



Greenville Public Schools – Board Briefs

A Report of Board Activities – April 2022

The regular March Greenville Board of Education Meeting was held in the Greenville Middle School Cafeteria (1321 Chase St., Greenville) due to capacity limits at the Central Services Facility.

Greenville Public Schools BHAG – Big Hairy Audacious Goal:

Greenville Public Schools will be known as an educationally progressive leader by ensuring rigorous individualized academic achievement for all students, through community partnerships, and globally diverse cultural and career opportunities in a safe and caring environment.

Core Values:

Integrity ♦ Collaboration ♦ Compassion ♦ Responsibility

Thank you for taking the time to read the Board Briefs. If you have questions, please contact Kara Tiesworth at (616) 754-3686 or email tiesworthk@gpsmi.us. Of course, you are always welcome to attend our meetings.

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, April 11, 2022.

Members Present: N. Rasmussen, K. Wierda, J. Anderson, R. Hansen, J. Petersen and C. Mahar

Members Absent: R. Billmeier

Administrators Present: L. Van Houten, M. McCullough, M. Fleet and L. Steed

Celebrations/Communications

- Several district-wide celebrations were highlighted in the ***Inspiring Excellence*** document (included). If you have something to celebrate during a future regular Board of Education meeting, please notify Superintendent Linda Van Houten or Administrative Assistant Kara Tiesworth, as we enjoy being able to highlight some of the positive things happening throughout our district.
- A note from a high school staff member was shared with the Board thanking them for the appreciation luncheon held before spring break.
- A communication from MASB was shared congratulating James Anderson (Master Boardmember Award) and Norice Rasmussen (Master Diamond Award) for their training achievements in 2021.
- Odyssey of the Mind Coordinator Josh Stump and several OM coaches and participants shared why they have enjoyed OM this year and their excitement for their upcoming participation in the OM Worlds competition held in Iowa in May.

Citizen Comments

- The Board took comments from the public.

Consent Agenda - The following items under the Consent Agenda were approved:

- A. Minutes of March 14, 2022 Regular Meeting
- B. Minutes of March 14, 2022 Closed Meetings
- C. Ratification of Bills and Payroll Vouchers – March 2022: \$4,843,002.19
- D. New Hires /Appointments (Professional Personnel Only)
 - a. Lori McElveny, BH Speech & Language Pathologist

Information Items - Generally, these items are for discussion only; no action is requested at the meeting.

- A. Student Representative Hudson Parker presented an update from the student body. Highlights included the Science Olympiad team advancing to the State competition at the end of April and seven (7) DECA students will attend the International Conference later this month. The Be Nice group has started Mental Health Mondays on the announcements to give helpful tips and advice on how to reach out to someone who may be affected. Spring Sports are now in full swing, and multiple competitions are taking place, including our Boy's Volleyball Club, which will participate in a quad tournament at Lowell High School this week. GHS students have started testing this week as well. The Montcalm Youth Prevention Club is offering a "Safe Prom" opportunity this year to those interested. This free opportunity includes a meal, photos and transportation to and from the Grand Rapids Museum for the GHS Prom on Saturday, April 30.
- B. Superintendent Linda Van Houten invited Director of Student Services Allyson Bradley to review the GPS 2021-22 General Supervision State Special Education Determinations and Josh Kirshman to provide an update on the Marketing component of the GPS Strategic Plan 2.0.
- C. Assistant Superintendent Matt McCullough presented the current 2022-2023 GHS Course Offerings for lower and upper classmates. ***This will be an action item during the regular May meeting.*** Matt also reported meeting with the Board Curriculum Committee to discuss the request to implement a new GMS math curriculum – Carnegie Math. ***This will be an action item during the regular May meeting.*** Finally, Matt also reported the district released its summer learning opportunities for GPS students on Friday. There are various options for students to continue their learning this summer, including credit recovery.
- D. Director of Human Resources Lisa Steed provided a full staffing update for the district and a retirement letter. Lisa also presented the tenure report as well as the yearly contract renewals for Social Workers and Speech Therapists. ***The contract renewals for Social Workers and Speech Therapists will be an action item for the regular May Board of Education.***
- E. Linda Van Houten presented administrative contract renewals, which are two-year rolling contracts. ***This will be an action item during the regular May Board of Education Meeting.***
- F. The MAISD General Fund Proposed Budget was presented for the first reading. The Board Finance Committee has thoroughly reviewed the proposed budget. ***This will be an action item during the regular May Board of Education Meeting.***
- G. Board Vice President Kire Wierda provided an update for the Education Foundation of Greenville (EFG). The next EFG fundraiser is the Yellow Jacket Challenge on Sunday, April 24. During the next EFG meeting, summer scholarships will be awarded.
- H. Board President Norice Rasmussen provided an update from the Montcalm County School Boards Association (MCSBA). The spring meeting will be held on Monday, April 25 at MCC in the Doser Building.
- I. Jim Anderson provided a brief legislative update.

Action Items – Generally, these items were discussed at a previous meeting as information items.

- A. The Board approved the 2021-2022 Budget Amendment.
- B. The Board approved the purchase of two (2) new buses in the amount of \$210,704.54 from Midwest Transit Equipment of Marshall, Michigan.
- C. The Board approved the Board Policy updates for 8391, 1616, 3216, 4216, 5511, 6110, 6114 & 6325.

- D. The Board set the date for the annual Board/Administrative Retreat for Monday, August 1, 2022 from 4:00-8:00pm at the Central Services Facility.
- E. The Board appointed MaryBeth Taylor as the new GPS representative to the Greenville Area Community Foundation Board.

Upcoming Dates

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| A. MCSBA Spring Meeting | Monday, April 25, MCC Sidney – Doser Building,
<i>6:00 Tour / 6:30 Dinner / 7:00 Meeting</i> |
| B. Finance Committee Meeting | Wednesday, May 4, CSF, 5:30pm |
| C. GHS Honors Week – Senior Scholarship Night | Friday, May 6, Auditorium, 7:00pm |
| D. Next Regular Board Meeting | Monday, May 9, GMS Cafeteria, 7:00pm |
| E. GHS Honors Week – Jacket Pride Day | Thursday, May 12, Legacy Field, 8:35am |
| F. GHS Swingout | Friday, May 13, Legacy Field, 9:10am |
| G. Commencement | Thursday, May 19, Legacy Field, 7:30pm |
| H. Last Day of School – Half Day | Friday, June 3 |
| I. End of Year Celebration | Friday, June 3, GHS,
<i>1:45pm Dessert & 2:15pm Program</i> |

“I’ve learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.” - Maya Angelou



INSPIRING EXCELLENCE

April 2022

Lego Fun for March is Reading Month

For March is Reading Month, Cedar Crest's librarian created a challenge for students. For every book they checked out from the library, the students could add a Lego piece to a structure that would be built as they went. Each student could place their Lego pieces anywhere and anyway they wanted them. Here is the outcome of that structure.



GPS Chinese Immersion

Congratulations to our GPS Chinese Immersion middle and high school students for winning some awards by going above and beyond in their Chinese learning during the 2022 Chinese Speech Contest at WMU on March 19.

- ⇒ GHS: Kendall Crawford in Speech Competition and Reagan Finkler, Jakob Glessner and Kendall Crawford in Knowledge Competition.
- ⇒ GMS: Caius Hoffman in Talent Show and Owen DeeWaard, Keithen Ledin, Benjamin Jeffrey and Austyn Perkins for Participation Award.

Profession Musician - Chris Mattoon visits Baldwin Heights

Baldwin Heights 3rd-5th grade students had the privilege to work with professional musician and percussion teacher, Chris Mattoon, for career week. Thank you Mr. Mattoon for visiting!



GHS Science Olympiad Team

Congratulations to the GHS Science Olympiad Team for their outstanding performance during the Regional Tournament on March 19. They medaled in 20 of the 23 events and earned an invitation to the State Tournament at MSU on April 30.

- ⇒ Seniors: Mason Bouman, Haley Butler, Lauren Flierman, Maggie Jensen, Grace Platte, Emily Rutherford and Emma VanRiper
- ⇒ Juniors: Jackson Doyle, Jordan Edwards, Jessica LeBarre and Ava Phelps
- ⇒ Sophomores: Lauren Jeffrey and Azariah Trumble
- ⇒ Freshman: Jaden Clark

Future GMS Band Students

Prior to Spring Break, Mr. Radtke, GMS Band Teacher, visited Walnut Hills to meet with 5th graders. He discussed band and many different instruments they could learn to play next year. The students enjoyed learning about upcoming opportunities at GMS!



GHS Choir Celebration

We had some GHS singers participate in MSVMA State Solo & Ensemble festivals before spring break in which they sang two songs and demonstrated their sight-reading skills for an adjudicator. All four of our singers earned Division I ratings!

- ⇒ Seniors: Andrew Chapman and Isaak Sischo
- ⇒ Juniors: Hannah Fox and Angela Smith

Career Week Visits

As part of Career Week at Lincoln Heights, Deputy Brad Kloosterman from the Kent County Sheriff's Department shared with students exciting things about being a part of the Kent County Dive Team. Lieutenant Harkes and Lieutenant Johnson from Kentwood Fire Department also visited to teach students all about being a firefighter!



Congratulations GHS

Greenville High School has just been re-named a recipient of the National Athletic Trainers' Association Safe Sport School Award, 1st Team (1 of 17 high schools in Michigan). We received this award in 2018 under a 3 year term and have just received the award for another 3 years.



Donating to Kids Food Basket

GMS Yellow Jacket's donated boxes of food and decorated brown lunch sacks, in addition to a \$466 donation to Kids Food Basket of West Michigan. We are so thankful for the support and donations of bags from you, our amazing community. Thank you for teaming with us to help make a positive difference. Go Jackets!



Sports Leadership

Coach Court is regularly meeting with our athletes to develop sports leadership skills using the E+R=O model. Event + Response = Outcome. The R factor (person's response) is HUGE. Thank you Coach Court for tirelessly pouring hours into not just developing athletic skills but the kind of young men and women our community can be proud of on and off the field.



Spring Break Meals

Greenville Lions and Rotary Clubs raised funds and packaged 60 spring break food boxes to benefit GPS families in need. Thank you Greenville Lions and Rotary Clubs for giving of your time and skills to better the Greenville Community!



GPS Elementary Spring Concerts

All four GPS Elementary Schools will be having their Spring Concerts this month at the Greenville Performing Arts Center. Tickets are needed; visit gpac.ludus.com for tickets.

- ⇒ April 25 - Cedar Crest: 3rd, 4th & 5th Grades at 6:30pm
- ⇒ April 26 - Walnut Hills: 3rd Grade at 6:30pm and 4th & 5th Grades at 7:30pm
- ⇒ April 27 - Baldwin Heights: 3rd Grade at 6:30pm and 4th & 5th Grades at 7:30pm
- ⇒ April 28 - Lincoln Heights: 3rd Grade at 6:30pm and 4th & 5th Grades at 7:30pm

Save the Date - GPS 2022 Back to School Bash

Greenville Public Schools will be hosting the 2022 GPS Back to School Bash on Wednesday, August 3, at the Greenville High School - Legacy Field. Activities will run from 6:00-7:30pm, with a first-ever movie night on Legacy Field, starting at 7:30pm! Games, activities, food & special give-a-ways will be available free of charge for all attendees.

