



Board Briefs – March 2023

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. The regular Monday, March 13, 2023, 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.

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, March 13, 2023.

Members Present: J. Anderson, B. Gardner, M. Huff, R. Lentz, C. Mahar, K. Wierda, and M. Wolverton

Members Absent: None

Administrators Present: W. Roedel, M. McCullough, L. Steed, M. Andres, A. Ewing, D. Kuk, J. Mahar, K. Beebe, M. Walsh, K. Peters, and M. Taylor

Celebrations/Communications

- Several district-wide celebrations are highlighted in the ***Inspiring Excellence*** document (below).

Citizen Comments

- The Board took comments from the public.

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

- Minutes of February 13, 2023 Closed Session from Special Meeting & regular meeting**
- Ratification of Bills and Payroll Vouchers – February 2023: \$3,913,272.34**
- New Hires / Appointments (Professional Personnel Only)**
 - Abby Gigowski, CC Transitional Kindergarten Teacher**

Financial Report

Director of Finance Matt Andres provided a brief financial report.

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

- Student Representative Report** – Student Representative Sophie Gardner presented a brief update from the student body. Highlights throughout the District included several “March is Reading Month” activities at the elementary schools, including GHS NHS students visiting elementary schools to read to students. Staff and students at GHS are welcoming their comfort dog, Dori (short for Dorito) to the school and are entering into the last marking period. Safe Prom will be offered again this year through the Montcalm Prevention Collaborative for those students to enjoy the prom and not be tempted to partake in any alcoholic substances, nicotine or other drugs.

- B. Superintendent Report – Superintendent Roedel presented the Board Policy Committee met to discuss recording/livestreaming Board meetings; additional information is being sought including cost. The full Board can expect to make an informed decision around the start of our new fiscal year, which is July 1st. Superintendent Roedel also mentioned that he and Assistant Superintendent McCullough recently began Student Advisory Council meetings in each building in order to ensure students’ voices and perspectives are heard and considered when developing policies and initiatives. Additionally, as stated in a letter sent to Chinese Immersion program parents, Superintendent Roedel indicated this Wednesday, a group of stakeholders will begin brainstorming ideas on how to support all students while maintaining the Chinese Immersion program. Lastly, Superintendent Roedel informed the Board that the district is working on a solution for the Lincoln Heights Parent Drop-Off/Pick-Up area. Additional information will be available soon for the Board to discuss, as this will be an action item if the district moves forward.
- C. Assistant Superintendent Report – Matt McCullough – covered Information Item E.
- D. Assistant Superintendent of HR & Operations Report – Lisa Steed provided a full staffing update for the District and brief department updates.
- E. GMS / GHS New Courses - the GMS WEB class and GHS Introduction to Teaching courses. ***These will be action items during the regular March Board of Education meeting.***

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

- A. The Board approved the 2022-2023 General Fund Budget Amendment.
- B. The Board approved the 2022-2023 Food Service Budget Amendment.
- C. The Board approved the 2023-2024 GPS District Calendar.
- D. The Board approved the Kitchen Expansion Proposal for the elementary buildings using excess food service funds, not to exceed \$125,000 per building.
- E. The Board approved the purchase of the PA System, The Boot and Chromebooks from remaining 2017 bond dollars.
- F. The Board approved the purchase of new technology equipment with 2017 Bond dollars in the amount of \$455,862.15, of which \$307,091.80 will be reimbursed through E-Rate funds.
- G. The Board approved the JUUL Litigation Settlement Resolution.

Upcoming Dates

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| A. Spring Break | March 27-31 |
| B. Finance Committee Meeting | Wednesday, April 5, CSF, 5:30pm |
| C. Next Regular Board Meeting | Monday, April 10, CSF, 7:00pm |
| D. MCSBA Spring Meeting | Monday, April 24, Lakeview High School
6pm – Tour, 6:30pm – Dinner, & 7pm – Meeting |

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

INSPIRING EXCELLENCE

March 2023



Honors Orchestra

On February 11, students from both GMS and GHS participated in the MSBOA District VII Honors Orchestra. Students are nominated by their director and then selected by MSBOA to participate. GMS students worked with guest conductor, Matthew Bridges, Director of Orchestras at Grandville HS and GHS students worked with guest conductor, John Varineau, retired Associate Conductor of the Grand Rapids Symphony. The all-day event concluded with a performance by both the Middle School and High School Honors Orchestras. These students worked very hard and the concert was magical!



- ⇒ *GMS Orchestra Participants:* Mallorie Antcliff (8th), Emmerson Christie (7th), Jayla Coville (7th), Madison Falatic (7th), Matthijs Behrends (8th) & Xander Schwartz (8th)
- ⇒ *GHS Orchestra Participants:* Sophie Holmes (12th), Addison Lentz (9th), Isabella Lobbezoo (12th), Emma Millard (11th) & Judah Wagner (9th)

MAEA State Competition

MAEA (Michigan Art Education Association) just announced their Top 100 picks for the State & Lincoln Heights Elementary has two artworks chosen! Of those two artworks selected, we have one elementary student Sawyer Jones accepted for the Top 18! The 2023 MAEA State Show will be on view from March 12-April 7 at the Downtown Ann Arbor District Library (343 S 5th Avenue, Ann Arbor, MI 48104). Congratulations Anna Campbell & Sawyer Jones!



State DECA Results

On March 8-11, thirty GHS students participated in the DECA State Career Development Conference. Congratulations to the following students for their achievements:

- ⇒ *International Qualifiers:* Christian Rasmussen (State Champion) - Grow Your Business Event, Molly Van Horn & Ava Cardoso (State Champion) - Entrepreneurship Innovation Plan, Kailey Ingraham, Hudson Parker, Karlee Thompson (State Finalists) - School Based Enterprise Event (Jacket Depot), Tru Johnson, Makenzie Peterman, Hallie Hopkins - Chapter Campaign Project, Farren Moore - Aspire Senior Management Institute and Gavin Walters - Gold Merit Award Project
- ⇒ *State Finalists:* Russell Eaton - Sports & Entertainment Marketing Roleplay and Landon Wagner - Start Up Business Plan
- ⇒ *State Medalist:* Emalee Forist- Buying & Merchandising Test Medal



Student Advisory Council

Superintendent Roedel and Assistant Superintendent McCullough began meeting with 3rd-12th grade student advisory councils from each building. These teams are comprised of students selected by building leadership and teachers who were chosen for their varied perspectives and leadership potential. Our student advisory council allows students' voices and perspectives to be heard and considered in decision-making processes. These groups help ensure student's needs and concerns are considered when developing policies and initiatives. Also, student advisory councils promote a sense of student ownership and investment in their education and that of their peers. Additionally, having a student advisory council will help to improve communication and understanding between students, teachers, administrators, and other stakeholders and can help to foster a positive and inclusive school culture.



Donation

Mr. Heth secured a \$100 donation for the Baldwin Heights' 4th grade camping trip from Meijer.