

# THE AGGIE EXPRESS



**Valedictorian: Emma Carlson**



**Valedictorian: Tailor Onstott**



**Salutatorian: Isaak Vogel**



# Kayden Cotter Takes 4<sup>th</sup> Place in State Trig Star Math Competition

Kayden Cotter, a recent graduate of Beal City High School, earned 4<sup>th</sup> place honors in the 2023 Trig Star math competition in the state of Michigan this past spring. The Trig Star Program is an annual high school mathematics competition sponsored by the National Society of Professional Surveyors and the Michigan Society of Professional Surveyors based on the practical applications of trigonometry. The program recognizes the best students from high schools throughout the nation.

The purposes of the Trig Star program are to promote the study of trigonometry in high school, promote excellence by honoring the individual students who have demonstrated superior skill among classmates at the high school level, to acquaint high school trigonometry students with the use and practical application of trigonometry in the surveying profession, and to build an awareness of surveying as a profession among mathematically-skilled high school students.

The competition is a timed exercise that involves the solving of trigonometry problems, including a real-life problem mirroring typical situations that professional surveyors encounter every day. The highest score in the least amount of time is considered the winner. Kayden's score of 94% was the 4<sup>th</sup> highest score in the state.

Kayden is attending Central Michigan University this fall. Jen Butkovich and her students would like to extend a special thank you to the National/Michigan Society of Professional Surveyors for this opportunity, to Jan Fokens for sponsoring the program, and to Mason Powell, a surveying student at Ferris State University, for sharing his time with our Precalculus classes.







Thanks   
For All   
You Do!   


The Beal City Board of Education served the finest in the business, our staff, lunch on Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. The Board thanks and appreciates all our staff does to make this the BEST school!



Employee  
Appreciation.  
Day   




# BOND FACTS

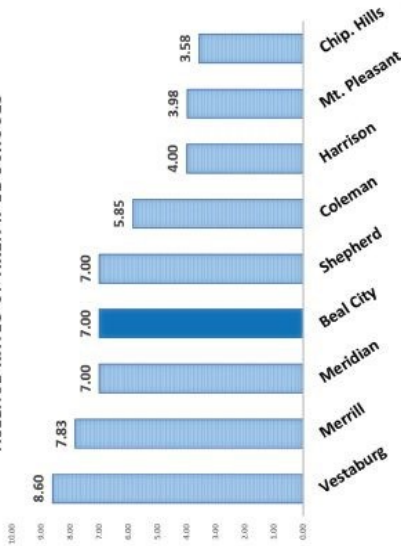
**\$11** FUNDS  
MILLION GENERATED

**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>**

# Board Briefs

The following was approved at a regular board meeting on June 26, 2023:

- The May payments of bills as presented: General Fund payments \$787,699.31, Hot Lunch payments of \$16,485.95, Student Activity Accounts payments of \$23,911.33, Athletic Fund payments of \$3,526.44, Arbiter Sports payments of \$3,361.00, Debt 2017 payments of \$25.00 and Capital Projects 2021 Checking of \$46,215.00.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the Neola Spring Policy updates as presented including changing the board meeting public speaking time limit from 3 minutes to 5 minutes.
- The MHSAA Membership Resolution for the 2023-2024 school year as presented.
- The following professional staff hires as presented: Makenna Eddy – Science Teacher, Aspen Smith – Social Studies Teacher, Ryan Burns – Band Director/Teacher and Griffin Bohannon – Athletic Director.
- Accept Sarah Block’s resignation as the Central Office Secretary as presented and Carrie Bohy’s resignation as a bus driver as presented.
- The hiring of Krystal Haring as the Central Office Secretary as presented.
- Accept Griffin Bohannon’s resignation as the Cross Country Coach as presented.
- The 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the Elementary & Secondary Student Handbooks as presented.
- The non-union wages for the 2023-2024 school year as presented.
- The 2022-2023 final budget amendments as presented.
- The 2023-2024 budget proposal as presented.
- The 2023-2024 tax levy 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.

## **\*\*\*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 Sarah Prout.

Sarah is a paraprofessional here at Beal City Elementary. She works primarily with kindergarten and 1st grade and does an AMAZING job with our students! Sarah’s big heart and big smile make every day better here at Beal City! We are very blessed to have Sarah on staff!

## 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)