

THE AGGIE EXPRESS

School Board Leaders Honored in January

January is School Board Recognition Month – a time to salute the work of our volunteer school board members and to celebrate public education. This special recognition of school board members reflects our combined commitment to leadership and accountability assuring ALL children succeed.

It's an exciting and challenging time in public education. School board members in Beal City Public Schools develop policies and make tough decisions that help shape the future of our education system. They are citizens whose decisions affect our children and build our communities.

Our board of education, and the hundreds like it across the state, preserve the core of our democracy – public education. They ensure that decisions on school programming are made by people we've elected to represent our community's values, culture and circumstances.

Showing appreciation for the important work of school boards should be a year-round process, but too often we neglect to recognize the dedication and hard work of these men and women who represent us. This January, the staff and students of our district are asking all members of the community to take a moment and thank a school board member.

Thank you to the men and women who dedicate countless personal hours to ensure the needs of our community are met by our public schools. We salute the public servants of Beal City Public Schools whose dedication and civic responsibility make local control of public schools in our community possible. We applaud them for their vision and voice to prepare today's students to be tomorrow's leaders.

The men and women serving and their years of service are:

Robert Pasch	20 years
Rod Cole	16 years
Denise McBride	15 years
Curt Gottschalk	10 years
Tom Gross	6 years
Erin Ludwig	3 years
Brian Locke	1 year

Beal City Public Schools welcomes Michael Pung as our Interim Superintendent



Beal City Schools would like to introduce Michael Pung as our Interim Superintendent. Mike graduated from Beal City Public Schools in 1972 and received both his Bachelor and Master of Science degrees from Ferris State University. Mike was hired by Mt. Pleasant Public Schools in 1995 as their Associate High School Principal and the Career Technical Education Director. He was then named the Superintendent of Mt. Pleasant Public Schools in July of 2011. After his retirement from Mt. Pleasant, he was employed with the Wolgast Corporation until August, 2020.

Mike and his wife, Loretta have been married for 50 years. They have three children: Tracy, Kimberly and Michael. They also have 8 grandchildren: Zachary, Gabe, Ben, Breanna, Madisyn, Cameron, Michael and Brooklynne.

Mike enjoys playing music, camping, boating and spending time with his family. He also enjoys following his grandchildren's sporting and school events. Mike has travelled to Japan, Germany and Hawaii and has travelled to many of the continental states. By far, his favorite place to visit is Hawaii.

We're very excited to have Mike join our staff at Beal City Schools! Welcome, Mike!

The Board of Education for Beal City Public Schools has begun the process of selecting the next superintendent. The Board of Education will lead the selection process, with assistance from the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB). The search process includes focus groups with staff, parents, local organizations, and community members. These meetings help identify the characteristics and attributes the community prioritizes for the next superintendent.

FOCUS GROUPS: Please see the focus group schedule below:

Wednesday, January 10

10:00 am - Community/Parents (in person)
10:40 am - 1:10 pm - Teachers/Support Staff
1:30 pm - 2:15 pm - Administrators/Central Office
5:15 pm - 6:00 pm – Community/Parents (in person)

All meetings will be held in the Media Center.

Thursday, January 11

10:00 am - Community/Parents (ZOOM only)
<https://melg.zoom.us/j/84279206905>
10:40 am - 1:10 pm - Teachers/ Support Staff
1:30 pm - 2:15 pm - Administrators/Central Office
5:15 pm -6:00 pm – Community/Parents (ZOOM only)
<https://melg.zoom.us/j/84312647609>

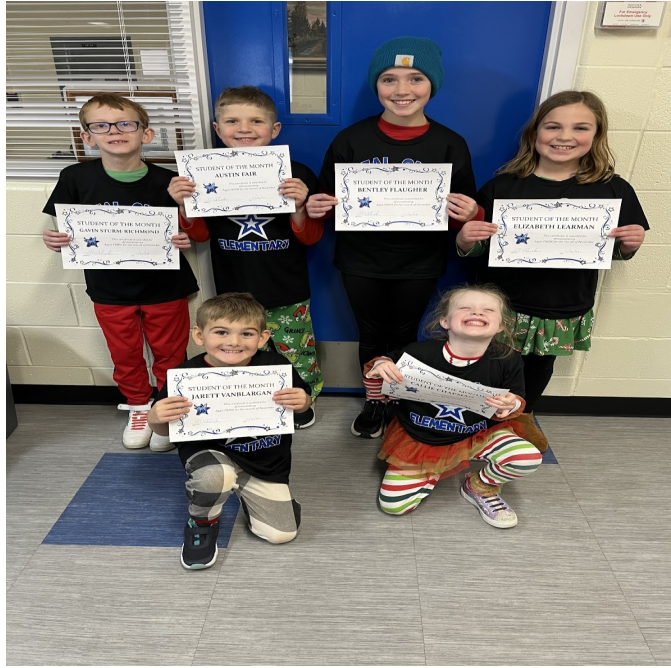
TIMELINE: To see the entire timeline, please use this link to open the Beal City Public Schools website: <https://www.bealcityschools.net/>

SURVEY: The Beal City Board of Education is interested in your input as they seek to hire a new superintendent. This survey is designed to gather your perceptions of the school district and the importance of various characteristics found in effective superintendents. The information will be used to determine the desired characteristics of the next superintendent. Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts. The survey is conducted by an MASB search firm, ensuring your responses are kept anonymous and confidential. Please answer all questions to the best of your ability.

This survey will **close** on Thursday, January 11, at 11:59 pm.
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BealCitySearch>

The Beal City Public Schools Board of Education thanks you for your help. The Beal City Public Schools website will be updated, as well as updates each month in the Aggie Express.

Beal City Elementary Students of the Month November



*(L to R) Back: Gavin Sturm-Richmond, Austin Fair, Bentley Flaucher, Elizabeth Learman
Front: Jarett VanBlargan, Callie Chapman*



Rotary Student of the Month

Beal City Public Schools Rotary Student of the Month for December is Avery Wilson. Avery is the daughter of Wesley and Darcie Wilson. Avery is pictured with Beal City Guidance Counselor, Sara Millerov. Avery was recognized for her impressive academic achievements and school/community involvement. Congratulations, Avery!

MEET OUR STAFF



Beal City Schools would like to introduce Elizabeth Maxon as a new Para Pro at Mayes Elementary. Elizabeth's husband is Matthew Maxon. They met while working for Starline in St. Ignace, Michigan. They have three children; Emma is in 7th grade, Haiden is in 3rd grade and Mason is in 2nd grade. Liz's favorite food is pizza. She loves to fish, hunt and play outside with her children.

We're very excited to have Elizabeth here at Beal City Schools! Welcome, Elizabeth!



Beal City's National Honor Society Supports Christmas Outreach

Beal City's National Honor Society (NHS) organized a drive for the Christmas Outreach of Isabella County. The drive was a fun way for students to compete against other classes by bringing various items to donate including coats, snow pants, blankets, and more. Each type of item was assigned a certain number of points, some being negative points to play defense against other classes. The drive was extremely successful, with a total collection of 231 items. The winning class was Mrs. Butkovich's first hour students with a total of 2505 points, and in second place was Mrs. Murray's first hour students with 500 points. The Beal City NHS would like to thank all of the students and staff who donated to Christmas Outreach to help brighten the holidays for people in need. Beal City NHS members, in addition to other helpful students, also volunteered at Christmas Outreach by helping with tables, set-up, and escorting guests.

Board Briefs

The following was approved at a regular board meeting on December 11, 2023

- The November 2023 payments of bills as presented: General Fund payments \$916,176.31, Hot Lunch payments \$28,874.39. Student Activity Account payments of \$23,746.56, Athletic Fund payments of \$9,512.80, Arbiter Sports payments of \$932.50, and Capital Projects 2021 Checking of \$38,283.88, Capital Projects 2023 Checking of \$77,805.10 and MILAF transfers of \$25,000.00.
- The hiring of MASB to assist in the hiring of a new superintendent.
- The hiring of Michael Pung as interim superintendent.
- The updated bank signatories effective 1/3/2024 as presented.

To locate the Beal City Board of Education agenda and minutes from the monthly Board meetings, please see the Beal City website. Click on District Info, Board of Education, then click on the Board of Education on the left hand side to receive a menu. From there click on Meeting.



Freshman Health—CPR Training

The Freshman Health class has been working on CPR certification and this group of students really did a wonderful job. They have paid close attention and know how to respond quickly in an emergency situation.



Dear Aggie Fans,

The Beal City Sports Boosters will be hosting their inaugural auction fundraiser. The Beal City Sports Boosters (BCSB) is made up of community members and parent volunteers who have an interest in supporting Beal City Public School athletes. The boosters raise funds for the Beal City Athletic program for a dedicated athletic trainer, uniforms, equipment, freshman sports, and more.

In 2023, the Sports Boosters awarded their first scholarships to three graduating Aggie athletes. The funds raised at this auction will be used to create an endowment fund to provide scholarships for graduating seniors for years to come. We hope to expand the Fund enough to increase the number of recipients.

The event will take place at the Beal City Knights of Columbus Hall on January 27, 2024. There will be a silent and live auction, along with other fun events.

Please consider a donation of goods and services, gift certificates to your business, or a cash donation to sponsor the event.

Blue & White \$100

Your business name will be featured in the event program and in the Aggie Express.

Aggie Star \$250

Your business name and logo will be featured on the donor wall at the event, in the event program, and in the Aggie Express.

Aggie Nation \$500

Your business name and logo will be featured on the donor wall at the event, in the event program, and in the Aggie Express. Includes a reserved table and 8 tickets to the event.

Please fill out the attached form and mail it to the listed address. If you have any questions, please contact the event coordinator.

Sara Bushong

Darbi Gross

Event Coordinator

President

(989) 506-4299

(989) 572-1875

bcsbauction@gmail.com



If you would like to donate or become an event sponsor, please return this form to:

Beal City Sports Boosters

C/O Darbi Gross

2577 S. Nottawa Rd.

Mt. Pleasant MI 48858

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Contact Name: _____

Email: _____

Item Donated: _____

Cash Donation: _____

****Please make checks payable to Beal City Sports Boosters****

If you need to arrange a pickup for your donation, please contact Sara Bushong at (989) 506 -4299.



Start the Day (and the Year) Right!

Make giving your kids a healthy breakfast every day one of your New Year's resolutions.

If you don't have much time in the morning or your kids aren't hungry when they wake up, send them to school for breakfast. Healthy food choices are available every morning in the cafeteria for ALL students. We cannot wait to see them there!

Help your kids to make this semester a success - encourage them to eat breakfast!

Every morning our breakfast consists of a hot breakfast item and these cold whole grain items: donuts, assorted cereals, (6-12) uncrustable, fruit and milk. Students must choose a fruit and 2oz grain items to receive the free breakfast.

Location: Aggie Cafe

Breakfast time every day: 7:40-8:05

BREAKFAST IS FREE FOR ALL STUDENTS

Remember, no breakfast will be served if we have a delay.



IPHONE



ANDROID

Download the Nutrislice app to your smartphone to view daily breakfast and lunch options (scan the QR code for your specific device; these are hyperlinked too - if you click on them they will take you to your phone's app store).

Or you can view the full month menu at this website: <https://bealcityschools.nutrislice.com>.