

**Sandwich School District CUSD #430--Monthly Board Meeting  
November 15, 2022**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Sandwich Community Unit School District #430, DeKalb, Kendall, and LaSalle Counties, Illinois was held on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 7:00 pm at Sandwich Middle School.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: President Miller, Secretary Saitta, Morse, Englehart, Scharenberg, & Wilson

Absent: Vice President Schroeder

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Lynn G. Haskin students Hunter Marshall, Ethan Melchi, Brock Abens, Bo Hellyer, and Anna Bourke led the Board and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**SHS MADRIGALS**

The Madrigals group performed 4 songs for the Board and audience. The Madrigals dinner theater will be held on December 9th and 10th at Sandwich High School.

**APPROVE MINUTES, EXPENDITURES, INVESTMENT PLANS**

*Mr. Morse moved, seconded by Mrs. Scharenberg "To approve the minutes of the October 18, 2022 Regular Board Meeting, the minutes of the October 24, 2022 planning meeting, the minutes of the November 7, 2022 special meeting, and the current expenditures, payroll and investment plans."*

Ayes: Englehart, Miller, Scharenberg, Saitta (abstain from 3C), Wilson, & Morse. Nays: None.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BOARD SALUTES**

The Board saluted Prairie View School for receiving a designation rating of exemplary, scoring within the top 10% of schools in the state.

**STUDENT REPORTS**

Hello my name is Cody Peterson, I am a senior at Sandwich High School. Next year I plan on attending Joliet Junior College. After junior college, I plan on transferring to Iowa State. I want a job in the agricultural field but don't exactly know what I wish to pursue yet.

**Things I have participated in during my high school career are;** Football, track, and I am the vice president of the Somonauk-Leland-Sandwich FFA. Recently we attended the National Convention where we received the 3-star National Chapter award.

**What I enjoyed about Sandwich High School** is the staff. They are always so inviting and will answer just about any question you have.

**And now for news from Sandwich High School:**

The National Honor Society hosted their first blood drive of the year. Nearly 50 students donated, while each member of the National Honor Society helped run the schedule.

In preparation for the 2023-2024 school year, the student support center took 40 sophomore students to tour IVVC.

Senior students placed their orders for cap and gown, making the year feel like it is rushing forward.

Last Friday we celebrated Veteran's Day with an assembly and breakfast for the participating Veterans. Our student council, together with the History club planned and facilitated the events.

And in sports news:

This is the first time in 24 years that the girls qualified as a team for state and even more impressive, this is the first time in 28 years that BOTH teams qualified for the state meet!! Last Friday the student body, along with Mr. Heinekamp and the band sent our athletes off with a parade and fanfare in the halls of the high school as they headed to Peoria where they competed on Saturday November 12. Sunny Weber placed 2nd overall, the girls team placed 21st and the boys team placed 24th.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Superintendent Sodaro provided a copy of the contract for Solar Power to the Board for their review.

SHS Athletic Director, Tim Gipe, gave an update on the status of a new conference. The KRC conference sent us an offer and the deadline to respond is by winter break. There are no other offers currently available.

Superintendent Sodaro presented a Resolution for the Kendall County Land Cash in the amount of \$414.62.

*Mrs. Scharenberg moved and Ms. Saitta seconded, "To approve the Kendall County Land Cash Resolution in the amount of \$414.62"*

Ayes: Saitta, Englehart, Wilson, Scharenberg, Morse, Miller. Nays: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

**NEW BUSINESS**

The new one year agreement between SYTF and Sandwich CUSD #430 for 2023 was presented.

*Mr. Morse moved and Mr. Wilson seconded, "To approve the SYTF Agreement for the 2023 year as presented"*

Ayes: Saitta, Englehart, Wilson, Scharenberg, Morse, Miller. Nays: None

**MOTION CARRIED**

Superintendent Sodaro reported that Walgreens has filed a Petition to lower their current assessment. Our district sent a letter opposing this request. We are working with the City of Sandwich to oppose this Petition.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Assistant Superintendent, Ryan Janisch, gave a report on the progress of our District Improvement Plan. In a short couple of months we have a solid plan with great progress. Administrators and Staff have worked hard and are moving forward with great results.

### **AUDIENCE TO VISITORS**

None

### **ENTER CLOSED SESSION**

Dr. Englehart moved, seconded by Ms. Saitta to enter closed session to discuss matters related to the appointment, employment, dismissal, compensation or performance of specific employees; collective bargaining, litigation, and the setting of price for sale or lease of property or whether a particular parcel should be acquired.

Ayes: Englehart, Morse, Wilson, Scharenberg, Saitta & Miller Nays: None

**MOTION CARRIED Time: 8:26 pm**

### **RE-ENTER REGULAR SESSION**

The Board re-entered the Regular Session at 9:55 pm. Roll call vote indicated the following:

Ayes: Englehart, Sharenberg, Morse, Wilson, Saitta and Miller.

### **APPROVE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES**

Mr. Morse, seconded by Mrs. Scharenberg to approve the closed session minutes of the regular October 18, 2022 meeting, the special October 24, 2022 meeting and the special November 7, 2022 meeting.

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **EMPLOYMENT**

Motion Mrs. Scharenberg, seconded Mr. Morse;

*“To approve the employment of Angela Circelli, paraprofessional at HED and Josephine Gonzalez, paraprofessional at SHS. Employment is contingent upon the receipt and evaluation of employment documentation required by the Illinois State Board of Education which includes a valid professional licensure, a physical exam/TB test, child abuse form, criminal history background check, and I-9 employment eligibility form completion.”*

Ayes: Englehart, Sharenberg, Morse, Wilson, Saitta and Miller. **MOTION CARRIED**

### **RESIGNATIONS**

Motion Dr. Englehart, seconded Ms. Saitta;

*“To approve the resignation of Katheen Greif paraprofessional at SHS, Amy Hawkins paraprofessional at PV, Kayla Biernacki paraprofessional at PV, and the FMLA leave for Amy McDowell Speech Teacher at LGH.*

Ayes: Englehart, Sharenberg, Morse, Wilson, Saitta and Miller. **MOTION CARRIED**

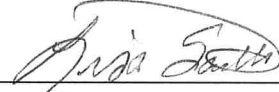
**ADJOURNMENT**

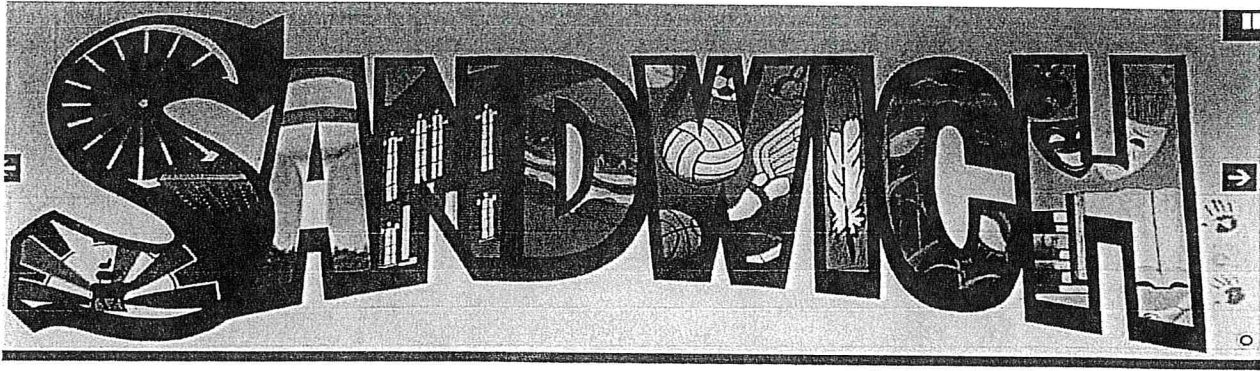
Mr. Morse moved, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to adjourn the November 15, 2022 Regular Board Meeting.

Ayes: Englehart, Sharenberg, Morse, Wilson, Saitta and Miller.

**MOTION CARRIED Time 10:04 PM**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
President

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary



**Board of Education Date:** November 8, 2022

**School Name:** W.W. Woodbury Elementary School

**Attendance Rate (to Date):** 93.02%

**School Improvement Goals:**

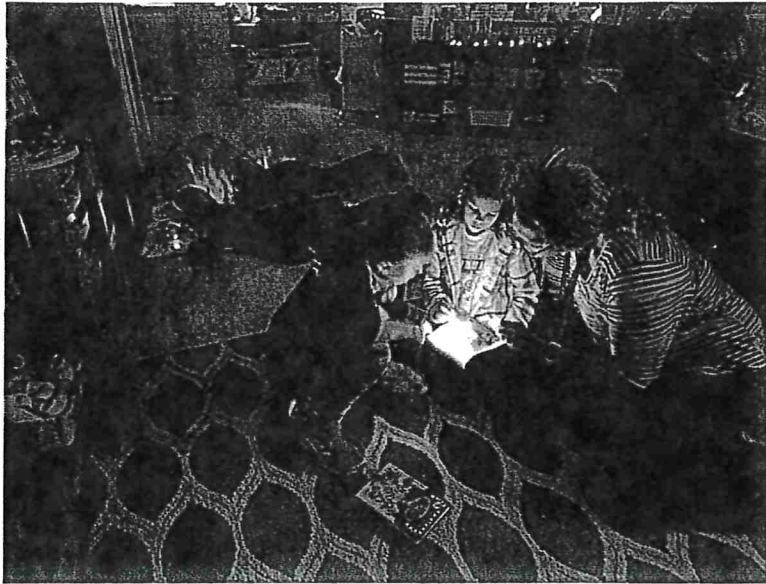
- Continue Implementation of CHAMPS and extend into common areas of the building and combine with school-wide positive behavior recognition.
- Implementation of WIN TIME
- Explore continued strategies of reengagement of families.

**Important dates for next Month:**

- 11/8: Election Day, NO SCHOOL
- 11/11: End of Trimester I
- 11/15: Fall Picture Retakes
- 11/16: 3rd Grade Hoover Outdoor Ed
- 11/21: 11:10 Dismissal P/T Conferences
- 11/22: NO SCHOOL, P/T Conferences
- 11/23-11/25: Thanksgiving Break

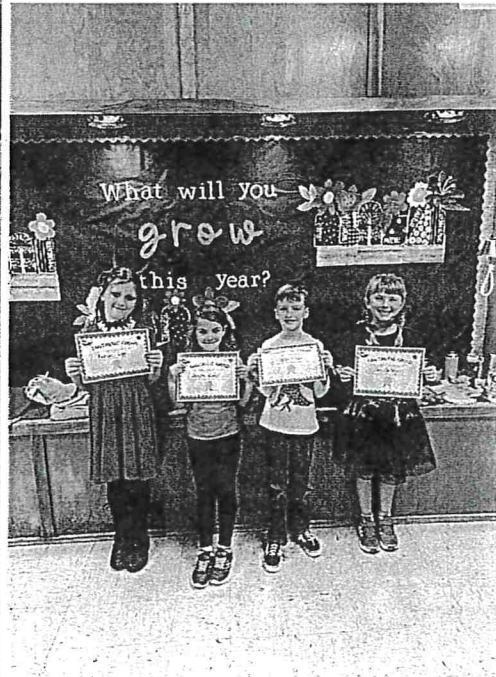
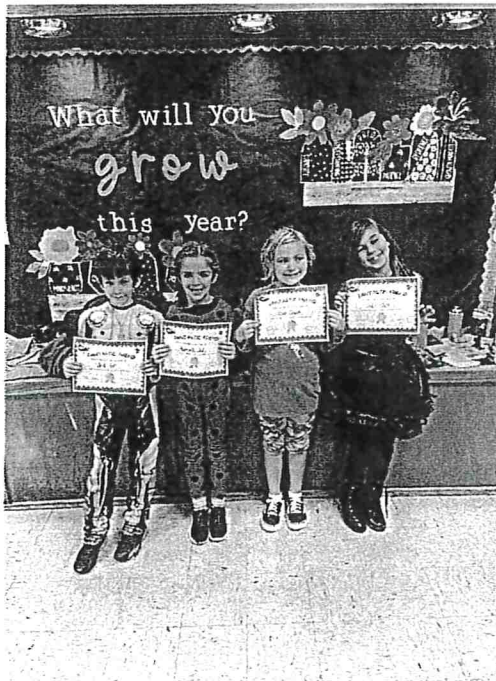
**Student(s) and/or groups in focus this month:** A big thank you to Mrs. Riley & Mr. Mlot for hosting all of our students in the reading "bat cave" on Halloween! Students got to enjoy the dark bat cave experience complete with bat sounds, glow sticks, finger lights and great books!





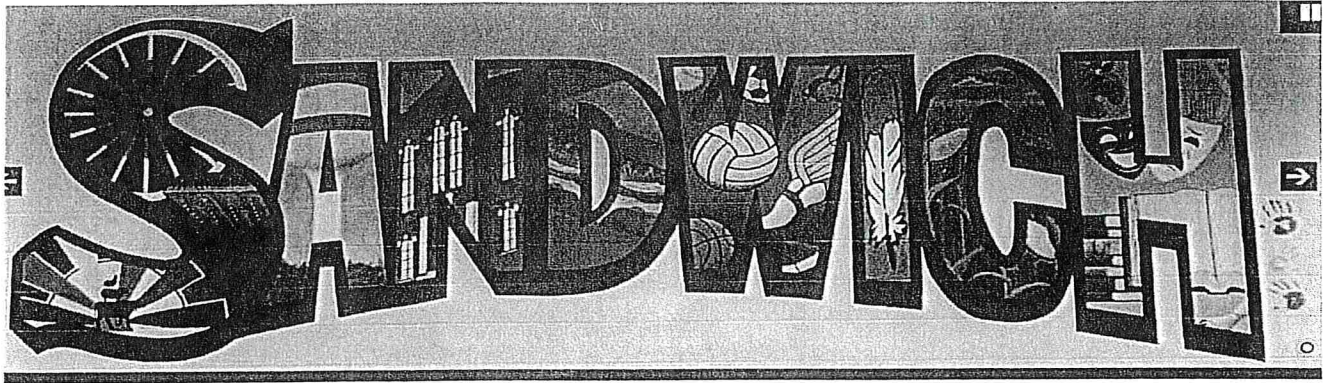
### ***Student Recognition:***

You've got a friend in me! 🎵 We have been having awesome discussions about how to be a great friend. We are in the developing years of practicing and learning how to be a friend, but it's also something we practice and work on our whole lives. ❤️. We honored the following K-3 students for helping us "harvest" good friendship at Woodbury!









**November 15, 2022**

**Lynn G. Haskin Elementary School**

**Attendance Rate (to Date): 94.96%**

**School Improvement Goals:**

1. By the end of the 2022-2023 school year, the Haskin Elementary School staff will fully implement a universal positive behavior plan with appropriate interventions and supports as measured by each student receiving at least eight recognized positive behaviors by the end of the year.
2. By the end of the 2022-2023 school year, 70% of Haskin 1st through 3rd grade students will have typical or aggressive growth in reading as measured by FastBridge's aReading assessment.

**Important dates for next Month:**

November 11th - End of First Trimester  
November 18th - Report Cards Sent Home  
November 21st - 11:10 AM Dismissal  
November 21st - Parent/Teacher Conferences 12-8 PM  
November 22nd - Parent/Teacher Conferences 8-12 PM  
November 23rd - No School - Non Attendance  
November 24th - No School - Thanksgiving  
November 25th - No School - Non Attendance  
December 11th - 11:10 AM Dismissal

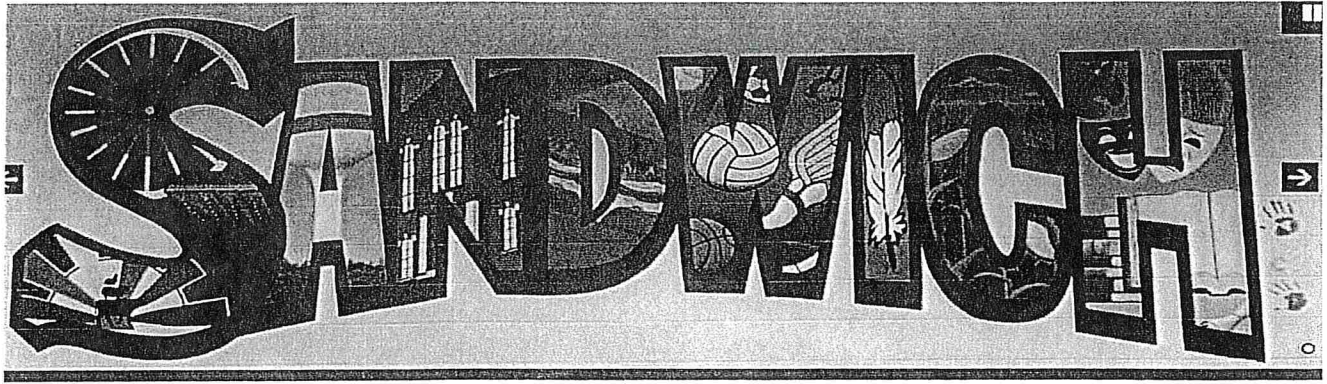
**Student(s) and/or groups in focus this month:**

- Our Fall Literacy Night brought in a record number of families and raised more book fair funds than previous years' fall book fair fundraisers.
- Our 5B's fundraiser sold out in 40 minutes and brought in over \$1,200.
- Addy Adams won the Sandwich Fire Department coloring contest for 3rd grade at Haskin. As the winner, Addy was brought to school in a fire truck.



## Pictures





**Board of Education Date:** November 7th, 2022

**School Name:** Prairie View Elementary School

**Attendance Rate (to Date):** 94.19%

**School Improvement Goals:**

- Implement and monitor the use of common expectations within common areas in our school building.
- Create building-level and classroom-level goal-setting processes to reinforce to our students the importance of goal-setting.
- Investigate and plan (training and funding) for the future training and implementation of the CHAMPS classroom management process.
- As a staff, look for ways to improve the impact of our grade level WIN time.

**Important dates for next Month:**

- November 1st- Building Evacuation Drill
- November 8th - No School - State Election Day Holiday
- November 11th - End of Trimester I
- November 15th- Board of Education Meeting
- November 16th - PPA Meeting 1:00 pm in Prairie View gym
- November 17th - Kindergarten to Hoover Outdoor Education
- November 21st - 11:10 am dismissal for Parent/Guardian Teacher Conferences 8 am-noon



- November 22nd - No School P/T Conferences 8 am-noon
- November 23rd - No School - Non-Attendance Day
- November 24th - No School - Thanksgiving
- November 25th - NO School - Non-Attendance Day

**Student(s) and/or groups in focus this month:**

During the past month, the Prairie View staff has created opportunities for students and their families to participate in various activities. At the end of October, we hosted a pumpkin decorating contest where students could creatively decorate their pumpkins to a favorite book character. Our learning center turned into a museum of wonderfully creative and eccentric pumpkins. This month, students can create a "Turkey in Disguise." These disguised turkeys will be hung throughout the school for students to see. Lastly, students and their families can complete a Veterans star to create a "Hall of Honor" for our Veterans Day celebration. The decorated stars and pictures of students' veteran family members will hang in our Gym/Cafeteria hallway for our honored guests to see when they arrive on November 11th. We value these opportunities for students to engage their families in activities and events happening within our school!





**\*\* The students/groups in focus can also be the article(s) you send to the news outlets.**



**Board of Education Date: 11-7-2022**

**School Name: Herman E. Dummer School**

**Attendance Rate (to Date):**

**4th Grade - 95.75%**

**5th Grade - 95.65%**

**Total School - 95.70%**

**School Improvement Goals:**

- Continue team planning
- Evaluate and refine our standards based grading and report cards
- Implement ReadyGen with fidelity
- Pilot Envisions Math
- Improve home/school communication and involvement
- Continue our work with the subgroup, CWD, to improve test scores on the IAR test

**Important dates for next Month:**

**Dec. 2 - Hoover trip**

**Dec. 2 - RaiseRight Orders Due**

**Dec. 7 - Staff Meeting**

**Dec. 7 - Nothing Bundt Cake Fundraiser Pick-Up**

**Dec. 9 - 11:10 Dismissal**

**Dec. 13 - Board Meeting**

**Dec. 14 - Parent Group Meeting**

**Dec. 19 - Jeremy the Physics Guy Presentation for Dummer Students**

**Dec. 21 - 1:10 Dismissal**

**Dec. 22-Jan. 3 - Winter Break**

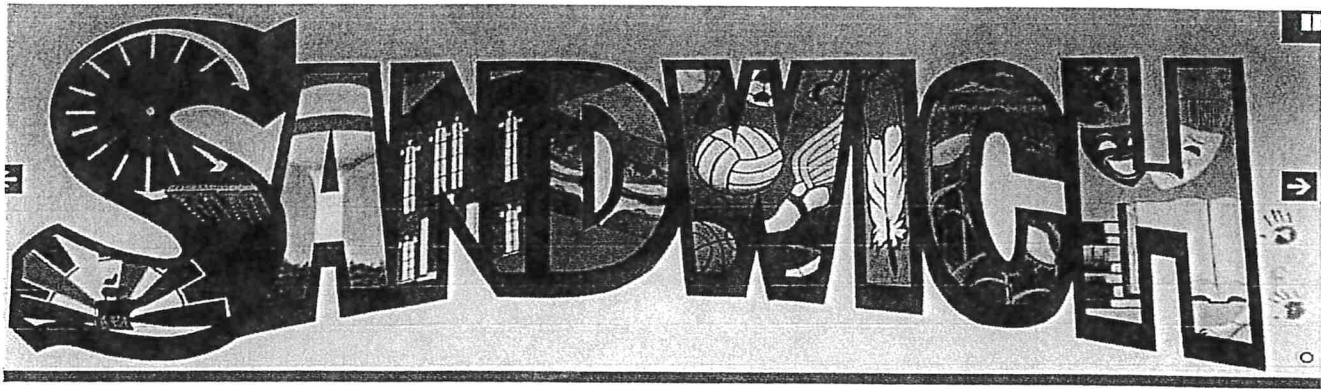
Student(s) and/or groups in focus this month:

Over  $\frac{2}{3}$  of our student body attended a Fear Factor Night held at the end of October put on by our Dummer Parent Group. Games and activities were provided for Dummer students and more than 50 volunteers showed up to help that night. These volunteers set up for the night of fun, ran the game stations, watched the doors, signed students in and out and various other things. We also had many parents/guardians and community members donate food, drinks, and other materials to use that night. It was such a great night with so many laughs, smiles, and memories to last and talk about for a long time.



Dummer Fear Factor





**Board of Education Date: 11/15/22**

**School Name: Sandwich Middle School**

**Attendance Rate (to Date):**

**October: 6th Grade - 93.87% 7th Grade - 93.93 % 8th Grade - 93.63 %**

**School Rate for Oct. - 93.82%**

**School Improvement Goals:**

The staff at Sandwich Middle School will be focusing on a couple of different areas this year to improve our learning environment. The first area of focus will be to improve our focus and effectiveness of our school environmental committees. We are also working to improve our effectiveness of Team Time/PLC Time.. We are also focused on the implementation of an intervention period. This process is underway and is already being implemented. SMS is also exploring different scheduling options to create an intervention period for the 23-24 school year. Our students have already taken their first FastBridge Benchmarking tests. We will use this data to place students in the correct interventions. Grade level teams have started meeting to look at the data and have started to explore interventions to address student needs.

**Important dates for next Month:**

**11/10/22- SMS 8 BBB @ ICS Tournament**

**11/12/22- SMS 8 BBB @ ICS Tournament**

**11/14/22- SMS 7/8 GBB Home v. Morris Saratoga 4:30 pm**

**11/21/22- SMS P/T Conferences 11:10 Dismissal**

**11/21/22- SMS 7/8 BBB @ Mendota Northbrook 4:30 pm**

**11/22/22- SMS P/T Conferences- No School**

**11/22/22- SMS 7/8 BBB Home v. Reed Custer 4:30 pm**

**12/1/22- SMS 6 BBB Home v. Milbrook 4:30 pm**

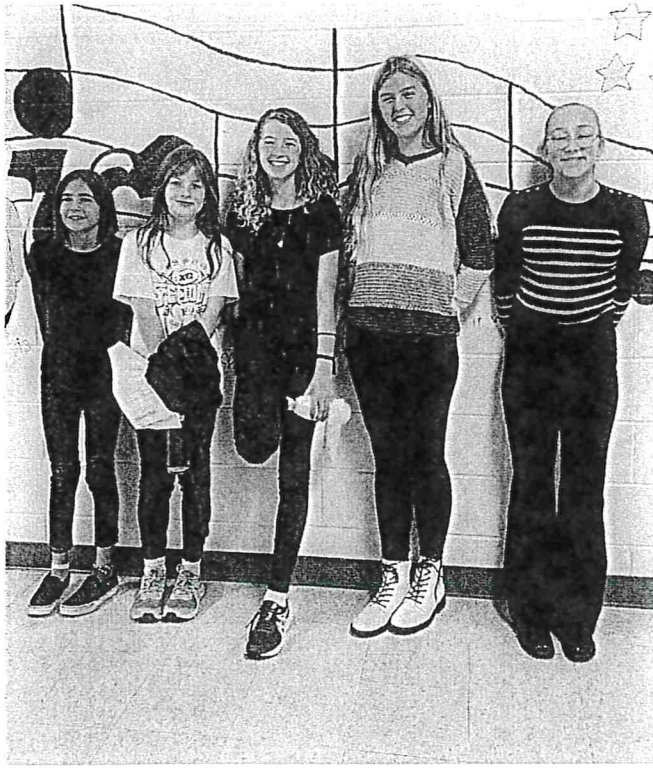
**12/2/22- SMS 6/8 BBB @ Wallace Tournament**

**12/3/22- SMS 6/8 BBB @ Wallace Tournament**

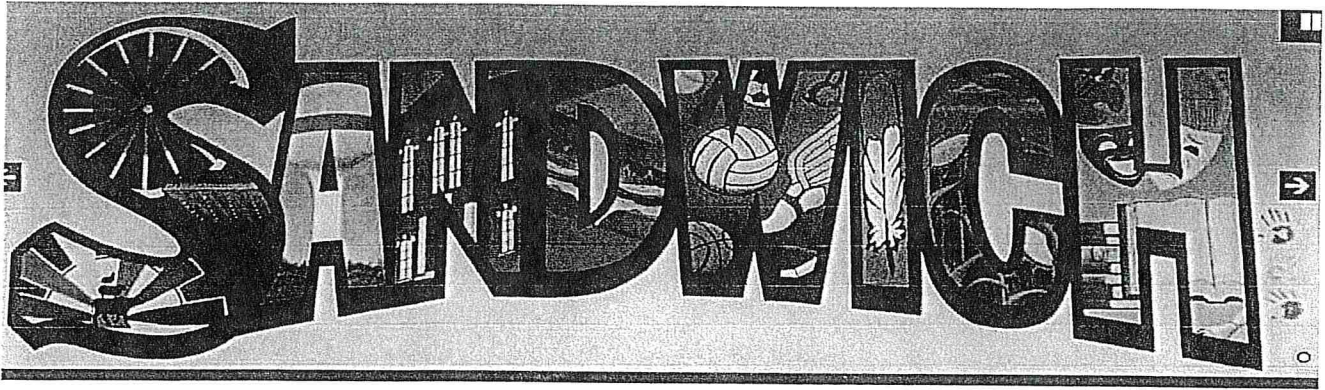
**Student(s) and/or groups in focus this month:**

**On Saturday, November 5, 2022, the District 3 IESA Speech Meet took place in Arlington Heights. The competition is similar to solo and ensemble competitions for band and choir. Despite every member of the team being brand new to the competition and having limited time to prepare each scene, the solo acting scored a first-place rating. In addition, the 5-person scene, "Rockin' In The Treetops" was awarded the Judge's Choice award. This means out of the 20ish scenes the judge saw in the entire day that this scene was their favorite of the day. Congratulations to Sophie Halmagyi, Eliza DeLoach, Eva Hernandez, Gwendolyn Minard, Allie Ohme, Ashlyn Behringer, Alexandria LaPorte, Sierra LaPorte, and Delaney Gauer, Jiselle Medellin, & Isabella Vancil for their dedication and fantastic performances.**

**Pictures (Up to 2)**







**Board of Education Date:** Nov. 15, 2022

**School Name:** Sandwich High School

**Board Recognition**

Sunny Weber Sectional winner for Girls Cross Country

Girls and Boys Cross Country Teams were both State Qualifiers

**Attendance Rate (to Date):** 90% for the month of Oct.

**School Improvement Goals:**

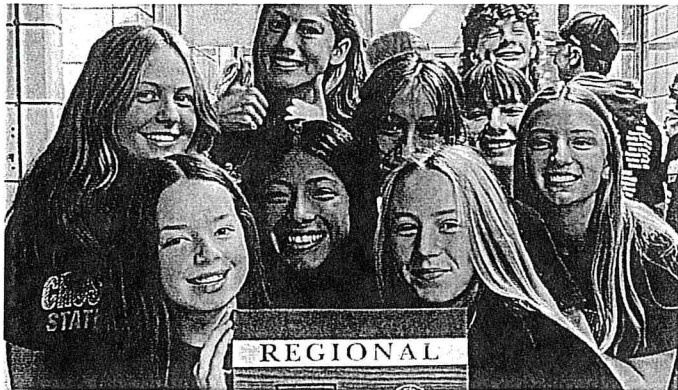
Domain 4: Improving Teaching and Learning: My goal for the 2022-2023 school year is to improve teaching and learning

Domain 6: Creating and Sustaining a Culture of High Expectations: My goal for the 2021-2022 school year is to create a culture that supports social emotional learning.

**Important dates for next Month:**

- Nov. 2 Blood Drive
- Nov. 7 Winter Sports Begin
- Nov. 11 Veterans Day Ceremony
- Dec. 9-10 Madrigals Dinner
- Dec. 11 Band Holiday Concert 7:00 pm
- Dec. 13 Middle/High School Holiday Concert

SHS Boys and Girls Cross Country State send off





**\*\* The students/groups in focus can also be the article(s) you send to the news outlets.**



# SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT REPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION

**11/15/2022**

Glen Bloemker - Director of Technology

Technology regular updates – The Technology department has started this school year quite busy. From August 1st through November 7th, we have closed over 1040 tickets which is the same as last year during the same period. As of this writing, we have 36 open issues ranging from a few SPecial Education iPad issues, chromebooks repairs (2/36), a few printing issues, a few projector issues and a few project requests.

With the school year in full swing, we strive daily to keep the district fully operational. We are looking at projects and upgrades to keep the district operating at full capacity. Projects currently underway are the UPS replacement project and the HVAC mechanical server upgrade project. Projects being considered are a replacement firewall, possible replacement phone system options and security systems vetting to ensure the district is getting the best deal.

Chromebook Repairs and Support – Currently, there are 2 chromebooks being repaired. Replacement parts are being ordered as needed when supplies run low. We were able to reclaim chromebook parts from devices that have died.

Application Updates – ISBE continues to be updated on a weekly basis. Any issues contained in the results are corrected as soon as possible. Fall enrollment verification process is due for completion by November 11th. We are mostly complete however, the ISBE website where the data for verification is located remains under construction. I am seeking guidance from ISBE on how to complete the process.

Tyler SIS K-12 replacement vendor search has concluded. The district's new SIS vendor will be School Insight (SI). We had the project kick-off meeting on November 4th. The SQL data file from Tyler has been made accessible to SI so they are able to begin gleaning data from it to import into the new system. ISBE data files have been obtained and put into the SI file repository.

SOPPA compliance is an ongoing process for the district. I continue to process the requests as they come in through the ticket system.

ERATE: The replacement UPS unit for the server room at the High School has been ordered through CDWG. A few of the parts have been received already. The remaining pieces are scheduled to arrive November 29th. We have a tentative installation date of January 3rd which might go into the 4th for final activation. So I am hoping they will be able to complete the swap out of the old unit and the installation of the new one in one day. There has been no update on the filing for the use of ECF funds to purchase replacement chromebooks for the 2024 school year. This has not been approved yet by USAC and it might not get approved as more requests were filed than monies are available. I keep hoping!

Other items – We are also doing our best in the technology arena to keep the district running as smoothly as possible.

**SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT REPORT**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**11/15/22**  
**Director of Special Education, Crystal Swan-Gravatt**

This past month was the IAASE Fall Conference held in Tinley Park. This was the first “in person” conference this director has attended since February 2020. The sessions that were a primary focus and this Director attended included the following:

- Legal Issues in Special Education
- Restraint and Time Out rules/regs
- Managing Student Safety - From Threat Assessments to Clear and Present Danger
- Evidence-Based Funding and Special Education – The Basics of Funding and Planning for EBF Dollars
- How to Discuss Difficult and Disturbing Behaviors with Parents  
ED’s Guidance on the Discipline of Students with Disabilities.
- Self-Care for Special Education Administrators

It is easy to see that BEHAVIOR was a focus this school year at the conference given that most of the sessions centered on discussions and best practices to address negative student behavior.

Furthermore, the conference is always a great time to connect with other Directors of Special Education throughout the state. There is much support available for all participants when you are able to converse with your peers about similar issues and problems going on in each administrator’s perspective districts. The common theme to every conversation this Director had with peers at the conference and during round table discussions, centered upon how the job of special education administration has become even more significantly difficult over the past three years. Stories of severe problem student behavior, significant increased referrals for special

education evaluations, and staff shortages with no answers to fix the problem from state leaders, to finally, stories regarding the increased physical health and mental health needs of students dominated round table discussions. All agreed that these aforementioned issues have increased the workload and roles of Directors across the state so much that some of this Director's peers are looking at early retirement or considering leaving the field of special education administration altogether. Furthermore, IAASE leaders reported to IAASE members during the board meeting that less and less individuals are seeking State Approved Director of Special Education university programs and the pool of candidates for special education administrative positions is less and less each year. They reported that without major intervention, not only will there be a continued shortage of special education teachers, speech and language pathologists, school psychologists, and paraprofessionals; there will also be a shortage of special education administrators across the state in the very near future.