

## **Superintendent Report 6/7/24**

Updates from around the district and the state.

1. Tuesday marked the last day of student attendance for the 2023-24 school year. There is much to celebrate.
2. Summer work projects will begin shortly, including new flooring at GMS and finishing up the old vocational spaces at GHS for reuse.
3. We will start next school year with a 3-day onboarding program for new staff (August 7-9), followed by Back to School Night (August 12), a teacher institute (August 13), and the first day of student attendance (August 14).
4. Regarding personnel for 2024-25, we had two recent certified staff resignations that need to be filled. They are Chemistry (GHS) and Music (Millikin).
5. There is not a regular board meeting in July, but the board will have a retreat, facilitated by the IASB, on July 22. As a part of the June meeting, the Board will need to approve the schedule for regular board meetings for the 2024-25 school year. In the packet you will find corresponding dates and times from this year's meetings for consideration.
6. GHS is teaming up with the American Job Center, Illinois Works, and Black Hawk College to host a [six-week pre-apprenticeship program](#) designed to transition participants into building and construction trades apprenticeships. The class will take place from July 1 to August 9 at the Career and Technical Education Center and there is no cost for eligible participants. It's another great example of how we can maximize our CTE Center and help set our community's young people up for success.
7. Geneseo High School's Agriculture Department has released its 2023-24 annual report. The report (compiled by Jacqueline Walters-Wetzel) provides a wide ranging look at the local FFA organization, agriculture courses and facilities at GHS, and various career and leadership development events. [You can view the report on our website.](#)
8. Spring sports wrapped up with great success, including state qualifiers in boys tennis, boys track & field, and girls track & field.
9. 103rd General Assembly Session Wrap-Up
  - a. All in all, around 60 bills that impacted K12 education in some way that were passed through both chambers and will be sent to the Governor's Office in the coming weeks. The full list of bills that have passed can be reviewed through the bill tracker tool that is available on the IASA/IASBO websites.
10. Regarding certain agenda items, below is additional, more specific information:
  - a. Special Presentations
    - i. I will be giving a short presentation on the Science of Hope and Positive Childhood Experiences.
  - b. Building Trades
    - i. After an eight-year hiatus, our building trades program at GHS was revitalized and completed a beautiful home. [More about their efforts can be found by clicking here.](#)