



March 26, 2025 Superintendent Services Summary

I noticed the following sentences from my February update are still very true again in March. "This month has been a busy month working with the hot lunch program, transportation, facilities, budget, business manager support, and support of Mr. Hetler. There are weekly calls in place, some more than others to provide support in as many areas as possible. I was also very busy spending time at the legislature." So, I will reiterate those items and add other items of interest.

The electric bus is now running but having issues with a key being stuck so that they can't get the key out, a strobe light that is not working and 12-volt batteries that seem to be having some issues. Monday, March 24th was the first day that the bus was able to be used for the bus route, and then the afternoon route that day, a buzzer came on. I have been working with Dee as she has taken on the transportation responsibility while Preston is away from work. She is taking the electric bus to Hebron for track practice so she can drive it and try to trouble shoot so she is more knowledgeable to ask the technician what needs to be done.

I met with Dee, Preston and Kayla to ask the question of Dee what her thoughts were as far as retirement. She made it clear she had not decided yet, and the best estimate would be November or December at the earliest she would consider retiring. She also made it clear that she hopes she will not be pushed into a decision, she would like to do that on her own as she is working through several personal issues that will likely affect her timeline.

On the legislative front, I testified for passage of HB 1369 which presently has a three year look back for districts that are declining. I am hearing rumblings that the Senate may strip that provision from the bill to secure funding for a 3%, 3% increase on the per pupil funding. HB 1369 has not passed the Senate Education committee yet.

HB 1381 had a hearing on March 18th in the Senate Education Committee. I testified in favor of that bill. Unfortunately, I am hearing that the funding for this bill also may be used to secure the 3%, 3% increase in per pupil funding for schools. It has not been acted upon yet by the Senate Education Committee and will need to go to Senate Appropriations before being voted on by the full Senate. I'll keep you informed as to what happens in these two bills as these do make about a \$250,000 difference in the amount of revenue that Glen Ullin District will have for this coming school year. It is my recommendation that negotiations wait until the legislative session has been completed as it will be difficult to negotiate until the funding is known for the coming two school years.

The Elementary Teaching position has been opened and advertised. We currently have 12 applicants, all from teachers from the Philippines.

If you have any questions, or any thoughts, feel free to call or text me -- 701-220-3176.

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