

### District News

Spring is almost here. Our winter was very mild but it is always great to get into warmer weather (at least to me).

With graduation and the end of the school year less than three months away, the district has some items to complete. First is community input on the 2018-2019 school calendar. State law requires this opportunity 30 days before the Board of Education can approve or change a calendar. The date for the community to provide input is Thursday, March 23, 2017 at the Board of Education office from 6-7 p.m.

In addition to reviewing the 2018-2019 calendar, I will ask for community input on an idea to move away from all-day waiver days and professional development days for the 2018-2019 school year. The idea is to have 2-hour delays twice a month on Wednesdays each month. This would provide consistent time to focus on district and building objectives focused on: creativity, breaking down silos and getting to know students. This dedicated time for grade level/department/building teams to meet would be utilized to share knowledge, resources, and ideas to always do what is best for each student. Spreading out the time throughout the year would not reduce instructional time or expectation. This would be the first of many meetings involving staff, parents and the community during 2017. I would expect a decision before the end of the calendar year.

On April 17, 2017 at 6 p.m., the Annual Curriculum Resource Review will take place in the Media Center at Versailles Schools. The opportunity to review resources and provide input is open to everyone.

Versailles Schools continues to work with the roofing manufacturer to address roof color. Expect workers to be on the roof this Spring and some rerouting of parking areas.

In November of 2017, elections for four positions on the Versailles Board of Education will occur. Long time Board of Education members, Ron Gehret and Dr. Steve Ruhenkamp have decided not to run for the positions again after 16 years of service. I am fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with them this

long. In the last couple of school board elections, the board has had to appoint members to do openings. The Board felt sharing information with community members what it is like to be a board member might gain the interest of a few people to run for the board openings.

Boards of Education have three main priorities

1. Set policies for the district to ensure all students are able to be successful.
2. Hiring of Treasurer and Superintendent
3. Decisions on contracts

All board decisions are made in public meeting, which are held monthly (mostly third Tuesday of each month). The decisions are based on majority votes of the five (5) members. At times there will be disagreement with decisions during voting and not all votes will be 5-0. Board members spend time before regular scheduled meetings reviewing agenda items, asking questions for understanding and clarification. Typically, Board members are engaged in upcoming agenda items at the previous meetings, too. Board members may also be part of committees such as board policy updates, student achievement and finance where items are reviewed periodically before being brought to the full board.

Board members communicate with the Superintendent and Treasurer individually and as a whole board to better understand issues. Communication is key to an effective board and district. Board member communication with school staff members is appropriate. However, board members do not supervise other school employees, just the Treasurer and Superintendent.

Board members are more visible in the community and will be approached by many constituents to ask questions or provide input.

The Ohio School Board Association has information on their website for potential and current board members. The OSBA website with details on board membership is--  
<http://www.ohioschoolboards.org/Services-for-Board-Members>

**Also, you are welcome to contact current Board of Education members, the Treasurer or myself for more information. Our contact information is below:**

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