

Superintendent Report: May Board Meeting
Submitted on May 19, 2022

ADMINISTRATIVE WORK:

During my first month in the district, I worked diligently to be visible and present at many school events, including:

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| ★ MS Track and Field | ★ Student Production of Clue |
| ★ Softball and Baseball | ★ HS Band Concert |
| ★ Girls' Soccer | ★ 8th Grade DC Parent Meeting |
| ★ 5th Grade Graduation | ★ Senior Walk-through |
| ★ Mothers' Day Tea | ★ HS Graduation |
| ★ Senior Award Night | ★ 11th Grade Passion Project |
| ★ FFA Banquet | ★ Showcase |

Additionally, I have met with all of the board members. I have made my way through many classrooms and have read to a couple of them at the elementary level. I have attended county-wide curriculum meetings and superintendent meetings and have met all ISD business office personnel who support us at Dansville. Part of my transition plan included a thorough review of the facilities and a meeting with the team leaders for Dean Transportation and Clean Team USA, all of which have been completed.

Now that I have touched base with those who directly support the daily operation of the schools, I have started to branch out and schedule meetings with the PTO, Ladybugs, DSEF, and the local head librarian. Additional community meetings will be scheduled with key stakeholders.

We continue to work on bringing GSRP (Great Start Readiness Program) to Dansville. This provides state funded preschool for at risk four-year-old children to ensure success at the Kindergarten level. A great deal of work is involved, including obtaining a childcare license through the state of Michigan. We will let you know how this progresses.

PERSONNEL:

Mrs. Susan Provencal has announced her retirement at the end of the school year. Sue has graced our district with 12 years of service. We will miss her smiling face, but wish her well during this next chapter of her life. Mrs. Convey will be taking over as the next Title I / Literacy Coach.

Mrs. Kelli Pfiester has announced her resignation effective at the end of this school year. Kelli is a speech and language pathologist, primarily serving at the elementary level. We also wish her well in her future endeavors. This is often a difficult position to fill, so we've asked the ISD to take over staffing this position for the 2022-2023 school year.

We would like to welcome Ms. Caroline Porter to the Aggie Family! Caroline is a recent graduate from Northern Michigan University. She will be filling the MS/HS math position that has been vacant all year.

As of May 19, we have five applicants for the high school principal position. We also have three open teaching positions in grades 3, 4, and 6.

BUDGET DEVELOPMENT:

On Monday, 5/23, we will review where we are with the budgeting process. I have met twice with Raelynn Johns from the IISD, and we will continue to meet until we present the final proposal during our required June budget hearing meeting. Right now, we are trending to end this year with a 13% fund balance. We are using extremely conservative projections to develop next year's budget but will ensure that we are adhering to our board policy guidelines of maintaining a 10% minimum fund balance. Please review the presentation materials for more information.

The district must file our ESSER III / 11t plan with the state by June 15, 2022. ESSER III-11t funds are available to the 29% of school districts who did not receive at least \$1,093 in ESSER III Formula Funds based on free and reduced / poverty rates. We are required to reserve the following percentages of 11t funds to address learning loss as outlined in statute (PA 48 of 2021):

- (1) At least **51.4 percent** for activities to address **learning loss** by supporting the implementation of evidence-based interventions;
- (2) At least **10.3 percent** for the implementation of evidence-based **summer enrichment programs**; and
- (3) At least **10.3 percent** for the implementation of evidence-based comprehensive **after-school programs**.

Additionally, the funds are intended to support special populations of students, such as:

- Low Income Families
- Students from Each Racial and Ethnic Group
- English Learners
- Students with Disabilities
- Students Experiencing Homelessness
- Students in Foster Care
- Migratory Students
- By Gender

I will review our spending plan for 11t based upon the results we've gathered from our community survey and present that at Monday's board of education meeting. Please see the presentation in your packet for more information.

Dansville's allocation: \$214,444

COMMUNICATION:

The summer 2022 newsletter is in the works. School of Choice applications are up on our website. In the meantime, we continue to work on upgrading our website, and the prototype is looking *fabulous.* We are transitioning away from using Ms. Ames as our communication guru and are shifting those responsibilities back to Shannon and myself.

ATHLETICS (as of Tuesday, 5/17):

- ★ **Baseball** is currently 15-5-2 overall and 11-3 in the CMAC.
- ★ **Golf** has the CMAC Championship jamboree on Thursday, 5/19, at The Emerald.
- ★ **Soccer** is 4-12 overall...no CMAC league for girls soccer.
- ★ **Softball** is 10-9 & 4-8.
- ★ **Track & Field** is busy preparing for Regionals on Saturday, 5/21/22 at Webberville and then the CMAC League Championship meet which we are hosting on 5/25/22.
- ★ **MS Track & Field** has their last regular season meet tonight in Potterville before the CMAC MS League Championship meet next week, 5/26/22, at Saranac.
- ★ We hope to send several HS & MS runners to the Honor Roll meet, 5/31/22, and the Jr Honor Roll meet on June 1.

Coaching openings:

We are currently accepting applications for Varsity Boys Basketball for this summer and next season.

FACILITIES:

Rick has been working diligently to convert the room next to the elementary media center into two learning spaces: one for Title I, and one for special education. The extra space is necessary due to the addition of the GSRP classroom.

Parking lot bids are in. I have a small group assembled to review the bids and assist in prioritizing the needs for the district according to our asset management plan. If we choose to push forward with the project this summer, we will likely need a special meeting to approve the scope of work as our June meeting will be too late to get started. More information will be forthcoming.

UPCOMING DATES:

- May 22: Baccalaureate @ 1:30 pm / Commencement @ 3:00 pm
- May 24: Elementary Field Day
- May 24: Retirement Gathering for Amy Hodgson and Sue Provencal
- May 24: 8th Grade Graduation
- May 26: Middle School Field Day
- May 27: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
- May 27: Half-Day Dismissal / Staff End-of-the Year Luncheon