

Superintendent Report: September Board Meeting

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Administrative work:

We filled our last teaching position and are working to fill the vacant coaching positions in the next few weeks (wrestling and JVGBB). We have also worked on getting all in order for the reinstatement hearings, creating better systems for special education documentation and analyzing our standardized testing data. I will present the district data to the board on Monday during my Superintendent Report.

I have also attached my goals and the merit pay document for this school year for your review and feedback. These were presented to the Superintendent Evaluation Committee the week after the last board meeting.

Athletics:

All fall teams are in full swing, including middle school cross country and volleyball. Next will be middle school boys' basketball followed by the start of the winter sports season.

I would like to discuss the naming of district areas as part of the board meeting on Monday night.

Budget Info:

In the current draft of the 17-18 Revision I of the budget, we have a fund balance of approximately 9.5%. We are currently below our projected enrollment by 11 students. The first revision of the budget will be presented in either October or November, pending the release of some key information regarding unknown allocations.

The band continues to raise funds for new uniforms. They have raised approximately half of the needed funds and hope to have a mattress sale on a Sunday in October. I wanted to give the Board a heads up since we have traditionally not held many school events on a Sunday. In this particular case, people come in to try out mattresses, pillows, etc. and the band gets funding for every item sold. This is a popular fundraiser for bands now and they are held on Sundays. The request was approved.

We have yet to finalize a contract with DESPA. Negotiations will be discussed in closed session.

Communication:

The Back to School edition of the District Newsletter will be sent to the printer now that our staffing is finalized. The district has continued to use the School Messenger system, Facebook and Twitter to communicate as well.

Community Outreach/Partnerships:

We are helping promote the Education Foundation's upcoming fundraising event and hope you will join us! Their fundraising will help pay for the Project Lead the Way classes as well as our math curriculum.

District-wide Community Day will take place on September 22. Speakers will inspire our students to Live to Give and then teams of Aggies will be doing projects to help others in need as well as physically going out into the community to serve. The scrap metal drive is of particular interest in the community and participation has increased each year. Thank you to Erin Graf for heading up this special day that has become an Aggie tradition.

We are also working with a community member to bring a prescription pill drop-off event to Dansville. This will take place most likely with Parent-Teacher Conferences.

Curriculum/Training:

The secondary math teachers met with the ISD math consultant, Tania and I to talk through the implementation of the Go Math curriculum. The consultant shared research, best practices and resources and our teachers provided valuable feedback for her to share with the publisher.

The elementary science teachers met for a full-day training with ISD science consultant Rob Stephenson. Rob provided teachers with greatly improved, free, online resources and helped move the team forward in their move toward NGSX-ifying their science teaching.

Data:

Our MSTEP and SAT data will be shared via a presentation at the meeting.

Facilities:

The last of the site/utilities work should be completed by September 22. The footings and foundation work should be getting started on September 25. The patience and flexibility of the staff, parents and students has been noticeably helpful and is greatly appreciated.

Personnel Update:

The last vacancy on our teaching staff was filled right before Labor Day. Chris Mangopoulos, our new MS Social Studies teacher will be introduced at the board meeting on Monday. Chris was extremely impressive in both parts of the interview- the committee question round as well as the teaching round.

Safety:

We updated our safety protocols and submitted them to the fire department, invited them to the drills and then submitted them to the fire marshal inspector. We received good feedback after our first fire drill.

Technology:

We were generously given 20 free SmartBoards from the Stockbridge school district. We are in the process of installing them in the classrooms that do not already have them. We will re-evaluate all of the classroom technology after the technology portion of the bond is bid and the available funding becomes more clear.

Upcoming Dates of Note:

-Commitment to Graduate- October 12 at 8:30 AM in the HS Commons- Please RSVP