



Board Briefs – April 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.

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, April 10, 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, L. Steed, M. Andres, and M. Taylor

Board Portraits Presentation

- Lincoln Heights' Art Teacher Lynette Robinson and four fifth-grade Lincoln students presented portraits of our newest board members, Brian Gardner, Michael Huff, Richelle Lentz, and Maureen Wolverton, which will be displayed in the CSF lobby.

Citizen Comments

- The Board took comments from the public.

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

A. Minutes of March 13, 2023 Regular Meeting

B. Ratification of Bills and Payroll Vouchers – March 2023: \$5,053,721.55

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 include: Baldwin Heights' second graders will be attending Camp Rogers this week to participate in team building and nature-related activities; Lincoln Heights' fourth graders will be attending Zoo School at John Ball Zoo; Walnut Hills is looking forward to celebrating their comfort dog, Ritz's birthday; and all elementary schools are open for Transitional Kindergarten/Kindergarten registration and their screening day is this week as well. Two Odyssey of the Mind teams will be participating in the Worlds competition, which will be at Michigan State University at the end of May. Satterlee has two students working incredibly hard to catch up on their credit deficiencies, and their progress has been remarkable. GHS spring athletics have begun, and there are 178 student-athletes this season! Juniors will participate in a job shadow

day on April 27, prom will be held on April 29 at the Goei Center in Grand Rapids, and speakers for the Class of 2023 have been determined.

- B. Superintendent Report – Superintendent Roedel highlighted several district celebrations featured in the ***Inspiring Excellence*** document (below).
- C. Assistant Superintendent Report – Superintendent Wayne Roedel presented the unaudited 2023 Spring Count Data in Matt McCullough’s absence. Typically, the spring count is lower than the fall count. GPS did have a drop of 28 students; the average loss without the outlier from Fall 2019 to Spring 2020 is 29 students.
- D. Assistant Superintendent of HR & Operations Report – Lisa Steed provided a full staffing update for the District and brief department updates. May 5 is the goal for the elementary kitchen expansion drawings to be submitted to the state. The Food & Nutrition Department had a successful National Breakfast Week promotion in March and increased the district’s breakfast by 20%. Two new buses for the Transportation Department have arrived, and the licensing for our child care program recently wrapped up; everything went very well during the site visits. A Tenure Report was also provided to the Board.
- E. Children’s Corner Rates - Director of Children’s Corner Venus Cox presented proposed increases to Children’s Corner rates. Rates have not been updated for over six years. During this time, revenue has increased by 14%, and expenses have more than doubled. These changes will also align pricing with local offerings. ***This will be an action item during the regular March Board of Education meeting.***
- F. GMS Course Guides – Superintendent Wayne Roedel presented the 2023-24 Greenville Middle School Course Guides. ***This will be an action item during the regular May Board of Education meeting.***
- G. GHS Course Guides – Superintendent Wayne Roedel presented the 2023-24 Greenville High School Course Guides. ***This will be an action item during the regular May Board of Education meeting.***
- H. MAISD General Fund Proposed Budget – Director of Finance Matt Andres presented the 2023-24 Montcalm Area Intermediate School District’s General Fund Proposed Budget. ***This will be an action item during the regular May Board of Education meeting.***
- I. Education Foundation of Greenville (EFG) Update – Board President Kire Wierda deferred to Board Secretary Maureen Wolverton, who is also the EFG President, to give an update about the Dancing with the Local Stars event on Saturday, April 15. The show has been sold out for some time, but there is a waitlist list should any tickets become available. Online donations have exceeded \$10,500 and are expected to increase throughout the show. This year, there is also an After-Glow opportunity to hang out with the cast after the show at Frugthaven. Yellow Jacket Challenge will be held on Sunday, April 23, and registration is available online!
- J. Montcalm County School Boards Association (MCSBA) Update – Board President Kire Wierda reminded Board members about the Spring General Membership meeting on Monday, April 24, at Lakeview High School.
- K. Legislative Update – Board Treasurer 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 GMS Leadership Course.

- B. The Board approved the GHS Teaching Courses.
- C. The Board called a Special Board of Education Meeting on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at 6:00pm in the Community Room at the Central Services Facility for the purpose of the superintendent evaluation and any other business as necessary.

Upcoming Dates

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| A. Policy Committee Meeting | Tuesday, April 11, CSF, 5:30pm |
| B. MCSBA Spring Meeting | Monday, April 24, Lakeview HS, 6:30pm-dinner & 7pm-mtg |
| C. Special Meeting | Tuesday, May 2, CSF, 6:00pm |
| D. Finance Committee Meeting | Wednesday, May 3, CSF, 5:30pm |
| E. Next Regular Board Meeting | Monday, May 8, CSF, 7:00pm |
| F. Honors Week – Awards Assembly | Wednesday, May 17, Location & Time TBA (morning event) |
| G. Honors Week – Senior Scholarship Night | Wednesday, May 17, GHS Auditorium, 7:30pm |
| H. Honors Week – Jacket Pride Day Assembly | Thursday, May 18, Location & Time TBA (morning event) |
| I. GHS Swingout | Friday, May 19, Location & Time TBA (morning event) |
| J. Commencement | Thursday, May 25, Legacy Field, 7:30pm |

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

INSPIRING EXCELLENCE

April 2023



Basketball Sunday

On Sunday, March 12, some of the students and their families from Cedar Crest met down at the Van Andel Arena in Grand Rapids for a fun afternoon of basketball. The Grand Rapids Gold donated almost 100 tickets to Ms. Whiting and the 4th graders. Everyone was laughing, dancing, yelling, jumping and enjoying the game.



Delta STS

On March 16, some students from the GHS Machine Tool & Welding Technology CTE Programs competed in the annual "Student Technical Solutions" event at Delta College. STS is a timed skills based competition in different categories and levels for secondary students from a high school or Technical Centers. Some categories had over 70 students. Congratulations to the following students for proudly representing Greenville!



- ⇒ Machine Tool Students - Mathew Diehl, Fox DeWitt, and Liam Sullivan
- ⇒ Welding Students - Brayden Hillard, Nolan Hansen, Connor Strouse, and Teigen Hopkins.

National School Breakfast Week at GPS

Food and Nutrition Services would like to share some amazing results from our National School Breakfast Week (NSBW) promotion (March 13-17). With the support and partnerships from many, our district was able to **increase breakfast participation by over 20%** as compared to our past 3 month average! We would like to thank our GMS & GHS raffle prize donors: Trevor Merren (WhiteCaps Tickets), Hot Spot (Bowling Gift Certificates) and NCG Cinemas (Movie Tickets).



Location	Past 3 Month	NSBW ADP	% Increase
HS	171	191	11.68%
MS	181	223	23.31%
BH	287	370	28.85%
CC	265	319	20.30%
LH	274	325	18.68%
WH	252	289	14.61%
District	238	286	20.06%

ADP - Average Daily Participation

GHS Student Council

Each year GHS Student Council "raffles" off fun spring break baskets to students at each school throughout the entire district. These baskets are to help spread a little extra cheer or love for Spring Break. Student Council President Jackson Doyle and Faculty Advisor, Erin DeWind were able to see the smiles firsthand when they delivered the basket to all the students.



Spring Break Meals

On Friday March 24th, with much thanks to the Lions and Rotary Club for financial support, GPS was able to distribute 55 boxes of food and 24 bags of food to Greenville students and families. Over 115 GPS students benefited from this opportunity. Families that received the boxes and bags of food were overcome with appreciation, some even saying "this is so awesome it brings tears to my eyes". We are thankful for the partnership from our local community to make opportunities such as this possible for our families. Special thank you to our GMS MiCi students for bagging groceries for the project as well.



GHS Chinese Immersion Celebrations

- ⇒ Kendall Crawford (10th grade) recently received the Excellence in Chinese Award at Western Michigan's Honors and Awards Ceremony. This event is held annually by the Department of World Languages and Literatures at Western Michigan University to recognize those who have demonstrated exceptional ability and promise in their language studies. This is the first time that one of our dual enrollment students at GHS has received the award.
- ⇒ Emma Simpson (9th grade), recently took place in the Chinese Speech Contest at Western Michigan University. She was competing against seven other students from Forest Hills, both freshmen and sophomores. She did an excellent job there and received recognition by other teachers as well.



Odyssey of the Mind

Two GPS Odyssey of the Mind teams advanced to WORLD FINALS! These teams took 1st and 2nd place within the entire state of Michigan in their divisions. World Finals takes place on May 24-27 at Michigan State University. Teams advancing include: Greenville Middle School Problem 5, Division 2 "The Most Dramatic Problem Ever!!!" and Baldwin Heights Elementary/Greenville



Middle School Problem 1, Division 1 "Pirates and the Treasure". Teams will be fundraising to help cover the cost of participating. If you're interested in making a donation, please scan the QR code!

Congratulations to the GHS Varsity Girls Basketball Team for being named Academic All-State for the 4th consecutive year!



DECA Fundraiser

Visit Culver's on Wednesday, April 12, from 5:00-8:00pm as 10% of sales will be donated to GHS DECA to help cover expenses for the DECA International Competition in Orlando, Florida, at the end of April.

