

## **Superintendent Report: March Board Meeting**

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### **Administrative work:**

The building principals, Heather Gucky and Becky Ames have done a great job preparing for Spring online testing for grades 3-11. This is the fourth year of MSTEP testing and the third year of SAT testing in the high school. Testing began on Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> and will continue for the next few months. We have also appreciated the support and partnership of our ISD tech team throughout the administration cycle.

Planning is underway for all of the end-of-year events/activities in each building. The elementary has a number of field trips, an art show and fifth grade graduation. The MS is in final preparations for the DC trip and then honors/8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation while the HS is finalizing plans for Honors Night and then all senior festivities and graduation.

We are finalizing the master schedules for each building for next year. These will include some staff changes due to anticipated decreased enrollment and other shifts.

We are very pleased about the implementation of Spring Math!. We are essentially teaching all of the math skills with the ability to input data into a system that shows each classroom teacher when the class has reached mastery for that skill. It also helps identify which students need additional support. We are all continuing to work with a coach from the ISD who has come to our school to help our teachers as well as coming to our admin meetings to help us learn how to effectively monitor the effectiveness of the interventions.

### **Athletics:**

Spring sports, including our first club golf team, are all underway, although the weather has been particularly challenging this year.

We had a surprise event before break to recognize and honor Anthony Mack for his 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish in the state for wrestling. Anthony was one of the top 42 wrestlers in the state in our division. Caleb Hodgson earned first team all state honors from a variety of sources.

We will be searching for a Varsity Volleyball, Cheer, JV boy's basketball and JV football coach for next year.

We have started sharing athletic/district brand standards to help create unity and definition for our Aggie brand. We have relied upon Becky's expertise in marketing and communication to create these standards. More information will be shared at the meeting.

### **Budget Info:**

Raelynn returned from maternity leave and we have met to work on the Revision 2 budget for this year as well as the budget for next year. Key factors include: the cost of custodial services, transportation, enrollment, SE prior year adjustments and changes to retirement funding. The

budget will be discussed in more detail in May after we have a better idea what will come from the House, Senate and Governor budget proposals.

The county-wide schools of choice data was released recently. Overall, we have 132 students opting to leave a different district to attend Dansville Schools. The previous two years we had 152 and 156 opting in. This year 126 students who reside in our district chose to attend elsewhere. The two previous years we had 117 and 116 students in this category this year. Part of the change in this data has to do with decreased overall enrollment. We will continue to monitor this data moving forward. More detailed information about this data is available upon request.

Reminder: The 17-18 revision 2 and 18-19 revision 1 budget must be presented by the date of the June budget hearing meeting on 6/19/18 at 6 pm.

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### **Communication:**

Parent-Teacher conferences took place district-wide in March. Spring conferences are much less attended than Fall conferences at the secondary level.

We are brainstorming what our plan will be for the publishing of a paper district newsletter. Most all of our articles are old news by the time it is published, as we are putting everything on FaceBook and/or Twitter. Other districts have eliminated all paper newsletter mailings. We are only producing two this school year as opposed to three but that is due to time constraints. We have not heard any negative feedback about reducing to two at this point.

We continue to post the biweekly bulletins created by Miller-Davis that highlight project updates. We appreciate these visual updates to share with the community. We will have another site walkthrough prior to the board meeting to see the progress that has been made since last month, which has been quite substantial.

The ISD has moved our current content to the new website platform. The new platform went live on Friday, April 13. We will now start updating and attending to the content.

### **Community Outreach/Partnerships:**

I would like to discuss the awarding of an honorary high school diploma during my superintendent report on Monday. Our policies are silent as it relates to the conditions for doing the diploma, so I'd like to share it with the entire board for feedback and consideration.

### **Curriculum/Training:**

We will be offering AP computer science, as Jerrod Braman was accepted for the free training that is available this summer after a competitive pool sought the training. Adam Jorgensen will be teaching an architecture course next year and we will also be offering Dream Flight Adventures as a middle school elective. More about this will be shared by Mrs. St. Amant during her presentation.

**Data:**

We are monitoring the Spring Math classwide intervention data weekly and following up as needed.

**Facilities:**

Much more progress was made over the last month due to improved conditions and the access available over Spring Break. We are getting closer to having roofs in place and the building of the maintenance building began this week.

Renovations continue in the space to become the new elementary office as well as the classrooms that were identified for early renovation in the current high school. In addition, the maintenance and FFA barns are under construction using sinking funds.

Community Moving Day will take place on Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, the last day of school. We will do quite a bit of our moving that day and will spend that weekend getting ready for the Middle School Farewell on Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Personnel Update:**

We are very excited to announce that we hired Sarah Saucedo to teach HS and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Spanish for the remainder of this year and moving forward. We wish Tracy Galloway all the best in her new position as an ELL instructor at Jackson Northwest.

**Policies:**

There are two policies included on the agenda for discussion this month in hopes of getting approval next month. The first is the wellness policy that is reviewed annually by a stakeholder group and is presented to the Board with one slight edit.

The second policy for Board consideration is to allow students who are not on track for graduation to apply for the chance to earn a certificate of completion instead of a high school diploma. This is policy that has been adopted by other local schools. The draft policy has been included in the Board packet and will be discussed more on Monday.

**Safety:**

We held another fire drill last week as we near completion of the state-mandated drills for this school year.

**Teaching and Learning:**

The teachers have continued to get feedback via iObservation in addition to the TLTs that have been happening throughout the year.

We are continuing to work on teaching NGSXified lessons as a result of training combined with ongoing onsite training with Rob Stephenson from the ISD.

I would like to discuss alternate ideas in lieu of the last day of school staff luncheon that has traditionally been sponsored by the Board.

**Technology:**

There have been multiple meetings over the past several weeks to define our technology purchases for the bond. Once the budget is complete and numbers are reviewed, this will be shared with the board. Input from all buildings helped shape this plan.

**Upcoming Dates of Note:**

- HS Honors Night- April 17
- Graduation- May 20
- Community Moving Day- May 25