



Opening of the Board of Education Meeting

- Call to order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
- Approval of Agenda
- Consent Grouping
 - 1. Approval of Minutes from April 18, 2025 Board of Education Retreat
 - 2. Approval of the Payment of Bills





Announcements





Congratulations, State Champions! Gracey Barry (12th), Isabelle Wisenbaugh (12th), Brynn Brower (12th), Maggie Young (10th), Daniella Ramirez (9th), Haley Barry (10th), Vennessa Bogart (9th), Megan Brower (10th), Sakari Carrington (9th), Olivia Eickholt (9th), Parker Mann (9th), Mikayla Siler (9th)

Head Coach Vincent Gervais, Coach Adam Cook





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About Grand Haven Area Community Foundation

- Incorporated in 1971 when 12 community members each gave \$100 to create a collective means for people to perpetually care for our community.
- Is a public, charitable organization serving Northwest Ottawa County and the broader West Michigan region. As a community foundation, we maintain a 501(c)3 status.
- Encourages philanthropy by individuals, families, corporations, and organizations, and serve as a steward of their charitable funds and legacies. In addition to awarding grants, the Foundation offers technical support to nonprofits, convenes and connects community leaders on issues of importance, and advocates for the nonprofit sector.
- Is accredited through the Council on Foundations and are regularly recognized as a top 100 Community Foundation in the nation. We are also the 8th largest community foundation in the State of Michigan, in terms of assets, and recognized in Crain's Grand Rapids Business List of Michigan's 25 Largest Foundations.





About Grand Haven Area Community Foundation

- Governed by a Board of Trustees: 11 members, including representatives with backgrounds in Education
- Education is a priority area for GHACF Competitive Grantmaking and is focused on grants that:
 - <u>Address the barriers preventing students from pursuing post-secondary education</u> opportunities
 - Improve student access to the necessary academic, social, and emotional resources required to reach their full potential
 - <u>Support access to</u> and <u>participation in quality preschool programs</u>, particularly those in under-served populations





History With GHAPS and Education

- GHACF works closely with GHAPS leadership, meeting quarterly to best understand the district's needs
- Over the years, the GHACF has granted MillionS of dollars:
 - directly to GHAPS
 - to others providing programs in partnership with GHAPS to assist students within the district
 - in scholarships for continued education





Our Work & Student Impact - Funds

Designated Funds

Donors designated GHAPS, or a specific school or program within GHAPS, as a beneficiary of the fund

Annual grants are provided for programs such as:

- Mental health support
- GHHS Bucs food
 pantry
- Central HS food pantry
- Central programming
- CHILL program
- Vocal lessons
- Music education and instruments

- Music programs
- Pay-to-Play scholarships
- Soccer athletes
- Athletic program
- Books for K-2nd grade
- Clothing, eyeglasses, therapy, field trip expenses
- Science Olympiad programming





Our Work & Student Impact - Funds

Competitive Grantmaking

Greatest Needs Funds and Field of Interest Funds, enabling the GHACF to remain proactive, responsive and flexible to meet the community's most critical needs

All grants were requested through an application process to the GHACF and reviewed by committees of the GHACF

- Resilient Leaders and Educators Training
- Decodable Books
- DEI Belonging
- All Kids Bike Grand Haven
- Mary A. White Aquarium Therapy
- Rosy Mound Therapy Dog, Emmy

- CHILL
- Lakeshore Fuel Up
- Bucs Care Food Pantry
- Spark Tank
- Student Senate
- Pay it Forward
- DECA
- Staff and Student Wellness





Our Work & Student Impact - Funds

Donor Advised Funds & Community Service Funds

Grants recommended from Donor Advised Funds held at the GHACF

Community Service Funds enable collective giving to a community project

- Books and Decodable
 books
- Educational materials and platforms for greater access Vocal music department
- Sports: basketball, soccer, volleyball
- Cultivate Club
- Robotics Club

- Outdoor Education
- Special Education
- DECA
- Green Club
- SCORE Program
- Excellence in Service Awards Program
- Project Lead the Way
- Food Service Depts





Our Work & Student Impact – Programs

Youth Advisory Council (YAC)

- Started in 1989 to engage youth in philanthropy
- Consists of students from GHAPS and other local schools
- The GHACF YAC is one of the top in MI, granting over \$100,000/year in recent years







Our Work & Student Impact – Programs

Tri-Cities College/Career Access Network

- College Advisor/Mentor
 - Focuses on <u>removing barriers</u>, <u>proactively engaging</u> and <u>assisting</u> <u>eligible</u>, <u>low-income</u>, <u>at-risk</u>, <u>first-generation students</u> <u>within the</u> <u>Tri-Cities</u> as they <u>pursue postsecondary education</u>
 - In 2023, 42 students were identified as eligible
 - Collectively, this equates to the eligibility of up to \$566,160 in college tuition assistance for students in our community

Preschool Roundtable

 Allows early childhood professionals to work together to identify and secure timely, strategic, and necessary professional development opportunities to support the achievement of this goal



Did you know that a family of four making less than \$65,000 could qualify for **free preschool**?

> Visit HelpMeGrowOttawa.org to learn more about local preschool options







Our Work & Student Impact – Programs

Excellence in Education was started in 1987, celebrating top graduates and the educators who have helped shape their success



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Sarah Peterso

Student

Ann Leitgeb

Lucia Londo

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Addison Smith

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Ruby Williams

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Claire Arnold

Gabrielle Tiapkes

Kevin Sahr

Kari Taylor

Jonathan Reuning

Alyssa McCaughar



Educator

John Tarr

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Angela Prieditis

Melissa Richard

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John Josephson

Daniel Newton

Marcella Weldos

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Adam Dean

Aaron Smak

John Mauro

Catherine Hall

Holly Michelli

Will Hewitt

not selected

not selected

Neil Bailie

Tony Soyder

Kathy Lampe

Derek Warner

Brandon Suchecki

Steffanie Portenga

Congratulations to the top graduating high school seniors and the educator who most influenced them!

The Excellence In Education event is a long-standing tradition at the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation that recognizes and honors the area's high school students who are graduating in the top of their classes. Each honored student is asked to select an educator who has had a significant impact on their academic achievements and accomplishments. The annual event is sponsored by the Alyce R. Erickson Fund. Vin Erickson was one of the founders of the foundation and served as the first president of our board of trustees. He and his wife. Alvoe, cherished education and exemplified excellence in all that they did - they'd be the first to applaud the achievements and impacts of our students and educators. We're proud of all of our community's students and educators and are happy to honor the following this year:

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elected	Ava Davidson	Aaron Polet
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Londot	Zoe Dull	Dan Start
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Walters	Juliana Geneva	Kathy Britton
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er Glass	Jackson Laughlin	Justin Hood
m Poel	Madeline Meigs	Karl Sineath
k Robertson	Addison Mullally	Tricia Suchecki
n Klinger	Andrew Nash	Kyle Jewett
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on Blain	Luke Roller	Laurie Draeger
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han Bollins	Sebastian Ruiz	Christina Medell
v Larson	Nia Theune	Naomi Van Singel
d Baker Kram	Brooklyn Verplank	Jessica Beebe
	Parker Woodwyk	Todd Mitchell
	Kaitlyn Zonca	Aaron Andres
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cator	Western Michigan Christian	

High School	
Student	Educator
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Our Work & Student Impact – Scholarships

- 142 Scholarship Funds are held at the GHACF
- In 2024, over \$910,000 in scholarships were awarded for post-secondary education to 234 students

80% of first-generation student applicants received scholarships 26 scholarship recipients were awarded a multi-year scholarship, renewable for 2-4 years Average award package was \$2,987, with awards ranging from \$172 - \$14,000





Our Work & Student Impact – Recent Partners w/programs directly impacting GHAPS

- Thriving Families
 Campaign
- Ottawa County Programming, Hello Mountain Mover Curriculum
- "How to Each a Rainbow" Healthy Snack Summer Prog.
- Expansion to GHAPS
- Calling All Colors
- YOU Matter Campaign

- Recreation Summer School
- Elementary School Classroom Libraries
- Educator Wellness
 Coaching
- Nature Based Educational Summer Programs
- Arbor Circle
- Girls on the Run

- Hand2Hand
- Latin Americans United for Progress (LAUP)
- Lakeshore Ethnic Diversity Alliance (LEDA)
- Mosaic Counseling
- NORA
- Ottawa Area ISD
- Opportunity Thrive
- Outdoor Discovery Center
- ...many others





Certified Board Member Awards

Kristal Boyd

Certified Board Member Award Having completed the course requirements for the certified board member award (CBA) program

Award of Merit

The level two, Award of Merit, is awarded upon completion of certification level one and a minimum of 45 education credits

Marc Eickholt

Award of Distinction

The level three, Award of Distinction, is awarded upon completion of certification levels one and two; four 200 or 300-level classes; and a minimum of 208 education credits

Christine Baker

Master Board Member Award

The level four Master Board Member is awarded upon completion of certification levels one through three; nine 200 or 300- level classes; and a minimum of 368 education credits





Commencement Celebrations

Grand Haven High School Graduation

- Thursday, May 22
- 6:30 p.m.
- Gene Rothi Field at Buccaneers Stadium

Central High School & Cyber School Graduation

- Wednesday, June 4
- 7:00 p.m.
- Lakeshore Middle School



Student Voice Research - From April Board Retreat

Mona Shores Research from Superintendent, Bill O'Brien

- Invitation and application process in the fall
- One Junior chosen for a two year term through an interview process with the Board
 - The student representative is allowed to participate in all Board discussions and attend committee meetings to which they may be assigned or invited
- Student Representatives are expected to attend as many Board meetings as possible
- Applications are due in at the end of September



Student Representative Process Overview

"Invitation to Apply" email/application is sent to Junior Class; the opportunity is added to HS announcements

• Junior parents and HS teachers, admin, and counselors copied on email

Applications due from students 2 weeks after email is sent, by midnight; a reminder email is sent 1 week prior to the deadline

List of applicants is sent to a student committee and HS Principal for review; some may be removed from the list at the discretion of the committee, based on administration, counseling, and committee feedback All students are invited via email for interviews unless the list is too long, in which case the student committee will review and decide on interviewees

A special Board meeting held for Student Representative interviews

Student representative is selected at the meeting and notified as soon as possible, with a confidentiality expectation until others are contacted

Students who have not been chosen are notified via email as soon as possible, no later than the next morning

Board President and Vice President schedule an onboarding/introduction meeting with new Junior Student Rep and current Senior Student Rep prior to the first November Board meeting





Student Voice Research - From April Board Retreat

Policy Committee

- Reviewed Thrun Policy 2104
 - Student Representative on the Board
 - Committee made changes and will be recommending the following for a first reading next month...

To provide the board with greater insight into student activities, programs, and needs, and to encourage student involvement in District governance activities, the Board may allow up to <u>two</u> non-voting student representatives on the Board.



Strategic Plan Update Video





Public Comment



Instructional Services

Mary Jane Evink, Executive Director of Instructional Services



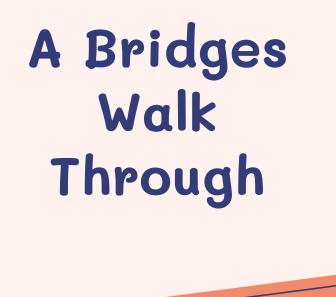


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Building Bridges: A Successful Curriculum Implementation





- What is Bridges Math -Sara Cooke
- Preview Process Sara
 Cooke
- Providing Time Kevin Blanding
- Constructing Bridges -Anna Lehnert & Jen Taylor
- Looking back over
 Bridges Anna Lehnert
 & Jen Taylor



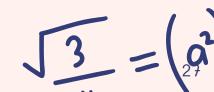


Bridges in Mathematics

Conceptual Understanding

Engagement

Mathematical Reasoning







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Major Concepts: place value Adding and Subtracting on the number line Most Important Representations				
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Most Important Strategies:				
Interval Counting Counting the number of equal intervals between two points.	Get to a Friendly Number EX 53-13=	Add or Subt a Friendly Numb 27+35 27-35 Add 10 three transition		

Previewing Units

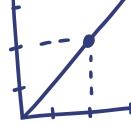
What is the major work of the unit?

Where does this work live in the modules and sessions?

How does the work of this unit connect to the work of the prior unit? When is proficiency expected?









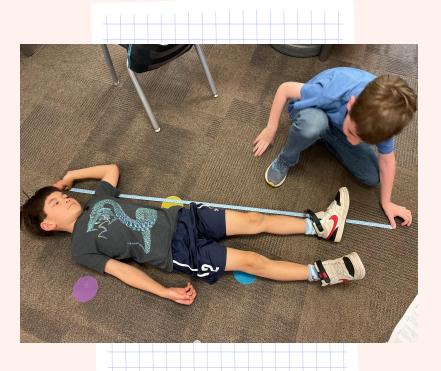


Building Bridges Takes Time

- Time was provided in the spring of 2024.
- Teachers worked in the staff development days in August.
- PLC and staff meeting time at Rosy was focused on Bridges.
- We allowed teachers to use our PBIS celebration time

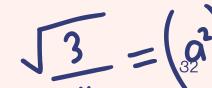


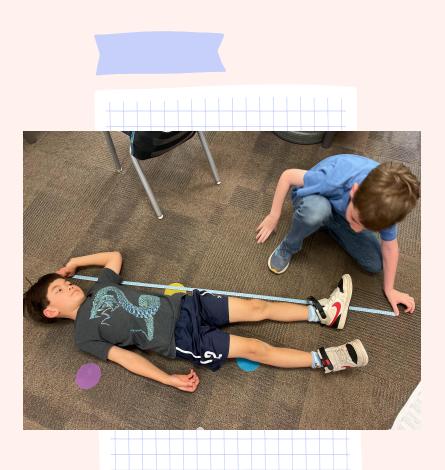




Building Bridges Takes Time

At Rosy we recognized that the work of Bridges was going to be heavy lifting. Our Guiding Coalition team worked hard to factor that into every decision we made during this school year. We appreciated the efforts on the part of our Math Coach to support this process.





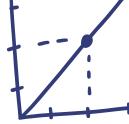
Building Bridges Takes Time

Teacher supports that were built in:

- District prep of material
- The use of our preferred sub to make copies for teachers.
- A focus on budget funds to support the implementation of Bridges.









Bridges in Action







Constructing (Implementation)







Problems and Investigations

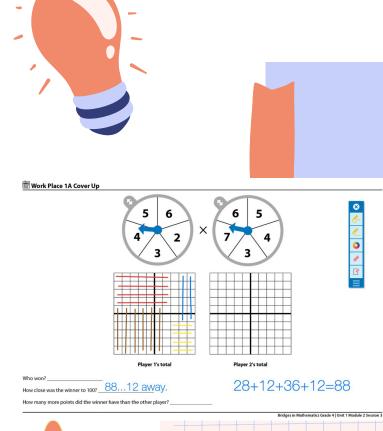
Work Places Number Corner





Problems and Investigations "The lesson"

- Often begins with a math talk Warm-Up.
 - LOTS of exploration and modeling
 - Engaging and hands on
- Discussions Whole group & partnerships
 - Less rote memorization and routin
 - More application and mental math



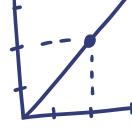


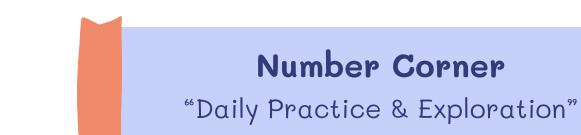
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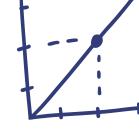
- Engaging
- Changing partnerships
- Learning time management
 - Responsibility





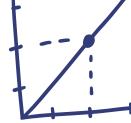


- Daily practice
- Calendar integration
- Spiraling instruction
- Student led activities
- Various components









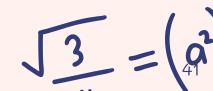


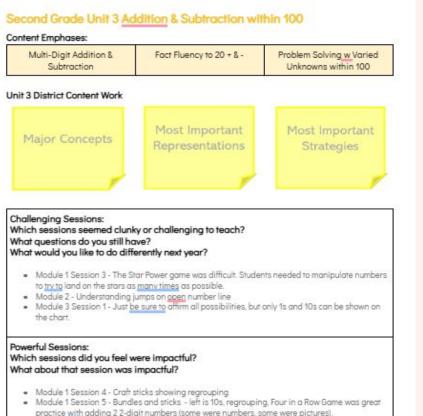




Reflecting on Bridges

Part of the extra time we carved out was used to reflect after each unit in preparation for next year.



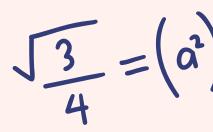


- Module 2 Critical for learning about open number lines (adding and subtracting them)
- Checkpoint Essential after Module 2.

Reflecting on Bridges

Reflection Document

- Challenging Sessions
- Powerful Sessions



Vocabulary: What vocabulary is essential to teach? What is introduced? What is a reteach?

- Regroup
- Difference (Module 2)
- · Line of symmetry made trees for the hallway (Number Corner)
- Names of shapes (Number Corner)
- Polygon (Number Corner)

Tools: What do you want to remember for next time?

- Preprinted Open Number Lines
- Possible slides for charts (number corner as well)
- Brain Pop Jr for polygons
- Bundles and Sticks pre-wrapped
- 10 trains pre-connected

Check Point Formative Assessment:

Finished a week before Christmas Break!

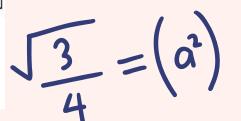
Work Places: With the essentials in mind, what changes would you like to make with how you use the Work Places next year?

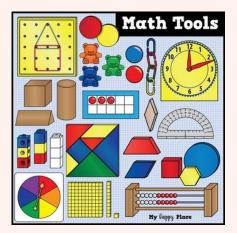
- Four Card Draw Draw 4 cards, but only use
- Try to give 30 min of workplaces 3 times a week.

Reflecting on Bridges

Reflection Document continued...

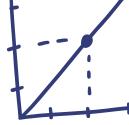
- Vocabulary
- Tools
- Work Places















Bridges excites teachers and

students.







Instructional Services

Decodable Book Purchase

- Purchase largely funded by the 35j reading grant from MDE
 - Also funded using Title 1, grants from the Kiwanis Sandy Huber Reading Improvement Program, Shape Corporation, and the Judy Corcoran Porath Memorial Fund

• 7th/8th ELA Curriculum Adoption

- Lakeshore Middle School is requesting to adopt a new English Language Arts curriculum.
 CommonLit is an open source which was piloted successfully
 - There is no cost to purchase the resource



Business Services

Michael MacDonald, Executive Director of Business Services

EDUCATION

Service Center



Grand Haven Area Public Schools

Business Services

• 2025-26 Budget Hearing Resolution

• As required by Michigan statute, a budget hearing for the proposed 2025-26 budget must be held to receive any comments and/or discussion of the proposed budget

OAISD General Fund Budget Resolution

• The Michigan School Code requires local school boards to review and approve the budget of their intermediate school district (Ottawa Area ISD) before the ISD Board can approve it

Chartwells Contract Approval

- For the Board's consideration is the approval of the Chartwells Food Service Contract renewal for the 2025-26 School year.
 - This is the second year on the new contract
 - Highlights of the contract include an increase in management fees and administration costs of 3.1%



Business Services

• D. Chromebook Purchase

• For the Board's consideration is the purchase of new Chromebooks for 5th grade students at a cost not to exceed \$105,520.50. This is from remaining bond dollars.

E. WMAAA Vended Meals Renewal

- For the Board's consideration is the approval of the WMAAA vended meals contract renewal for the 2025-26 school year
 - This is the second year on the new contract
 - Highlights of the contract include an increase in management fees and administration costs of 3%



Human Services

Jason Reinecke, Assistant Superintendent of Human Services





Personnel Update

Brad Cusumano - Lakeshore Middle School Principal

Keegan Ferris - Assistant Principal at Grand Haven High School

<u>Aaron Dean</u> - Assistant Athletic Director at Grand Haven High School





Personnel Update

<u>**16</u>** - Certified staff retiring or resigning</u>

12 - Of the above positions have been absorbed

\$1.53 million dollars - projected annual savings





Superintendent





Mary A. White Elementary Transition Update

Weekly Friday Email Update to MAW Families

- Updates
- Dates & Events
- Surveys
 - Transportation Survey
 - Classroom Assignment Survey
- Reminders

Upcoming Plans/Events:

- May 29 (during the school day): Student visits to their new schools
- May 29, 5:30-6:30 PM: Family Open Houses at Peach Plains, Robinson, and Rosy Mound
- June 8, 2:30-4:30 PM: Mary A. White Community Picnic
- June 11: End-of-Year Bash for current teachers, students, and families
- June 13, 11 AM: School-wide walkout celebration



Mary A. White Elementary Transition Update



Community Picnic | Sunday, June 8, 2:30-4:30

• The event will include opportunities to:

- Honor staff and students, both past and present
- Share memories through a memento activity
- Walk the hallways
- View historic items and photos
- Enjoy a picnic lunch with musical entertainment from MAW alum

Prior to the event, there are a couple of ways to engage:

- Submit photos and other scanned memorabilia
- Submit videos
- Share your memories

Find the event on Facebook: facebook.com/GrandHavenAreaPS



Early Learning Center Name Recommendation

What we did:

- 1. Community survey asking for name suggestions - nearly **100 suggestions**
- 2. Cabinet Reviewed Suggestions, narrowing to top 3
- 3. Full Leadership Team voted on top 3, with 65% voting for our winning name
- 4. Cabinet Recommended Name to Board President
- 5. Presenting Name to Full Board for Approval

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Early Learning Center Name Recommendation



Duneside Discovery Center at Mary A. White



Board President Nichol Stack



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OAISD Board Election Resolution

Two 6-year term seats:

- 1. Rick Dernberger (incumbent)
- 2. Jennifer Cymbola
- 3. Amanda Price

One 2-year (partial term) seat:

1. John Siemion

Election date: June 2

- GHAPS Board Member Representative
- GHAPS Board Member Alternate Representative







BOARD OF EDUCATION GOALS

as of April 18, 2025

Goal	Action Step(s)	Who's Responsible	Timeline
 Board Governance Strategic Planning Continuing Education 	 Approval of strategic plan by beginning of 2025-26 school year with rolling approval at subsequent years Full Board attendance at MASB Annual Leadership Conference 	- Board President	- Before 1st day of school - Reserve hotel rooms mid-July with October attendance
Board Transparency Minutes Open Communication Policy Access	 Adjust public comment in minutes to only include first and last names Develop 3-5 Board expectations related to their partner school and include a list of should/should not Approve Board Book and transition policy holder to Thrun for improved readability 	- Sara - Personnel Committee - Policy Committee	- Immediately - July - Completed at Spring Retreat
Communications • Regular Updates • Listening Sessions • Digital Presence	 Seek legal opinion about recording Board meetings, research tech/media challenges and staff labor cost for editing Offer 2-person Board member listening sessions throughout the community with chain of command sheet and consider more Board member presence at district events (i.e. open houses, parent nights, computer pick-up) Post for the public a pre and post summary of actions taken at all Board meetings 	- Finance & Operations Committee - Teaching & Learning Committee - Nate Hunt	 May committee meeting with June implementation May committee meeting with implementation by 1st day of school, or sooner Immediately
Student Voice Student Representatives Leadership Development 	- Evaluate Readiness Assessment and contact Mona Shores School District for input	- Superintendent	- Start student involvement process at the beginning of the school year



In Progress:

- MASB Diamond Award Classmust happen in June to qualify for rebate
 - Too tight of a timeline?

• Meeting Recordings-

 Nate & Dennis compiling staff/editing/time costs for varied options in accordance with Thrun advice. Immediate action: sharing meeting slideshows on website/boardbook; exploring recap styles for June implementation

• Listening Sessions-

- creating list of guiding topics/timeline/locations (suggestions welcome).
- Coordinating with other Admin sessions/visits so cohesive with proposed bond work. Will likely schedule with SignUpGenius.

• Loutit Representative-

- Mary Jane Evink has parameters to create and launch application for interested community members
- Nate will guide public announcement once ready to post

