

The March 21st Board of Education meeting was observed by several local boy scouts, viewing an official community meeting as part of their Community merit badge.

#### **FIRST OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No community members spoke at this time.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE & BOARD UPDATES**

##### **Superintendent Update**

Superintendent Chris Timmis noted that Spring Break is next week, and DCS has begun the spring sports season. He also reported that the 5th and 6th grade bands performed their first live concert this past weekend at a modified Band Extravaganza, remarking that things are starting to feel more normal.

##### **Board President Update**

Board President Mara Greateorex complimented Craig McCalla for his hard work in his first few months as Principal of Operations.

##### **Student Representatives Update**

Student Representative Aidan Naughton reported that March is Reading Month (MIRM) activities are happening at Anchor, Beacon and Wylie Elementary Schools. At Anchor and Beacon, students are participating in a book bracket featuring 8 books the class reads then votes for their favorite, as well as a spirit week and book fair. Wylie is also having a spirit week, and 3rd and 4th graders are reading to each other during the month. Teachers are excited at the success of this initiative, and plan to continue for the rest of the year.

At Dexter High School, Student Representative Griffin Patel shared that spring sports have begun and senior activities (e.g. senior survival) are planned to resume after being shelved during the pandemic. Teachers are visiting their colleague's classrooms to learn from each other as part of their professional development. At Mill Creek, students recently held a collection drive to benefit Ozone House, and a teacher vs. student dodgeball game will be held on Tuesday, March 22 to raise money for Zion Family Health Clinic.

Creekside band students performed live this past weekend at a modified Band Extravaganza, and the Creekside orchestras concert is scheduled for Tuesday, March 22. Students at Creekside are creating art murals for the school, and Summit Learning staff is visiting the HS this week. A Creekside activity night is scheduled for April 21.

#### **CONSENT ITEMS**

The Board of Education received the February 2022 budget report.

**ACTION ITEMS****2022-2027 Strategic Plan**

Dr. Timmis commented the only change in the plan from the March 7th meeting discussion was updating the years from 2021-2026 to 2022-2027. Vice President Elise Bruderly shared her appreciation of the history and plan development information presented at the last Board meeting. Trustees unanimously approved the 2022-2027 Strategic Plan.

**WISD Fiber Consortium**

The draft Master Service Agreement included in the evening's packet was previously discussed at the March 7, 2022 meeting and, following a short discussion, Trustees unanimously approved the agreement.

**Bleacher Replacement Bid Approval**

On March 7th, the Facilities Committee reviewed bids for the Al Ritt visitor bleachers replacement. The Board packet contained a bid tabulation and recommendation letter from Craig McCalla, Principal for Operations.

McCalla shared that sole bidder Southern Bleacher voluntarily amended the bid to provide a better option than originally proposed. In this alternate bid, the proposed visitor bleachers will include an ADA-accessible section similar to the home bleachers, rather than the separate raised section originally proposed. Trustee Alabré asked about the installation time frame, and whether this would impact spring or fall sports. McCalla shared the lead time is approximately 120-150 days, and bleachers should be installed by the end of September 2022. The District will not remove the current visitor bleachers until after May 13, 2022 due to a large track and field invitational. McCalla stated the removal and installation should not impact spring or fall sports, or events such as graduation. The Board unanimously approved awarding contracts for Bid Package 1, Category 12-1 Bleacher Replacement Approval, to Southern Bleachers for a total amount not to exceed \$149,570.

**Pavement Rehabilitation Bid Approval**

On March 7, 2022, the Facilities Committee reviewed bids for the district pavement rehabilitation. The Board packet contained a bid tabulation and recommendation letter from Craig McCalla. McCalla explained that the bid covers asphalt for Jenkins, Wylie and DHS. After other District improvements (chillers, boilers, Twin Turf restrooms, etc.) are bid out, more paving projects around the District will be sent out for bid. This bid covers the top priority repaving. The Board unanimously approved awarding the contracts for Bid Package 1, Category 32-1 Pavement Rehabilitation to Nagle Paving for an amount not to exceed the base bid of \$585,485.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

No items were presented for discussion at this time.

**SECOND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A parent expressed frustration in securing District support for her two students, and asked for the Board's help to navigate future assistance requests.

**BOARD COMMENTS**

Trustee Melanie Szawara shared her excitement about March is Reading Month activities at her students' schools, saying the fun competitions encourage her kids to read at home.

President Greateorex reported the Educational Foundation of Dexter's spring auction moved online this year, with bidding open to the entire community. She thanked the generous local businesses who donated items for the auction. As of this meeting, EFD had approximately \$19,000 in bids and \$6,000 in cash donations. A Dine to Donate event at Aubree's on March 23rd will be held, at which winners can pick up their items. In addition, Greateorex noted the EFD spring teacher grant cycle will award approximately \$26,000 to DCS teachers, classrooms and programs.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. [Board Bulletins for Feb 28 & March 7](#) (pgs. 43-51)
2. [Elise Bruderly - MASB award](#) (pg. 52-53)
3. [Sharon Raschke - MSBO certification](#) (pg. 54)
4. [Draft Facilities Minutes 3-7-2022](#) (pg. 55)

After sharing the Information Items, the Board moved into closed session for continuing negotiations.

**CALENDAR**

March 28 - April 1 – Spring Break

April 11 – Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. - Bates

April 25 – Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. - Bates