



## Board Briefs – October 2022

### **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 [kara.tiesworth@gpsjackets.org](mailto:kara.tiesworth@gpsjackets.org). Of course, you are always welcome to attend our meetings.*

### **A regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, October 10, 2022.**

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

Members Absent: None

Administrators Present: M. McCullough, L. Steed, M. Andres, M. Blaszczynski, K. Peters and V. Cox

### **Celebrations/Communications**

- Charlie Mahar introduced our new Board Trustee, Michael Huff.
- Rocky Hansen welcomed our new Superintendent, Wayne Roedel, who was in the audience with his wife and two of their three daughters.
- 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 Administrative Assistant Kara Tiesworth, as we enjoy being able to highlight some of the positive things happening throughout our District.
- Recently received notice that we are being recognized as a MI HEARTSafe School.

### **Citizen Comments**

- The Board took comments from the public.

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

- Minutes of October 10, 2022 Special Meeting & Closed Sessions**
- Ratification of Bills and Payroll Vouchers – September 2022: \$4,587,074.11**
- New Hires /Appointments (Professional Personnel Only)**
  - Laura Vellanti, Satterlee Lead Teacher

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

- Student Representative Report - Hudson Parker presented a brief update from the student body.
- Interim/Assistant Superintendent Report – Matt McCullough provided an update regarding MTSS for the District. Venus Cox provided an update regarding the District's Early Childhood grants. Matt also provided information regarding the 2022-23 Learning Loss Grant opportunity.

- C. Assistant Superintendent of HR & Operations Report – Lisa Steed provided a full staffing update for the District and brief department updates.
- D. Annual Summer Tax Resolution – Director of Finance Matt Andres presented the Annual Summer Tax Resolution, which allows the district to collect summer taxes from the City of Greenville. ***This will be an action item during the regular November Board of Education meeting.***
- E. Board Policy Update - Interim/Assistant Superintendent Matt McCullough presented Board Policy Updates. The Board Policy Committee has reviewed the following policies and recommends the policies to be updated:
  - a. District Initiated Update
    - i. 7544 – Use of Social Media
  - b. Fall NEOLA Update: Vol. 37 No. 1: September 2022
    - i. 6108 – Authorization to Use Electronic Fund Transfers and Automated Clearing House Arrangements
    - ii. 6700 – Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA)
    - iii. 7440.03 – Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems
    - iv. 9150 – School Visitors

***This will be an action item during the regular November Board of Education meeting.***
- F. Montcalm County School Boards Association (MCSBA) Update – Board President Norice Rasmussen provided an update regarding the MCSBA Fall Meeting that was held on Monday, September 26, 2022.
- G. Education Foundation of Greenville (EFG) Update – Board Vice President Kire Wierda announced the next EFG fundraising event is Hark Up on Tuesday, December 7, 2022, at the Greenville Performing Arts Center. Tickets will be available for purchase on the district’s website.
- H. Jim Anderson provided a brief legislative update.

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

- A. The Board moved to seek outside legal opinion regarding the Frank communication redactions set forth in response to the FOIA request and hold the FOIA request appeal in abeyance for 10 business days.
- B. The Board moved to postpone the appeal of the FOIA fee charges for 10 business days.
- C. The Board approved the pre-selected and vetted specific topics from Navigate 360 (Michigan Cares) for grades 6-12 to be covered during the 2022-2023 school year as recommended by the social-emotional committee and champion teams.
- D. The Board approved the contract for Superintendent Wayne Roedel as presented via email on October 6, 2022.
- E. The Board approved the contract for Interim Superintendent Matt McCullough as presented (without item 5) via email on October 6, 2022.
- F. The Board approved the State Aid Operating Notes Resolution as prepared by Thrun Law Firm, P.C., authorizing issuance of notes in anticipation of state school aid November borrowing as presented and recommended by administration.
- G. The Board approved the resolution of the Montcalm County School Boards Association to appoint Kire Wierda as representative and Norice Rasmussen as the alternate to the Executive Committee of the Montcalm County School Boards Association for the 2022-2023 school year.
- H. The Board approved to call a Special Board of Education Meeting on Tuesday, October 25, 2022, at 7:00pm to be held at the Greenville High School Auditorium for the purpose of an Early Childhood Education presentation and any other business necessary.

- I. The Board approved the Bank Depositories and Signature Authorizations report as recommended by the administration for the 2022-2023 school year. Further, that Greenville Public Schools agrees to accept the banking regulations in effect at the time of signing this signature authorization.
- J. The Board approved to call a Special Board of Education Meeting on Monday, October 24, 2022, at 7:00pm to be held at the Central Services Facility for the purpose of FOIA business and any other business necessary.

**Upcoming Dates**

- A. Special Board Meeting Monday, October 24, CSF, 7:00pm
- B. Special Board Meeting Tuesday, October 25, GHS Auditorium, 7:00pm
- C. 2022 Candidate Forum Wednesday, October 26, GHS Auditorium, 5:30pm
- D. Student Representative Interviews Tuesday, November 8, GHS, 6:30am (*tentative*)
- E. Student Representative Interviews (*if needed*) Wednesday, November 9, GHS, 6:30am (*tentative*)
- F. Finance Committee Meeting Wednesday, November 9, CSF, 5:30pm
- G. Next Regular Board Meeting Monday, November 14, CSF, 7:00pm

***“An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.” – Benjamin Franklin***



# INSPIRING EXCELLENCE

## October 2022

### GHS Band/Orchestra

The GHS Band and Orchestra will be heading to Florida on October 29 through November 3 to perform at Walt Disney World. Performances will take place on October 31st! We wish them safe travels and the best of luck during this amazing adventure! Special thanks to Jenny Allen and Grace Wolfe for bringing this opportunity to our students.

### Legacy Field

Mlive asked readers to vote on the Grand Rapids area's top stadium, and Legacy Field topped the list. Readers gave the nod to Legacy Field over Rockford's Carlson/Munger Stadium, 34.79 percent to 23.84 percent, while Catholic Central's Cougar Stadium finished third with 22.60 percent.



### HAIL Scholarship

Each year the University of Michigan chooses students in Michigan to receive the HAIL Scholarship (High Achieving Involved Leader), an outstanding offer of four years of free tuition at U of M approximately worth \$66,000. Please help us congratulate these two exceptional GHS students; Megan Bean and Matthew Kroesing!

### Bobby the Boot Visits GPS

Throughout the summer, "The Boot", a door-barricade security device, was installed on every classroom in the district. During the last week in September, LockOut President Rob Couturier and their mascot—Bobby the Boot—participated in school assemblies to show staff and students how to use the new security system if and when needed. Comic books were also handed out to show students how to operate the new security system.



### Career Development at GPS

- Sixth-grade students kicked off the year by identifying their preferred learning style and how they can use strategies to absorb new content.
- Seventh-grade students utilized Xello, our career readiness program, to match their preferred learning style to different work environments. Students identified three careers they would like to explore further.
- Tenth-grade students took part in Reality Store 2.0. Students made lifestyle budgeting choices to determine if their career interest fit their lifestyle preferences!
- Senior students met with Mrs. Butler to discuss Jacket Job Shadow day, continue building their resume, and career pathway choices.
- Mr. Sampson's classes welcomed Greenville High School alumni and Nashville pop artist, Majeska, back to Greenville. Students were thrilled to listen to some of her music and have the opportunity to ask her questions about her career journey!



### United Way

Greenville Public Schools was presented with a check for \$2,550.00 to be used for classroom supplies! Thank you, United Way for your continued support for our staff and students.



## Recognition

- Greenville Public School District (comprised of all building's recognitions) was recently awarded Gold for Michigan MiMTSS Implementation and Impact for the 2021-22 school year.
- Greenville Public Schools (comprised of all building's recognitions) has recently earned the MTSS Data Utilization award for data collection in 2021-22 school year.



## GMS Students Learning Life Skills

Thank you, Mitchell Merren of Trevor Merren Auto in Greenville, for giving our GMS Life Skills students an opportunity to learn about tire pressure. Students each practiced reading a tire gauge, working an air compressor and pumping up a bike tire.



## Time with Boomer at Cedar Crest

When students follow school wide rules and expectations they are given Cedar Leader Chips (colored bingo chips). They get to trade these chips in for tickets and then purchase items/experiences with the tickets. Several of our students have been turning their tickets in to spend time with our comfort dog, Boomer. Boomer enjoys this time as much as the students do!



## The Big Idea

The Big Idea was back at Lincoln Heights last week. The message was GRIT—refusing to give up when life gets hard! Special thank you to those who helped with the assemblies.



## Spirit Week at GPS

Each school hosted a spirit week during the week of September 26-29 to celebrate GHS Homecoming. Here are a few of our students and staff who participated in the daily themes throughout the district. Go Jackets!

