

Superintendent Report: May Board Meeting
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Administrative work:

The administrators are hard at work to ensure the success of all year-end activities and celebrations. Administrators are working on teacher evaluations and final observations as well.

We have completed master schedules for each building for next year. These include staff changes due to anticipated decreased enrollment.

The end-of-year events/activities in each building are nearly complete, so we have been working hard to prepare for graduation, the Moving Day, the MS Farewell and the subsequent move out of the middle school building. We have been meeting regularly to figure out all of the details and logistics of all of this, as well as the movement of the furniture and classroom details down to flags, clocks, trash cans, bulletin boards and keys.

Athletics:

Spring sports are wrapping up in the next few weeks. We were pleased to recently find out we will be hosting our district soccer game on May 31st.

We are currently searching for a Varsity Volleyball, Varsity Cheer and 8th grade boys basketball coach for next year. Jeff Graf chose John Hawkins to be the JV football coach and Cole Feldpausch recently named Cal Hodgson the JV basketball coach.

Budget Info:

Based on the discussions we have had to this point, a public presentation regarding the budget as we finalize 17-18 and plan for 18-19 will be shared at the board meeting. We still don't have a finalized budget from the state at this point.

A tentative agreement with the DEA will be presented to the board in closed session tonight for approval. The details will be shared in closed session. I will begin negotiations with DESPA next.

Reminder: The 17-18 revision 2 and 18-19 revision 1 budget must be presented at the June budget hearing meeting, which will take place on 6/19/18 at 6 pm.

We ran the lunch price calculator program for next year and we do not need to increase any of our lunch prices, which was great news!

Communication:

We recently hosted WILX in a brief visit where they taped Sandy Hunt teaching Spring Math to sixth grade students. A sixth grade student was also interviewed. The segment will most likely air sometime in the next few weeks on Friday morning between 4:30 AM and 7 AM. We will be sure to share it out after it airs.

We plan to produce a newsletter after graduation that includes all of the end of the year info.

We have started working with Josh Tkaczyk to create a promotional video to share our points of pride widely.

We have started the rollout with our Mission Statement with the presentation of a special gift to all of our staff members. We will be sharing this with all of you as well at the board meeting. 😊

Community Outreach/Partnerships:

I have gone back through several lists regarding folks who contributed to helping pass the bond and have invited several of them to attend small group tours of the construction project. The feedback from these groups has been overwhelmingly positive. Another group of staff members will go through the building before the Board tour on Monday.

Curriculum/Training:

We are moving forward to roll out Dream Flight Adventures for next year. Angie and I are working on securing a meeting with Dean Transportation in the near future to seek their partnership for funding. LaValle has been working with us to finalize the design plans and we are all very excited about what the addition of this program could mean for our school.

Jerrold Braman, Trevor Brusseau and Adam Jorgensen will all do summer training to prepare to rollout their new courses for next year.

Data:

We are monitoring the Spring Math classwide intervention data weekly and following up as needed. Some of the early grades especially are making amazing progress.

Facilities:

It is very exciting to see the great progress being made in the new construction areas. We have asked to have both the maintenance and FFA buildings completed by May 25 so we can access them for storage. In addition, Miller-Davis is donating storage containers to free up our HS gym and allow for safe space for all of our teaching materials and supplies.

Renovations continue in the space that will become the new elementary office, although some structural delays have caused an overall delayed timeline. The renovations continue in the two HS areas that have been under construction.

Personnel Update:

Eric Thackery has let us know that he will be resigning at the end of this school year from both his teaching and soccer positions, as the position we had open for him for next year was fifth grade. He will be seeking a teaching position in middle school elsewhere. We are very limited in our flexibility in scheduling because of having to match openings with certifications and at the same time make the rest of the puzzle pieces of the three building schedules work while sharing multiple teachers between buildings. We wish Mr. Thackery all the best and thank him for his service at Dansville Schools.

Mary Switzenberg and Melody Wieferich have submitted their retirement notifications to the district recently. Both work in our food service department and have worked for us faithfully for many years. Neither of these ladies would allow us to host a retirement party for them, but we will be sure to thank them on behalf of the board with a small token of our gratitude.

We need to discuss a superintendent evaluation committee meeting to review merit pay evidence. I have an update/question regarding this as well.

Policies:

We need to set up a policy committee meeting to review the spring NEOLA updates.

Safety:

We have completed all fire, tornado and lockdown drills for the year.

Tania and I plan to attend a countywide school safety training in early August hosted at the Ingham County Sheriff's department.

Teaching and Learning:

Aggie Improvement Teams will share the impact of their work this year at the June board meeting. This was a great year for our teams and we plan to keep the same teams for next year.

The teachers will be meeting with the administrators for their end of year meetings to go over their final evaluations and discuss a number of topics including goal reflection, etc.

Our administrative team, along with the ISD consultant who has helped us implement Spring Math! observed two teachers doing their classwide interventions recently. It was wonderful to see and evaluate the fidelity of the intervention alongside a coach who helped us reflect on the observation. I'm so proud of our teachers for implementing this on short notice to try to make a difference for our kids this year and look forward to a full year of implementation next year!

The Assessment Aggie Improvement Team has developed a number of changes I will share with you on Monday related to assessment and reporting.

Technology:

There have been multiple meetings over the past several weeks to define our technology purchases for the bond.

We plan to purchase six Chromebooks for every elementary classroom and a Chromecart for the flexible lab we have designed for the elementary. The MS will also have access to a Chromecart next year. The two MS science teachers with remodeled rooms along with the HS teachers, will all have 4K Promethean interactive TVs in their classrooms. In addition to this, we will have new infrastructure for our technology, security cameras and several new computers throughout the district.

Upcoming Dates of Note:

-Graduation- May 20

-Community Moving Day- May 25

-MS Farewell- May 28

Thank you to each of you for all of the ways in which you have offered to help us with this whirlwind end of our school year.