revision II budget and the proposed 2023-24 budget during the budget hearing on Monday night. By law, we are required to vote on the proposed budget by June 30 of each year.

On a side note, Raelynn has served Dansville Schools for years. A while back, she was promoted within IISD into more of a director role, but kept working with Dansville until a suitable replacement was found. David Stibich was hired last July and has been training side by side with Raelynn for the past twelve months. We are grateful for the years of service Raelynn has directly provided to the district, and she will continue to provide support from afar. We are excited to welcome David as the senior accountant; and, we welcome him as a quasi-member of the Aggie Family.

### **FACILITIES:**

The electronic signs just have a small punch list of items to correct until we are completely finished with the install. They are operational, and we are excited to partner with the village over the summer on community-wide messages (ie - the Memorial Day Parade or the July 4th Fireworks Display).

The elementary HVAC installation is going well. Matrix reports that there have been no issues and that the Gunthorpe team has been great to work with. All shop drawings were submitted in a timely manner and have been returned. There have not been any coordination issues to date. Gunthorpe reports that all of the existing unit ventilators have been removed, and they are working on the roof installing pipe curbs and condensers. Next week they will start piping from the roof down into the classrooms. The new unit vents are scheduled to ship 6/29/23.

We have revised the scope of work to be done on the drainage issues we've seen outside of the high school gymnasium and library. Thankfully the quote for this new scope of work came below the bid threshold, and for less than half of the lowest bid for the original project. I have authorized JD Building Services LLC to complete the following work for \$27,600:

- Core 12" hole in manhole near baseball field.
- Dig 36" wide trench 175' long to NW corner of gymnasium outside concrete sidewalk.
- Install 24' basin with heavy duty 24" service pit gate at NW corner of gymnasium outside concrete sidewalk.
- Install 175' of 12" N12 mega green solid pipe from basin to manhole.
- Dig 24" trench 24" deep 170' along sidewalk on north side of gymnasium.
- Install 2-6" single wall perforated tile with sock in 24" trench 170' long and connect to basin.
- Fill 24" trench and cover the tile with pea stone 170' long.
- Dig 24" trench from basin to SW corner of building to attach the 4 north side downspouts 133'.
- Attach 8" N12 mega green solid pipe 133' from downspouts to new basin.
- Cut and cap the old connection.
- Install dirt along the north wall of the library to force water in that area to run west.
- Redistribute extra dirt.
- Grade and seed excavated areas and north side of library.

The work is scheduled to begin Thursday, June 22, and should be completed by Sunday, June 25.

CleanTeam is working diligently this summer to ensure the facilities are spotless for the new school year. Even the trophy cases received a deep clean! We are in the process of negotiating an amendment to our current contract to add a day time porter and to reduce some evening services. As soon as this is finalized, we will have it to the board for approval.

Rick Miller has been trying to solve the mystery behind our second story lights outside of the gymnasium and the apparent random failures. We had electricians come look, again, and replaced some drivers. We are hopeful this is the final fix.

The elementary parking lot and bus loop have been repaired from the damages last fall caused by an individual not affiliated with the district. The high school gymnasium floors are still in the process of being repaired from water damage. New flooring is down, but paint and topcoats still have to be completed. Both of these repairs were processed through insurance.

Last summer we had a new freezer installed at the elementary with food service spend-down funds. We are experiencing a warranty issue with the freezer and are working to get it resolved.

#### **ATHLETICS:**

We are extremely proud of Maggie Kodish who recently signed with Great Lakes Christian College to play soccer.

The spring athletic season is now complete! Mr. Dassance should have a spring recap for us next month as we are currently awaiting to see if any of our athletes were selected for the Lansing State Journal all-area recognitions.

The more permanent Brown Ticket Booth Sign has been installed—with no cracks. Feel free to check it out sometime.

It is time to annually renew our membership to MHSAA (Michigan High School Athletics Association). It is placed on the agenda for discussion this month and will likely be an action item for July.

### **SAFETY:**

The administrative team along with Mr. Dassance and Mr. Miller met on June 13 to prioritize safety initiatives as recommended by our threat assessment. This will be a work in progress, but currently we are:

- updating our two-way radios
- adding roller shades to the new-construction classroom doors
- assessing the ability to make announcements from any phone
- taking steps to ensure classrooms can be locked quickly
- installing additional cameras
- revisiting arrival and dismissal procedures
- and more...

### **COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS**

Aggie Adventure Night is coming back! Nikki Kalczynski and the Elementary PTO will be hosting this event for elementary students and their families on Friday, September 8 - Saturday, September 9, 2023. This will take place on our practice football field.

### **UPCOMING DATES:**

July 3-7: Superintendent Office Closed  
August 8: Registration Day  
August 10: Back to School Bash  
August 14: Welcome Back, Staff  
August 15: First Day of School

### **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 positive happenings in and around the district:

- Congratulations to DMS 8th grader, Nicholas Andrews Mayor, who has been accepted into the CHAMP accelerated math program at Michigan State University! Nicholas earned a near perfect math score on the PSAT 8, he had to pass rigorous testing at MSU, and complete an interview process in order to be accepted into the program.