



## Board Briefs – June 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](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, June 12, 2023.**

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

Members Absent: C. Mahar

Administrators Present: W. Roedel, M. McCullough, and M. Andres

### **Financial Report**

Director of Finance Matt Andres deferred to giving a budget report during the action item portion of the agenda.

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

- A. Minutes of June 12, 2023 Special Meeting & Closed Session**
- B. Ratification of Bills and Payroll Vouchers – May 2023: \$4,268,773.82**
- C. New Hires / Appointments (Professional Staff Only)**
  - a. Mindy Harris, GHS Special Education Teacher

### **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 included several end-of-the-year activities. Baldwin Heights hosted a Field Day and a successful award ceremony recognizing various student achievements. Cedar Crest hosted a carnival and a school-wide picnic. Lincoln Heights also held a Field Day, complete with a dunk tank. Walnut Hills celebrated its final school-wide PBIS award by having a dance party at each recess, and there were over 20 acts in their school Talent Show. GMS wrapped up the year with award assemblies to honor many student achievements, and GHS celebrated the Class of 2023 during honors week and graduation! Summer break has officially begun, and the Winning Edge program is off to a great start! On June 15, there will be an athletic booster event at Frugthaven, with proceeds going to GPS athletics.
- B. Superintendent Report – Superintendent Roedel recognized several district celebrations featured in

the ***Inspiring Excellence*** document (below). Superintendent Roedel also provided some information regarding the question raised during public comment about the status of live streaming of Board meetings. The technology pieces for the Community Room to be used as a training facility with streaming capabilities, including Board meetings if the Board decides to offer that option, have been ordered. The policy committee will meet this month to discuss what live streaming of Board meetings could entail if the Board decides to implement it.

- C. Assistant Superintendent Report – Assistant Superintendent Matt McCullough provided a Benchmark Assessments Update/STAR Extended Covid-19 Goal Report; the growth we hoped to achieve occurred in most areas. Additional data will be available next month to see if we are reaching our goals. Summer School starts next week and will be held for five weeks (excluding the week of July 4<sup>th</sup>). We have approximately 120 students in K-5<sup>th</sup> grade and about 60 high school students participating in credit recovery.
- D. Non-Homestead Operating Millage Renewal – Superintendent Roedel informed the Board our current Non-Homestead Operating Millage will expire in 2024. Superintendent Roedel and Finance Director Matt Andres met with the district's election attorney to discuss options for this to be placed on an upcoming ballot. The state formula for funding expects this millage to pass, but funding is not made up if the millage does not pass. ***If the Board would like to go forward with the Non-Homestead Operating Millage Renewal on the November 2023 ballot, this would need to be an action item during the regular July Board of Education Meeting to meet election deadlines.***
- E. Superintendent Roedel presented the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) Membership Renewal Notice for 2023-2024. ***This will be an action item for the regular July meeting.***
- F. Superintendent Roedel presented the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) Membership Resolution for 2023-2024. ***This will be an action item for the regular July meeting.***
- G. Board President Kire Wierda presented the Montcalm County School Boards Association (MCSBA) Membership Resolution; the Board will need to appoint a Board Member to be their representative and a Board Member to be the alternate during the 2023-2024 school year. ***This will be an action item for the regular July meeting.***
- H. Greenville Public Schools' parent, Kim Betser, has again accepted the MAISD Parent Advisory Committee role for the 2023-2024 school year. ***This will be an action item for the regular July meeting.***
- I. Legislative Update – Board Treasurer Jim Anderson provided a brief legislative update.
- J. Assistant Superintendent of HR & Operations Report – Superintendent Roedel deferred to Lisa Steed's provided documentation in the Board packet regarding a full staffing update for the District, including letters of resignation and/or retirement. Questions regarding the Band Director position were answered.

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

- A. The Board approved the 2022-2023 General Fund and Food Service Budget Amendments.
- B. The Board approved the 2023-2024 General Fund and Food Service Budgets.
- C. The Board certified the 2023 tax values.
- D. The Board approved to enroll Greenville Public Schools bank accounts with Isabella Bank's Insured Cash Sweep account to ensure the district is fully FDIC insured.

- E. The Board approved contract renewals for the 2023-2024 school year for the Social Workers and Speech Therapists.
- F. The Board approved the administrative contract renewals.
- G. The Board approved the Board Policy updates.
- H. The Board approved to set the date for the annual Board/Administrative Retreat for Monday, August 7, 2023, from 4:00-8:00pm at the Central Services Facility.

#### **Upcoming Dates**

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| A. Policy Committee Meeting              | TBD                                |
| B. Finance Committee Meeting             | Thursday, July 6, CSF, 5:30pm      |
| C. Special Board Meeting                 | Monday, July 10, CSF, 5:30pm       |
| D. Next Regular Board Meeting            | Monday, July 10, CSF, 7:00pm       |
| E. Board/Administrative Retreat/Workshop | Monday, August 7, CSF, 4:00-8:00pm |

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

# INSPIRING EXCELLENCE

June 2023



## Special Olympics

Greenville Public Schools hosted the Region 6 Special Olympics on Friday, May 12. Athletes and supporters in attendance had a wonderful time. Sportsmanship and inclusivity at their finest was on display! Go Jackets!



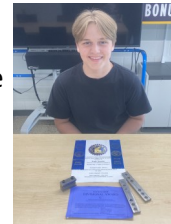
## Satterlee

Satterlee students visited John Ball Zoo during May to learn about possible future careers. Mrs. Vellanti and Mr. Stump were so proud of their students as they represented GPS well. Thank you to EFG, who grant-funded this experience and made this day possible.



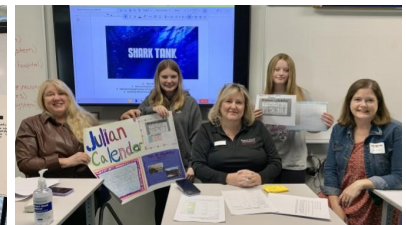
## MITES Project Competition Final Results (Regionals & State)

Congratulations on a job well done to all GHS students that participated in the Michigan Industrial and Technology Education Society! A special congrats to Kody Newton (10th grade) with a State 1st Prize and Divisional Grand Award for the Tool Set he made in Machine Tool Technology 1.



## Invention Ideas

Seventh grade Social Studies students pitched their Roman Invention ideas to guest "Sharks" last week! If the Sharks liked their idea and marketing plan, students were paid in Step Up tickets. We had fun with our guests including our Assistant Superintendent, retired teachers and School Board.



## GHS Varsity Softball

The GHS Varsity Softball Team took 1st place at the Ionia Tournament held on Saturday, May 13. Way to go Jackets!



## Free Sports Physical Event

The Greenville Athletic Department's FREE Annual Sports Physical Event for ALL GMS & GHS Students was held on Wednesday, June 7, 2023. In less than two hours, this event provided free physicals valid for the entire 2023-24 school year to 212 of our student-athletes! This could not have been done without the help of MANY GPS coaches and staff members; thank you for helping to make this event possible. Go Jackets!



## 2023 Teacher and Support Staff Person of the Year Building Winners

GPS is beginning a new tradition of recognizing staff, both teachers and support staff, who exemplify our core values (integrity, collaboration, compassion, responsibility) and inspire excellence in others. Several months ago, staff, students, and community members nominated individuals who they thought were the best of the best. During the last week of school, one teacher and one support staff person from each building was recognized as exemplary winners by their building leadership.

### Baldwin Heights Elementary

Teacher: Emilee Tremlin / Support Staff: Sarah Jones

### Cedar Crest Elementary

Teacher: Kathleen Whiting / Support Staff: Margaret Newton

### Lincoln Heights Elementary

Teacher: Kimble Darbee / Support Staff: Bonnie Short

### Walnut Hills Elementary

Teacher: Sara DeVries / Support Staff: Rachael Stemen

### Greenville Middle School

Teacher: Amy Gunderson / Support Staff: Lori Hufford

### Greenville High School

Teacher: Kristen Ritter / Support Staff: Rick Court

One of the teachers and one of the support staff members listed above will be chosen and recognized as our ***District Teacher of the Year*** and our ***District Support Staff Person of the Year***, which will be announced when our full staff returns in August for the start of the 2023-24 school year. If you run into any of these individuals, please give them a high five, thank you, and congratulations; the recognition is well deserved.

## Career Readiness Stats for 2022-2023

Here are a few highlights from this year...

- Jacket Job Shadow Days for Juniors and Seniors
- Seventh-grade students had the option to visit Central Michigan University
- Tenth-grade students went to Montcalm Community College to explore career interests identified in their Educational Development Plan
- Alumni Brad Krause, owner of Service Professor, guest speaker at GHS
- 150 MS/HS students attended MiCareer Quest at the DeVos Center in downtown Grand Rapids
- Career Weeks across K-8 buildings
- Project-Based Learning took place at Walnut Hills, Baldwin Heights, and GHS



# Career Readiness Initiative

2022-2023 school year



# 492

Classroom  
lessons Presented



# 993

Student  
attendance on  
career-related  
trips



# 224

Companies and  
organizations  
partnering with  
Career Readiness



# 5,472

Educational  
Development Plans  
(EDP\*) logins

\*An Educational Development Plan (EDP) is a working document showing a secondary student's current interests, abilities, and career pathways.