

Superintendent Report: Board Meeting

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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 79 students registered 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 high school students were invited to participate in the summer credit recovery program.

With two day-long planning sessions on May 29 and June 18, our district school improvement team has finalized our goals for the 2024-2025 school year. Furthermore, we've sketched out the entire plan for half-days and have increased the frequency of mentor-mentee meetings to ensure intentional conversations around student learning, grading, and assessment practices are occurring.

The team has settled on a theme next year still focused on family but also encouraging a growth mindset: **BUILD: Dreams. Successes. Connections.** These ideas were forged out of a couple of our seven mindsets: Everything is Possible and We are Connected.

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

The summer newsletter will be coming out soon and is jam-packed with celebrations and information. Look for that in your mailbox in the weeks ahead.

Unless there are any more staffing changes, we believe we have all of our educator positions filled for 2024-2025. Several of our new hires are experienced teachers and some even have their masters' degree. Very exciting! New hire orientation is scheduled for August 8-9.

As required by law, the administrative team participated in inter-rater reliability training for educator evaluations. Ingham ISD provided the following certification:

In accordance with MCL 380.1249(5), school leaders who conduct an evaluation of one or more teachers are required to complete rater reliability training by September 1, 2024, and every 3 years thereafter.

The following Dansville School administrators attended the June 14, 2024, rater reliability training and have met the requirement.

- Amy Popek
- Joshua Andrews
- Tania Dupuis
- Jennifer Wonnell

BUDGET:

Last month, we presented information on our anticipated budget for the 2024-25 school year. The state is expecting to increase per pupil by \$217, but we are once again predicting a slight decline in enrollment based on exiting seniors and incoming kindergarten students. Our fund balance is expected to stay relatively stable.

Raelynn Johns will be presenting 2023-24's Revision II budget and the proposed 2024-25 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.

In this month's packet, you will see a request to approve a technology plan to refresh devices at the secondary level and to add devices at the 5th grade level. This is something we have been planning for and have included in the budget. You will not see a decrease in fund balance because of this purchase.

FACILITIES:

Rick Miller is moving to a contracted position versus hourly. There will not be a significant increase in his take home pay, but this does provide both he and the district some flexibility in his hours. He will earn well-deserved vacation time as a result of this change. Beginning in the 2024-2025 school year, Mr. Miller will be providing facility updates to the board.

We continue to work on drainage issues. So far, the work completed last summer seems to be doing its job. We will have a few more catch basins cleaned in July. Chattaway did some work on the soccer field to improve draining there. They have looked at our pond more than once, but are not convinced that dredging is what is needed. They will continue to help us problem-solve a solution to ensure it functions as it should.

The new football scoreboard is scheduled to be installed in July. Mr. Sykes will use portions of the existing scoreboard to enhance the grounds.

Glenn Adkins is scheduled to do some work on the elementary playground during the second week of July. This will include a concrete pad for a storage shed and a concrete path on the playground. The project is being paid for with GSRP funds.

On June 21, Mr. Miller and I will be meeting with DC Engineering, Reith-Riley, and NTH Consultants to finalize the parking lot projects which are scheduled to begin in early July.

The installation of the new camera system is also scheduled to begin on July 1.

Lastly, we are in the process of adding bullet-resistant sheathing to the building offices as well as perforated film to reduce visibility into those spaces. Both were recommendations by our security assessment that was completed in the spring of 2023.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Aggie Adventure Night was back! Nikki Kalczynski and the Elementary PTO hosted this event for elementary students and their families on Friday, May 31 - Saturday, June 1. Fourteen families spent the night.

UPCOMING DATES:

August 6: Registration Day
August 8: Back to School Bash
August 12: Welcome Back, Staff
August 13: First Day of School

ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

- Congratulations to the Birmingham and Hammerstein Families who welcomed their newborn babies, Stella Jean and Evan Mitchell, respectively.
- Congratulations to our girls' softball team who were Regional Champions this year!
- Congratulations to Dansville Elementary whose GSRP (Great Start Readiness Preschool Program) earned the second highest marks in the county. Woot Woot!

23-24 Program Scores

MSU CDL: 24	Leslie: 19
Dansville Elementary: 23	Webberville: 19
Okemos: 22	Caterpillar Corner: 18
Holt: 21	Lansing: 18
Immaculate Heart of Mary: 21	Mason: 18
Kid Time: 21	Stockbridge: 18
Williamston: 21	Eastminster CDC: 15
Waverly: 20	Head Start: 14
Dansville Preschool: 19	Cradles to Crayons: 12
East Lansing: 19	