

# THE AGGIE EXPRESS

Come Celebrate

June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023

From 3 pm – 6 pm



Beal City Public Schools Invites You To:

- \* Check out the school, see how much it has changed over the years.
- \* Learn some history about the school.
- \* Walk the senior hallway and look at your class composite, or your grandparents!
- \* How many people have graduated from Beal City? Do you know? Come and find out!
- \* We have an awesome history; but come and see what is happening today and where we want to go in the future.
- \* Visit the different stations we will have throughout the building at your pace.
- \* There will be prizes for answering trivia.

Come celebrate our Diamond 75th Birthday!!



Teacher Appreciation Week was in May and one of the ways that we would like to celebrate our staff is by introducing them to you. Each day during the week we presented a group of our teachers and what their roles are at BCPS. If one of them has helped you or your student and you would like to say thank you, please feel free to reach out by email. Everyone's address at BCPS is their first initial, last name, and [@bealcityschools.net](mailto:bealcityschools.net) They would love to hear from you!

**Staci Vessel** - As a counselor, Staci builds strong relationships and displays a great deal of empathy with some of our students who struggle the most. She has done a lot to enhance the level of social emotional support that we offer at Beal. Staci's grant funded positive behavior rewards system has been a big hit with kids this year.

**Sara Millerov** - While Sara conducts some social emotional counseling, she has a lot more on her plate. Sara takes care of all of our secondary state testing, she advises the senior class, and she helps all of our students with scheduling, career center options, dual options, and scholarship applications. Sara is a wealth of information for our students as they transition into programs beyond the borders of Beal City Schools.

**Breanna Gillis** - Breanna works in our counseling department, but also guides a class of middle school learners as they work through a yearlong experience in online leadership. In addition to her work with our students in the middle, Breanna has shown herself to be a great fit for some of our youngest students in the building. Her play therapy with some of our elementary students has paid big dividends.

**Noel Schafer** - Noel works as our school librarian, competitive cheer coach, MS lunch attendant, and daily substitute. Noel's willingness to fill in anywhere frees our teaching staff to focus on their classrooms, rather than covering for each other. It takes a great attitude like Noel's to step into so many different situations on a daily basis.



**Kris Weis -** Kris is our middle school math teacher. There may not be a more difficult job in education than teaching math to a bunch of restless middle school students, but Kris does it well. The data her students produce is among the best in the region. For her dedication and amazing results, Kris was recognized as our teacher of the year in 2022.

**Griffin Bohannon -** Griffin does a great job of running a math classroom that is also fun. Students seem to really enjoy learning the ins and outs of number sense in his room. Griffin also serves as our interim athletic director. He has had to learn a lot about balance as he is in the classroom half the day and planning, scheduling, and managing all of our athletic events the other half.

**Jen Butkovich -** Jen is our department lead in math and a valued source of all information Aggie. Jen is important as a source of why we do some things the way that we do at Beal. Jen is also our NHS advisor and heavily invested in creating the final experiences for our seniors. Jen is an instrumental piece of the BCPS culture.

**Jordan Gohs -** Jordan was hired by Beal as a para, but has helped to redefine that position. As an aspiring teacher, Jordan has been of enormous help in our post-pandemic world. Jordan has taught HS Computers and Financial Strategies the last couple of years as a long term sub. She has also proctored HS Spanish and US History when we didn't have enough teachers available. Additionally, Jordan has the flexibility and skill to fill any position that is needed in our day, even as our office secretary when Diane is unavailable.



**Holli Crowley** - Mrs. Crowley has taken over our health program, ran the Sex Ed Advisory Board meetings for the year, coached MS track, taught our whole staff CPR, epi-pens, and AED use. She has also created a new class that pairs high school students with elementary "buddies". The students meet their buddies on an almost daily basis to check in. On top of all of these activities, Mrs. Crowley also went to Parris Island to experience what basic training is like for the Marine Corps recruits. Mrs. Crowley's energy has been a great addition to what we do here.

**Cam Gatrell** - Cam shows a lot of flexibility moving from 6th grade science, to being our middle school computer teacher. This year, Cam's students are in the running to have the top keyboarding skills in the state. We wish Cam and his students the best of luck in their contest.

**Emily Socola** - Emily is finishing her second year as the Aggie Band Director. Her bands have had a great year so far with the high school earning a Division One rating and her 6th grade band making more progress than we are accustomed to. Emily has also taken on a 5th grade music program the last two years that has been helping our students get ready for the full band experience in 6th grade.

**Susi Westlake** - Susi is one of our new staff members that also student taught at Beal City. She has done a great job of bringing art to all of our K-12 students. No one at Beal City gets the opportunity to teach a wider age range than Susi. Thanks for all of your hard work!

**Chadd Fletcher** - While Chadd has taught many middle school electives at Beal City, most of his focus this year is on physical education and a strength training course we are offering. Chadd has helped with rejuvenating our girls basketball program and can be found helping some of our most at risk students with credit recovery at the end of his day.



**Collin Hoerberling** - Collin shares a characteristic with several of our newer teachers. He did his student teaching at BCPS, which is where we first grew to appreciate him. Collin now serves as a member of our English department, our HS yearbook supervisor, and a trusted advisor to half of our newest students to the building, our 6th graders. His energy and commitment have been appreciated this year.

**Lorrie Murray** - While she may be new to Beal City, Lorrie is a veteran in the classroom. She has been both a high school and college level Spanish teacher for years. It has been a real boon to have Lorrie's experience and enthusiasm in our foreign language department. Her students have been developing some great Spanish language skills!

**G'ne Jorgensen** - G'ne is our middle school English teacher. In that role, G'ne has put considerable effort into building an identity for our middle school. She organizes dances, field trips, field days, and more for the students. She also has volunteered to do the MS yearbook this year. What a great way for these kids to remember their middle school days. In addition to all of her work with the MS students, G'ne is our drama advisor. Her most recent production is a dinner theater experience.

**Sara Doyle** - Sara is a veteran of the English department, who doesn't see her involvement end there. She is active in helping the seniors through their final days and has started a new club at BCPS that has really taken off. As Key Club advisor, Sara has planned and organized two community wide clean ups that have all of our high school students contributing to the community. It has been a lot of fun for everyone.



\*Not pictured: Tyler Russell

Becky Block - Becky is our middle school special education teacher at Beal City. She is responsible for delivering the English and math content for many of her students. For others, she works in a support role, making sure they are understanding their assignments and completing them in a timely fashion. It is clear to everyone who works around Becky that she cares a great deal for her students.

Stephen Pritchard - Stephen is our high school special education teacher and guitar player extraordinaire. Stephen is a direct instructor for reading and writing with some of his students, while he also supports their math instruction. Stephen has a support role with many of his students making sure that they stay on track in their general education classes. Stephen's room layout, lighting, and soft guitar music make his room the most relaxing in the building.

Kyle Carter - Kyle teaches middle school social studies and serves as our department head in Beal City. When Kyle is not supporting the rest of the social studies team, he can be found working hard for his coworkers as their union president. When it comes to student involvement, Kyle is our middle school YIG coach and the mentor for our Nerd Club. Kyle's Nerd Club is a great after school opportunity for students who just want to relax and learn some new games with their friends.

Creed Blankenship - Creed is in his first year at Beal City and has taken on a unique role. Creed spends half of his day teaching social studies to 8th and 10th graders and the other half working with elementary special education students. Creed has a big heart that is easy to see when he works with his youngest students.

Aspen Smith - Aspen is brand new at BCPS. She has just finished a student teaching experience in Mr. Carter's room where she impressed everyone with her work ethic and student communication skills. We were able to bring Aspen back after her student teaching to fill in as some classroom support for the rest of the year. We are glad to have Aspen's positive attitude and energy available on a daily basis.

Tyler Russell - Tyler joined us mid way through the year last year and has done a great job of integrating himself into the culture of BSJS. In just half a year, Tyler was leading our high school YIG Club, German LINKS Club, and is working towards offering some AP classes in social studies.



Jess Spry - Jess is our Agriscience teacher, FFA Advisor, Isabella County Fair supporter, Salmon in the Classroom Advisor, and much more. Jess has made the tough decision this year to transfer over to Chippewa Hills and she will be sorely missed! We will all look forward to spending these last few fun weeks with her.

Scott Leppert - Scott is our science department chair and a veteran educator. Scott is currently working through the whole day teaching science seven periods without a break. In addition, he provides support to the department members and coaches middle school track. Scott has had such a busy year that he will really need this upcoming summer break.

Lynnsey Polish - Lynnsey is in her first year here at Beal City teaching middle school science. Like some of our other staff members, Lynnsey student taught with us. We knew early on that we wanted Lynnsey as a part of our staff, but it took a few minutes for the stars to align and to have a position become available. Lynnsey has helped with competitive cheer and the implementation of our SEL curriculum, TRAILS. Thanks for your positive attitude Lynnsey!



Each month, the Beal City middle school staff recognizes one outstanding student from each grade. Students are selected based on classroom participation, willingness to help others, continued respectfulness, and a strong work ethic. The middle school staff had a pizza party to celebrate with the honorees from February-May on Thursday May 25th. Additionally, the selected Students of the Month will be given certificates at the end-of-year Honors Assembly on May 30<sup>th</sup>.

6th Grade:



Madison Wixson



Jaxson Eldridge



Sofie Gruss



Barrett Cornel

7th Grade:



Kinley Bowerman



Nickolas Carman



Tessa Weber



Chloe Wezensky

8th Grade:



Sophia Martin



Alexia Burd



Amelia Whitt



Riley Owens



## ***Beal City Elementary Students of the Month May***



*Back Row: (L to R) Kelsey Chippewa, Jaxson Zingery, Lucas Tembreull, Madalyn Finnerty*

*Front Row: (L to R) Charlotte Papoi, Kanyon DeGroft*



About half of the senior class of 2023 showing off their future plans on Decision Day! Seniors wore their college or career apparel to represent their future plans after graduation. Congratulations, Seniors!

## **\*\*\*Staff Member of the Month\*\*\***



The Beal City Board of Education, in appreciation of the hard work that is done by all members of Beal City Public Schools, would like to honor a staff member each month for their service to the students and community of Beal City. This month's honoree is Holli Crowley.

Ms. Crowley has had an amazing first year at Beal City! We can't call it a rookie year because she had already gained some experience at Montabella, but she has certainly hit the ground running here. Welcome, Holli and thank you for all you do!



The Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) recently elected their officers for the coming year. Of the five elected positions, three are Beal City students: Dylan Elias, President - Ben Gottschalk, Treasure - Sophie Ludwig, Secretary

The Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) membership includes students from all schools in Isabella County, and serves as a pivotal agent in the empowerment of youth and in the development of young leaders. The YAC advises the Foundation's Board of Trustees on the awarding of grants from the [Kellogg Youth Fund](#), which supports charitable projects or events that benefit the young people of Isabella County.

The young leaders of the YAC spend time positively influencing their community while learning about leadership and civic engagement. The three facets of YAC are: grant making, community service, and raising money.

I can still remember my first ag class with Ms. Spry. From the moment I stepped into that classroom I knew I wanted to become an FFA member. Ms. Spry has impacted my life in more ways than I can tell. In ninth grade, Spry pushed me to do a competition. I was so nervous, but she kept reassuring me I would do great. In the end, I ended up getting second place, advancing to regionals. From then on, Spry has never stopped believing in me. Through every competition, every class, every new project.

Spry is one of the kindest people in the world. I know that she will only spread that kindness at her new job. I know I'm not only speaking for myself when I say that our FFA Chapter will miss Ms. Spry so much.

Thank you so much for everything you have ever done for me- Audree Goffnett

Thank you Spry for everything you have done for us! You have been an inspiration for so many kids, and we will miss you so much. We all wish you good luck on your next adventure- Hailey Hulliberger

Thank you so much for all that you have done not just for the students but for our school and community! You have taught us all so much from teaching us about agriculture to teaching us important life skills. Good luck with your next chapter, we will miss you!- Katelyn Schultz

Thank you spry for all that you've done at the school! You will be missed, and we hope you have fun next year- Jarett Latham

Thanks, Ms. Spry so much for everything you have done for us. You have taught me so much about animals. I appreciate all that you do and I hope you enjoy your upcoming years!- Sean Cotter

Thanks, Ms. Spry for all that you have done for us. You have taught me so much about contests and about what FFA is. We truly appreciate how much you have done for us and I hope you enjoy what is ahead of you.- Mari Tovar

Ms. Crowley created this video as a send off to the "big buddy" seniors in our mentor program. The mentor program was created in November and since then, seniors in the Healthy Living Class have been working with elementary students three times per week. Two weeks ago she asked several *little buddies* what they will miss most when the seniors graduate or what was the best part. Their responses are in the second half of the video. The seniors will be greatly missed during elementary lunch and recess!

[https://youtu.be/\\_5XFKNYTfNA](https://youtu.be/_5XFKNYTfNA)

# BOND FACTS

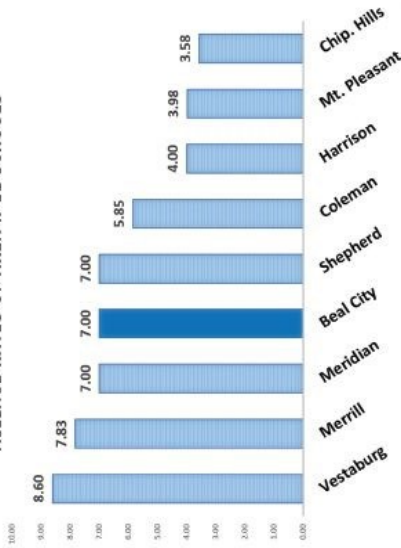
**\$11** FUNDS  
MILLION GENERATED

**0.0** MILLAGE RATE INCREASE  
OVER CURRENT LEVY

**\$0.00** ADDITIONAL COST

## Tax Rate Comparison

MILLAGE RATES OF AREA K-12 SCHOOLS



Remodeled and modernized classrooms



Promoting a world-class learning environment

## Voting Locations

- Gilmore, Isabella & Vernon Townships vote at Isabella Township Precinct
- Deefield & Union Townships vote at Deefield Township Precinct
- Nottawa Township votes at Nottawa Township Precinct

Voting is open from 7 AM - 8 PM Tuesday Aug. 8, 2023

## Voter Registration

You may register to vote at a Secretary of State's office or local Township Clerk's Office. The last day to register to vote is July 24, 2023.

**Absentee Ballots** Absentee Ballots available at your local Township Clerk's Office beginning June 29, 2023.

**Who Can Vote?** Every registered voter who lives in Beal City Public Schools District, whether a property owner or not, is eligible to vote.



**YOUR VOTE COUNTS!**  
FOR BEAL CITY STUDENTS!

## For further information, please contact:

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# BEAL CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS



# 2023 BOND

Don't forget to vote BY:

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2023**



**NO INCREASE** in existing millage rate

Current

7.0

If bond passes

7.0

# HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2023 PROPOSED PROJECTS



## INSTRUCTIONAL FACILITY

- Three additional modern classrooms
- Addition to the cafeteria
- Commons area expansion/renovation
- Restroom expansion/renovation
- Science lab and older classrooms remodeled & modernized
- Classroom technology, computers, projection and interactive devices
- Classroom furniture/seating
- Ancillary services office remodeled
- Elementary & Secondary teacher workrooms renovation
- Playground site upgrades

## ARTS & ATHLETICS

- Stage area remodel
- New stage lighting, acoustics and curtains
- New stage storage areas
- New field house with ADA accessible sidewalks at the sports complex
- Football field recrowned
- Practice field relocation
- Running track replacement

## SAFETY & SECURITY

- Additional door access controls
- Additional security cameras in & around the building
- Upper parking lot / back parking lot replacement/ expansion with additional lighting

## TRANSPORTATION

- Three new buses
- Bus garage addition
- Bus parking replacement/expansion at the bus garage

## INFRASTRUCTURE & EFFICIENCY

- New air conditioning throughout the building for better air quality & climate control
- Electrical, mechanical, and plumbing updates per code

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q. How can the school district complete this bond proposal without increasing the present bond millage rate of 7.00 (year)?**

A. Each year the bond millage rate is recalculated based upon the school district's new taxable value figure and the bond payment required in the upcoming year. Due to the repaying of prior outstanding bonds along with taxable value growth, it is estimated that the bond millage rate required to pay the existing bond payments will decline allowing this proposal to be funded without having to change the present bond millage rate of 7.00 (year).

**Q. Is the bond millage rate estimated to be the same for the entire life of the bond proposal?**

A. No, the bond millage rate is estimated to remain at 7.00 mills through 2027, thereafter it is estimated to decline due to bond repayment and taxable value growth.

**Q. Does the recent windmill construction provide an opportunity for the completion of school district capital improvements without having to increase the present bond millage rate of 7.00 mills?**

A. Yes. The recent construction of windmills within school district boundaries has increased the taxable value available.



## School Bond Proposal Language

Shall Beal City Public Schools, Isabella County, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Eleven Million Dollars (\$11,000,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, in one or more series, for the purpose of:

erecting, furnishing, and equipping additions to school facilities; remodeling, furnishing, and refurbishing and equipping and re-equipping school facilities; acquiring and installing instructional technology; erecting, equipping, preparing, developing, and improving athletic fields and facilities, playgrounds, sidewalks, parking areas, driveways, and sites; and purchasing school buses?

## Bond Proceeds

**CANNOT**

be used, by law, for:

- General operating expenses and maintenance
- Classroom textbooks or educational materials
- Administration, professional or support staff benefits, salaries and/or wages

## Why Now?

Without increasing the current tax rate we can significantly improve our school because of the wind turbines' impact on property values. The wind turbines depreciate fast in the first 10 years. The time to act is now to receive the most significant benefit.

Expand lunchroom for more seating



**ZERO MILL INCREASE | VOTE BY Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>**

## Calendar 2023-2024

August 21 & 22	Two Teacher Professional Development days One-hour lunch both days.
August 22	Elementary & Secondary Open House
August 24	First Student Day – Full day
September 1	No School
September 4	Labor Day – No School
October 10	Evening conferences, 5-8 P.M.
October 12	Students half-day, Conferences 1-3 & 5-8 P.M.
October 13	No School
October 27	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Marking Period, Student half-day/Teacher work day
November 7	One Teacher PD day, students off
November 15	No School – Deer Day
November 23 & 24	Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 20 - January 1	Winter Break
January 18	Exams – Student half-day/Teacher work day
January 19	End of Semester – Student half-day/Teacher work day
February 16	No School
March 21	End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Marking Period – Teacher & Student half-day
March 22	No School
March 25-April 1	Spring Break
May 24	No School
May 27	Memorial Day Observance – No School
June 5	Exams – Student half-day/Teacher workday
June 6	Exams - End of Semester – Student half-day/Teacher workday (Last Day of School)

# Board Briefs

The following was approved at a regular board meeting on May 15, 2023:

- The April payments of bills as presented: General Fund payments \$643,308.69, Hot Lunch payments \$13,089.24. Student Activity Account payments of \$20,376.81, Athletic Fund payments of \$5,886.66, Arbiter Sports payments of \$1,456.00, Debt Fund 2012 payments of \$83,399.75, Debt 2017 payments of \$142,197.50, Debt 2021 payments of \$766,500.00 and Capital Projects 2021 Checking of \$44,017.52.
- The resolution calling & certifying the bond election for August 8, 2023 as presented.
- The GIRESD Annual Budget Resolution as presented.
- The GIRESD Board Election Resolution with Rod Cole as our school voting representative as presented.
- Accept Emily Socola's resignation as our Band Director and Jessica Spry's resignation as a secondary teacher as presented.
- The hiring of Carrie Bleise as a half time business office assistant as presented.
- Accept Chadd Fletcher's resignation as the Varsity Girls Basketball coach and Collin Hoerberling's resignation as the JV Girls Basketball coach as presented
- The 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the NEOLA spring policy updates with the changes discussed regarding policy #0167.3 as presented.
- The Letter of Agreement with the BCEA on Schedule C Calendar 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.

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ANDROID

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