



Board Briefs – May 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, May 8, 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, M. Blaszczyński, M. Taylor, V. Cox and D. Kuk

GPS End of the Year Retiree Recognition

The following individuals were recognized for their years of service and dedication to Greenville Public Schools as they have decided to retire at the end of the 2022-23 school year:

- Elizabeth Gates, GHS
- Larry Hansen, GHS
- Patty Pixley, GMS

Financial Report

- Director of Finance Matt Andres provided a brief financial report.

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

A. Minutes of May 8, 2023 Special Meeting & Closed Session

B. Ratification of Bills and Payroll Vouchers – April 2023: \$9,868,250.41

Citizen Comments

- The Board took comments from the public.

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

- A. Student Representative Report – Student Representative Sophie Gardner presented a brief update from the student body. Highlights throughout the District include Baldwin Heights having its annual Walk-A-Thon PTO fundraiser this Saturday, Walnut Hills having their PTO hosted carnival today, and all elementary schools wrapping up their M-STEP assessment soon, as well as having 5th-grade graduations. GMS is also wrapping up state testing, and there are 140 GMS track athletes this year. Satterlee has 13 students who have stayed on track to complete their first five classes and will be rewarded with a trip to John Ball Zoo. Satterlee also has four students graduating this year.

GHS students are also testing, including AP testing! Prom was held at the Goei Center at the end of April, and 91 students attended the successful pre-prom (safe prom) opportunity made possible by the Montcalm Prevention Collaboration. Spring sports are going well, and eight athletes signed to play college sports. Honors week will be next week, and graduation will be Thursday, May 25.

- B. Superintendent Report – Superintendent Roedel recognized Board member Jim Anderson for earning the Level 5 Master Diamond Award from MASB. Superintendent Roedel also informed the Board of upcoming trips, including the Baldwin Heights 4th Grade Camping Trip at Pioneer Park in Muskegon, the GMS 8th Grade East Coast Trip in June, and the Japan Trip at the end of June, which the Board previously approved. Several district celebrations featured in the ***Inspiring Excellence*** document (below) were also highlighted. Superintendent Roedel also informed the Board that technology pieces for the Community Room to be used as a training facility with streaming capabilities have also been ordered. If the Board decides to livestream meetings in the future, the room will be set up to do livestreaming.

Superintendent Roedel also presented Portrait of a Graduate – A Strategic Planning Process. The Portrait of a Graduate serves as a North Star for system transformation. This collective vision reinvigorates and re-engages students, teachers, and community stakeholders by starting with the vision of what is desired in a GPS graduate. This year-long plan will begin during the Board and Administrative Team Retreat in August.

- C. Assistant Superintendent Report – Assistant Superintendent Matt McCullough reiterated the district is in testing season. Although we will not know more until at least June, the preliminary data looks good. Assistant Superintendent McCullough also highlighted the Spring Science Camps made possible for approximately 150 elementary students from the Van Andel Institute and the Education Foundation of Greenville.
- D. Assistant Superintendent of HR & Operations Report – Lisa Steed provided a full staffing update for the District, including letters of resignation and/or retirement. Brief department updates were also provided.
- E. Director of Finance Report – Director of Finance Matt Andres presented the 2022-2023 Final Budget Amendment, the 2023-2024 Proposed Budget, and information regarding the ICS with Isabella Bank. The 2023 Proposed Tax Levy was not presented because the district still needs information from Ionia County. Once the district has all the information to create the L4029s, they will be shared with the Board and presented at the next Board Finance Committee. ***These will be action items during the regular June Board of Education meeting.***
- F. Wellness Committee Update – Director of Food & Nutrition Dan Kuk presented a Wellness Committee update to the Board as required by Board policy.
- G. Contract Renewals for Social Workers and Speech Therapists – Assistant Superintendent of HR & Operations Lisa Steed presented yearly contract renewals for Social Workers and Speech Therapists. Social Workers include Katie Gardner, Tarra Gibson, Lana Henrickson, Ashley Ostrowski, Lori Oxford, Hannah Schuby, and Tonya Swanson. Speech Therapists include Danielle Arnold, Sarah Gilbert, Kendra Horton, Lori McElveny, Kristin Petkus, Sara Smith, Amy VanOrman, and Jessica Winkelmann. ***This will be an action item for the regular June Board of Education.***
- H. Administrative Contract Renewals – Superintendent Wayne Roedel presented administrative contract renewals for Matt Andres, Katy Beebe, Michelle Blaszczyński, Todd Boyer, Allyson Bradley, Alex Ewing, Jack Gilbert, Mark Haist, Rod Harrison, Dan Kuk, Jennifer Mahar, Matt McCullough, Tim Nielsen, Todd Oatley, Keisha Peters, Lisa Steed, Mary Beth Taylor, Mike Walsh,

and Brian Zdanowski. The administrative contracts are two-year rolling contracts. ***This will be an action item during the regular June Board of Education Meeting.***

- I. Board Policy Updates – Superintendent Wayne Roedel presented that the Board Policy Committee has reviewed the following policies to be updated.
 - a. Neola Spring Update: Vol. 37, No. 2 – February 2023
 - i. 2623, 6325, 8390 & 8400
 - b. Neola Spring Update: Vol. 37, No. 2 – February 2023 – Special Release: Tobacco Policies
 - i. 1615, 3215, 4215, 5512, 7434 & 9160
 - c. Neola Fall Update: Vol. 37, No. 1 – September 2022
 - i. 9150

This will be an action item during the regular May Board of Education Meeting.

- J. Board / Administration Retreat – The Board/Administrative Retreat is tentatively scheduled for Monday, August 7, 2023 from 4:00-8:00pm in the Community Room at the Central Services Facility. ***This will be an action item during the regular June Board of Education meeting.***
- K. Education Foundation of Greenville (EFG) Update – Board President Kire Wierda deferred to Maureen Wolverton, who reported EFG had two successful fundraisers in April, Dancing with the Local Stars and Yellow Jacket Challenge.
- L. Montcalm County School Boards Association (MCSBA) Update – Board President Kire Wierda reported the spring membership meeting held at the end of April was very informative and included a board assessment update. The next meeting will be held in September, and more information will be available later.
- M. 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 current GMS course offerings.
- B. The Board approved the current GHS course offerings.
- C. The Board approved support of the Montcalm Area Intermediate School District General Fund Operating Budget for 2023-2024.
- D. The Board approved the rate increases for Children's Corner and the Junior Jackets Preschool program starting with the 2023-24 school year.
- E. The Board approved Superintendent Wayne Roede's evaluation summary.
- F. The Board considered a resolution to appoint Wayne Roedel as the representative of this District for the electoral body of the ISD biennial election to be held June 5, 2023, and Kire Wierda as an alternate in the event the designated representative is unable to attend.
- G. The Board approved the professional staff reduction resolution as presented.
- H. The Board approved the Bank Depositories and Signature Authorizations report as recommended by the administration for the remainder of 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.

Upcoming Dates

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| A. Girls Senior Tea & Guy's Grub | Wednesday, May 10, Frugthaven Farm, 12pm |
| B. Special Board Meeting | Monday, May 15, CSF, 5:30pm |
| C. GHS Honors Week – Activities & Athletics Assembly | Wednesday, May 17, Legacy Field, 9:45am |
| D. GHS Honors Week – Senior Scholarship Night | Wednesday, May 17, GHS Auditorium, 7:30pm |
| E. GHS Honors Week – Jacket Pride Honors Assembly | Thursday, May 18, Legacy Field, 9:27am |
| F. GHS Swingout | Friday, May 19, Legacy Field, 9:10am |

- G. Commencement
- H. Last Day of School – Half Day
- I. MAISD Biennial Election
- J. Finance Committee Meeting
- K. Next Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, May 25, Legacy Field, 7:30pm
Friday, June 2
Monday, June 5, LOCATION & TIME TBA
Wednesday, June 7, CSF, 5:30pm
Monday, June 12, CSF, 7:00pm

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

INSPIRING EXCELLENCE

May 2023



Board Member Portraits

During our regular April Board of Education meeting, four (4) fifth-grade students from Lincoln Heights Elementary presented their board portraits to our newest Board of Education members! A special thank you to Art Teacher Ms. Lynette Robinson and the LH artists for your hard work continuing this tradition. Pictured (from left to right) are Liliana Heether (drew Maureen Wolverton), Adeline Budres (drew Richelle Lentz), Anna Campbell (drew Brian Gardner), and Ava Sage (drew Michael Huff).



EFG's Dancing with the Local Stars

A huge thank you to the Education Foundation of Greenville and Miranda Curry for the successful 2nd Annual Dancing with the Local Stars! The event raised over \$41,000 to help support mental health services for GPS students!!



DECA ICDC Results

Eleven Greenville DECA students participated in the International Career Development Conference, April 20-26th in Orlando, Florida. They took part in 3 different leadership based 2 day-long academies, competed in 4 different events, spent a day at Disney and an evening at Universal. Although the competition is extremely tough with over 20,000 students from around the world attending, Junior, Christian Rasmussen, was an International Finalist in the *Entrepreneurship Business Growth Plan* event! This means he placed in the top 20 out of approximately 200 student entrepreneurs in his event.



GPS K-12 Visual Arts Community Vote Winners

Each year we display artwork from all of our GPS buildings at the high school to highlight some of our awesome artists and their hard work! This year we had over 260 pieces of 3D and 2D artwork displayed and close to that many artists! We also asked attendees of the reception to vote for their favorite pieces from each building. Congratulations to all who participated as well as placed as a community winner!

- ⇒ Baldwin Heights - Winner: Henny Corder (4th grade) / Runner Up: Blake Baker (4th grade)
- ⇒ Cedar Crest - Winner: Sophia Waber (4th grade) / Runner Ups: Adaline Clark (1st grade) & Sophia Waber (4th grade)
- ⇒ Lincoln Heights - Winner: Alora Packard (5th grade) / 2nd Place: Rhylin Wood (2nd grade) / 3rd Place: Fiona Fox (4th grade)
- ⇒ Walnut Hills - Winner: Branwen Hehler-Fleming (4th grade) / Runner Ups: Kaylee Olmstead (4th grade) & Berniece VanBennekomp (5th grade)
- ⇒ GMS - Winner: Alyka Darling (7th grade) / Runner Ups: Tony Vaughn (6th grade) & Haven Hill (6th grade)
- ⇒ GHS - Winners: Marla Teegardin (10th grade) & Alexandra Petersen (10th grade)



Career Readiness Celebrations for April

- ⇒ Seventh-grade students visited Central Michigan's campus to experience a day in the life of a college student. Students toured academic buildings and learned about programs available at CMU.
- ⇒ Mr. Wyckoff spoke to Mr. Hopkins's GMS Machine and Metals classes about continuing education opportunities available at Grand Rapids Community College.
- ⇒ GHS Seniors wrapped up their Educational Development Plans with an activity on career pathways with Mrs. Butler. Mr. Chandler also gave valuable resume advice to our soon-to-be graduates!
- ⇒ GHS students took advantage of the opportunity to visit the Career Fair at the Flat River Library. Students interacted with several local employers; some even walked away with interviews!
- ⇒ Jacket Job shadow day for our GHS Juniors was a hit! Juniors job shadowed across West Michigan individually or joined Mrs. Butler on a tour of industries trips to learn about several career pathways. We are fortunate to have such a supportive community. Thank you to Greenville Car Center, Corewell Health, and Extruded Aluminum Corporation for allowing us to learn from you!



Senior Artist Banners

This year at GHS, we took on a new endeavor to celebrate our senior artists, having sports style banners made for them. These students are so proud to be recognized for their time and dedication to the Arts. Not only do these banners celebrate our senior artists, but the project and photography was led by one of our junior art students, Jozelyn Goss. The qualifications for a Senior Artist banner is 6+ art classes including an art class during senior year. Here are the statistics for this year's artists:

1. Kaylee Ackley - 10 art classes, Region 9
2. Megan Bean - 8 art classes, Scholastic Art Award, one of last year's muralist
3. Kaitlynn Caswell - 9 art classes, 2 Scholastic Art Awards, one of this year's muralists
4. Robert Collier - 6 art classes
5. Sampson Coston - 6 art classes
6. Kyah Derosha - 7 art classes
7. Chloe Duffield - 7 art classes
8. Taylor Dumond - 9 art classes
9. Madison Fisher - 8 art classes
10. Aislynn Grill - 9 art classes
11. Aliya Harris - 9 art classes
12. Rayna Hunter - 9 art classes, Scholastic Art Award, Region 9
13. Bobby Larson - 6 art classes
14. Aubree Lincoln - 10 art classes
15. Brady O'Neal - 6 art classes
16. Kennedy Saint Denis - 10 art classes, Region 9, Top 100 in the State Award, one of this year's muralists
17. Landry Short - 8 art classes, Scholastic Art Award
18. Myra Sprague - 11 art classes, 5 Scholastic Art Awards, State of the State Art Award, one of this year's muralists
19. Isabelle Vanderkooi - 11 art classes



MITES LIVE Welding Competition

Our GHS CTE Welding and Machine Tool Program had a long week as our programs represented GPS in three different competitions in four days. The competition they competed in on May 4th was the Michigan Industrial Technology Education Society's - LIVE State Welding Competition @ Grand Rapids Community College. Here are the results:

- ⇒ SMAW (Level C) - Teigan Hopkins, 1st Place
- ⇒ GMAW (Level B) - Jacob Johnson, 3rd Place
- ⇒ GTAW (Level B) - Brayden Hillard, 2nd Place
- ⇒ Overall (Level B) - Colton Eldred, 1st Place



2023 Elmer Russell School Bell Award - Nomination Information

Greenville Public Schools is accepting nominations for the 2023 Elmer Russell School Bell Award. We'd like to encourage you to take an opportunity to nominate a GPS employee, community member, and/or an organization that has made significant contributions to enhance Greenville Public Schools. Visit www.gpsjackets.org for more information or to complete and submit an electronic form **by Friday, June 2, 2023**. If you have any questions, contact Kara Tiesworth at kara.tiesworth@gpsjackets.org or 616.225.1000 ext 8923.

