



Board Briefs – December 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. Of course, you are always welcome to attend our meetings.

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, December 12, 2022.

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

Members Absent: None

Administrators Present: W. Roedel, M. McCullough, L. Steed, M. Andres, A. Bradley, M. Blaszczyński, M. Taylor, M. Walsh, and T. Nielsen

Celebrations/Communications

- Student Representative Recognition – Hudson Parker's tenure will end tonight. The Board honored Hudson with a small gift and thanked him for his dedication to the Board over the past year.
- Board Secretary Ron Billmeier and Trustee Dr. Rocky Hansen were honored with a gift and thanked for their many years of service to the district while serving on the Board of Education.
- 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 highlighting some of the positive things happening throughout our District.

Audit Presentation by Vrededeld Haefner, LLC.

Citizen Comments

- The Board took comments from the public.

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

- A. Minutes of December 12, 2022 Special Meeting**
- B. Ratification of Bills and Payroll Vouchers – November 2022: \$6,797,301.59**
- C. New Hires /Appointments (Professional Personnel Only)**
 - a. None.

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

- A. Student Representative Report - Hudson Parker presented his final report. Highlights included:**

winter sports have started, the Be Nice group sold “thankful grams” for students to send to others to express their appreciation, and DECA and the Food & Nutrition Department held a very successful annual Holiday Dinner earlier this month. Tonight, GHS students are participating in a “Cocoa & Cram” activity to get ready for upcoming exams, and students are looking forward to winter break. Hudson also announced he was recently accepted into culinary school and expressed his gratitude to the Board and administration for the opportunity to serve as the 2022 Student Representative.

- B. Superintendent Report – Wayne Roedel provided a few brief updates. He will start weekly classroom visits after winter break, focusing on the elementary level. These visits will allow him to get to know the staff and see firsthand the hard work staff is doing every day for our students. Staff from the Central Services Facility Staff will host hot cocoa bars at each building/department this week and next week to show appreciation and build relationships. Lastly, he reported that he attended a leadership opportunity led by Rick Court during the GHS WIN Time last week. Over 100 students (athletes and non-athletes) participated in this fantastic opportunity. The positive impact this is having on our students is tremendous.
- C. Assistant Superintendent Report – Matt McCullough invited Director of Student Services Allyson Bradley to provide a Risk/Threat Assessment Update and the Special Education State Determinations. GHS Principal Michelle Blaszczyński also presented a GHS Academic Update as a follow-up to last month’s meeting. Assistant Superintendent McCullough provided information about Professional Development for Instructional Hours and Days, including a recommendation for an advisory group, which needs to be in place and approved by the Board annually to count some of our PD half days as instructional time. ***This will be an action item during tonight’s Board of Education meeting.***
- D. Assistant Superintendent of HR & Operations Report – Lisa Steed provided a full staffing update for the District and brief department updates. January 31 is our first early retirement deadline, and January is also when we will start staff planning for 2023-2024. The district is currently discussing a fee schedule for facility requests, and information should be available for the Board next month.
- E. Reproductive Health Update – Mike Walsh presented three (3) proposed updates/changes to the district’s Reproductive Health Curriculum. ***This will be an action item during the regular January Board of Education meeting.***
- F. Board Policy Updates – Board Policy Committee has reviewed the following policy and recommends the policy be updated:
 - a. District Initiated Update
 - i. 7544 – Use of Social Media***This will be an action item during the regular January Board of Education meeting.***
- G. Education Foundation of Greenville (EFG) Update – Board President Kire Wierda announced the Hark Up! Christmas concert went very well, and EFG is preparing for Dancing with the Local Stars, which will be held on Saturday, April 15, 2023.
- 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 approved the District’s Annual Financial Audit.
- B. The Board approved the purchase of two buses at the cost of \$115,337 per bus from Midwest Transit Equipment in Marshall, Michigan.
- C. The Board approved early graduation requests.
- D. The Board approved Board Policy updates to policy 6700.

- E. The Board approved the Preliminary Qualification Application.
- F. The Board approved the Professional Development for Instructional Hours and Days Advisory Committee.

Upcoming Dates

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| A. Finance Committee Meeting | Wednesday, January 4, CSF, 5:30pm |
| B. Next Regular Board Meeting | Monday, January 9, CSF, 7:00pm |
| | <i>Board Appreciation Reception at 6:30pm</i> |

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



INSPIRING EXCELLENCE

December 2022

GHS Volleyball

The GHS Volleyball Team earned Academic All State Honors!! They also had four (4) players earn Individual Academic All State Honors; Anna Thwaites, Megan Leslie, Jordyn Keselring, and Farren Moore. Congratulations Jackets!



Esports

Greenville's Esports team participated in the first annual Best of the West Rocket League Tournament hosted at Rockford High School on Friday, December 2nd. Seven (7) local teams were in attendance from around the Grand Rapids area. Greenville fell to Godfrey-Lee in the first match and West Catholic in our second match. This was our team's first in-person event and we can't wait to attend the next!

GHS DECA & Food & Nutrition Department Holiday Dinner

On Thursday, GHS DECA and the Food & Nutrition Department held their annual "Holiday Dinner" for GHS students and staff. This event certainly created a family and community atmosphere while staff, adult volunteers, and students worked together to serve food, clear tables, and engage with each other. There was even a visit by Santa Claude. Here are some responses from freshman when they were asked if the holiday dinner exceeded their expectations and why:

- ⇒ "Exceeded, because school never really has anything like that and it was pretty cool!"
- ⇒ "Yes, I thought the holiday dinner was amazing I felt so much closer with my friends and we just had a really good time."
- ⇒ "Yes. I had fun. The puzzles were fun, the music was good, and the food was Amazing!"
- ⇒ "Yes, I was not expecting the tables to be decorated, music playing, the movie on the board, or the apple crisp."
- ⇒ "Yea it did because its something new and was fun."

Special THANK YOU to all who helped put on such an amazing event and Happy Holidays!



Field Trip Fun

The 4th grade at Cedar Crest took a field trip to Lansing. Some students were able to tour the Michigan State Capitol building while the other students were able to tour the Michigan History Center. Both groups were able to learn a lot about Michigan. It was a very successful field trip, with a group of amazing parent volunteers!

Learning First Aid Skills

GMS Life Skill students were recently able to learn first aid skills from District Nurse Mrs. Hoffman and District Nurses' Aid Mrs. Brown. Students who completed the two day training will receive their official certification cards in January.



GPS is a MI HEARTSafe School District

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Michigan Department of Education, American Heart Association, Michigan High School Athletic Association and Michigan Alliance for Prevention of Sudden Cardiac Death of the Young has recently declared all Greenville Public School buildings as MI HEARTSafe Schools for 2021-2024. This means in the event of a sudden cardiac arrest, each GPS building appears ready to implement the *Chain of Survival* to save lives, which is an important way to protect our students, staff and visitors!

GMS is Thankful

Throughout the month of November, GMS students could write something they are thankful for on a leaf and put it on the "Thankful Tree".



Earning Rewards at Lincoln Heights

On November 4th, Lincoln Heights had a PBIS Reward Assembly to celebrate all of the positive behavior occurring in their school! All students received an extra recess and there were several prize drawings as well. Keep following the 3 B's Jackets ... Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be Responsible!



Art Fun at Baldwin Heights

Miss Moore's Art Classes at Baldwin Heights focused on colors during the month of November. What better way to explore with colors than to give students the three (3) primary colors and challenge them to create 100 different colors?! Fourth graders thought it was impossible, some even thought they'd only be able to make six (6) colors, but once they started working, they noticed how many different unique colors they could make!



Reality Store at GMS

GMS eighth graders had an excellent time participating in the Reality Store! The Reality Store is a financial simulation that allows students to learn more about career planning, money management and budgeting, and decision making. Students go through the process of choosing a career, receiving a "paycheck," and learning to budget their pay to meet monthly expenses, along with unexpected expenses. Thank you to our many community volunteers who make this event possible!



Thank You Veterans

K-12th grade students from across the district spent time writing holiday messages to veterans as part of the <https://amillionthanks.org/> campaign as well as dropping off others at our local VFW. Their patriotism and Jacket Pride know no bounds!



Students Teaching Students

On Friday, December 2nd, GHS students went to Walnut Hills to do some project-based learning with their fifth grade students. GHS students planned amazing lessons, including cooking, electricity, dry walling, and carpentry. It was an amazing experience... and one we hope continues in the future! For more on this exciting opportunity, check out the video on the GPS Facebook page posted a few days ago—Mr. Neil's Introduction to Teaching class teaches Walnut Hills fifth graders!

