

**Superintendent Report: August Board Meeting**  
**Submitted on August 23, 2023**

**ADMINISTRATIVE WORK:**

August is the most wonderful time of the year! The administrative team spent the day on August 1 at a retreat to plan and prepare for the upcoming year. Our focus was heavily on new teacher orientation, opening day activities, school improvement planning, and safety. We ended the day visiting students at the Ingham County Fair followed by the ribbon cutting at IISD's new North Star School.

We changed our new teacher orientation to a new staff orientation with new hires staying for a half day and teachers staying for two full days. We dove deep into culture: who we are and what we value in Dansville. Day two was heavily focused on instructional and assessment practices as well as classroom management and setup.

Opening day with staff was a blast! We were blessed to be able to give away donated prizes to help welcome staff back. We trained all employees in CPR / AED / First Aid. Our afternoon was spent learning more about resiliency and the well-being of our educators. Opportunity Thrive was well received, and we will be continuing this work during staff meetings.

We honored the following staff members for their years of service:

5 Years	10 Years	15 Years	20 Years	25 Years
Mike Sykes	Mary Hekman	Leah Braman	Angie St. Amant	Stephanie Heraux
Lisa Post		Amy Haselby	Carrie Kodish	
Andrea Salinas			Bette Barve	

During the afternoon of August 15, our staff worked in their Aggie Improvement Teams. This year, the administration and school improvement leaders set the overarching goals and asked our staff to help design the action steps to bring the goals to fruition. This year's goals:

1. Learning and Assessment
  - a. Teaching and Assessment Bootcamp for Recent Hires
  - b. Updating the Teaching & Assessment Expectation Guide (T&AEG)
  - c. Whole Staff Review of the T&AEG
2. The "Whole" Aggie
  - a. School Safety
  - b. Student and Staff Wellness
  - c. Student and Staff Engagement
3. Literacy
  - a. Pacing Guides & Curriculum Alignment
  - b. Title Ia

- c. Bookworms Implementation
- 4. Social Studies
  - a. Alignment and Review of Curriculum Resources

We are excited to be rolling out a new feature in the transportation department: **Here Comes the Bus**. This app allows parents to track their child's bus to know exactly when the bus stops at home (for latchkey children) and to know when the bus may arrive when there are unexpected delays. Safety is naturally embedded as only people who are directly connected to students will have the ability to track the route. Accounts are set up based on the child's UIC, which is a state-provided number.

We were unable to provide in-person Spanish instruction this year due to the resignation of Sarah Saucedo. This was a difficult decision made after exhausting several different recruiting attempts and creative options. Mr. Andrew's letters to families said it best, "This [decision] will allow us to provide [students] with the best instructional setting possible under the direction of an Aggie-caliber educator in the future." We look forward to this year-long opportunity to find the best person to teach foreign language at Dansville Schools.

**Initial Enrollment Numbers**

Dansville Elementary	360
Dansville Middle School	158
Dansville High School	232
<b>TOTAL -</b>	<b>750</b>

We also have 10 students enrolled in our Great Start Readiness Program.

Our October count day will determine the official enrollment number for funding.

We are excited to offer the board of education two new monthly reports: athletics and food service. This is a wonderful opportunity for Jeff Dassance and Missy Kadluboski to share firsthand the great things that are happening in their departments.

**FACILITIES:**

Ms. Dupuis has been working with a small committee to select a spot within the building to commemorate Ms. Linsey Ebert. We wanted to be very intentional in this process and not make decisions when emotions were running high; but, it is now time to move forward with this project. After the first meeting on August 7, it appears the direction the committee is moving is to name the middle school commons after Ms. Ebert.

The elementary HVAC project was completed on time and on budget! That is something to celebrate! We are now shifting our focus to the aging and, in one case, broken rooftop units over the middle school. The district initiated an invitation to bid. Bids were opened on August 17. We

are still in the process of analyzing the bids and will bring a recommendation to the board at our September meeting:

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Total Bid</b>
Gunthorpe Plumbing and Heating Inc	\$ 135,866.00
WM Floyd Mechanical Contractors	\$ 109,489.00
Limbach	\$ 144,923.00
T-Mechanical, LLC	\$ 111,000.00
JD Building Services LLC	\$ 168,825.00

The County Drain Commissioner visited this summer to provide a quick analysis of our parking lot situation: slow drainage after rain events. They assisted with snaking the drains closest to the pond. At some point, we may need to consider dredging our pond to ensure the most efficient flow of water off our grounds.

Rick Miller and I worked on critical mapping of the buildings and grounds this summer to assist law enforcement and first responders in the event of a crisis. This project is now complete.

On behalf of Dansville Schools, Rick and I are participating in a statewide infrastructure study with the School Finance Research Foundation. The purpose of the study is to perform facility condition assessments of all K-12 educational school buildings owned by the Local Education Agencies (LEAs) in the state to provide a better understanding of their current condition as well as identify necessary capital improvements (and associated costs) regarding health, safety, and wellness. This data will serve as a critical input to support requests for necessary funding from the state legislature.

**UPCOMING DATES:**

August 25:	Welcome Back, Aggies Tailgate Sponsored by DSEF
September 1-4:	No School - Labor Day Weekend
September 22:	Homecoming
September 27:	Half-Day Dismissal - ALICE Training
October 2:	Jamie Volmer
October 2-6:	5th Grade Camp
October 6:	Half-Day Dismissal - Fall Break
October 9:	No School - Fall Break

**CELEBRATIONS:**

- We extend our congratulations to Sarah Cherry who was recently married and is now Mrs. Hasselbach!
- We are ecstatic to showcase our new Aggie mascot designed and handcrafted by our very own Rick Miller. He is a very talented artisan!
- The Scherff Agency (MEEMIC) graciously paid for a Tomato Brothers' lunch for staff on August 14.

