Superintendent’s Report

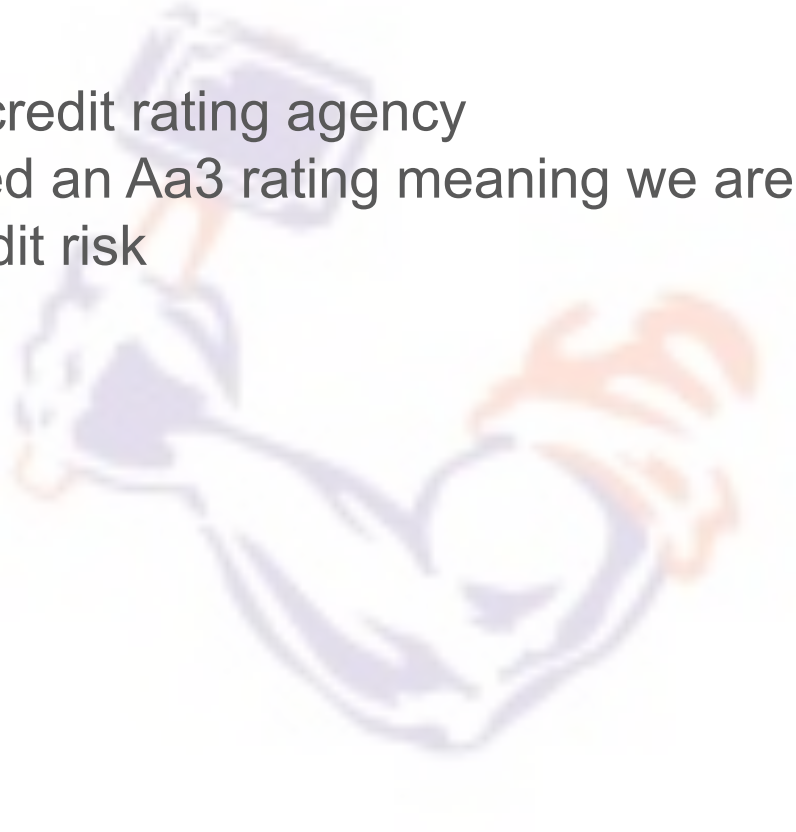
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Long-Range Planning

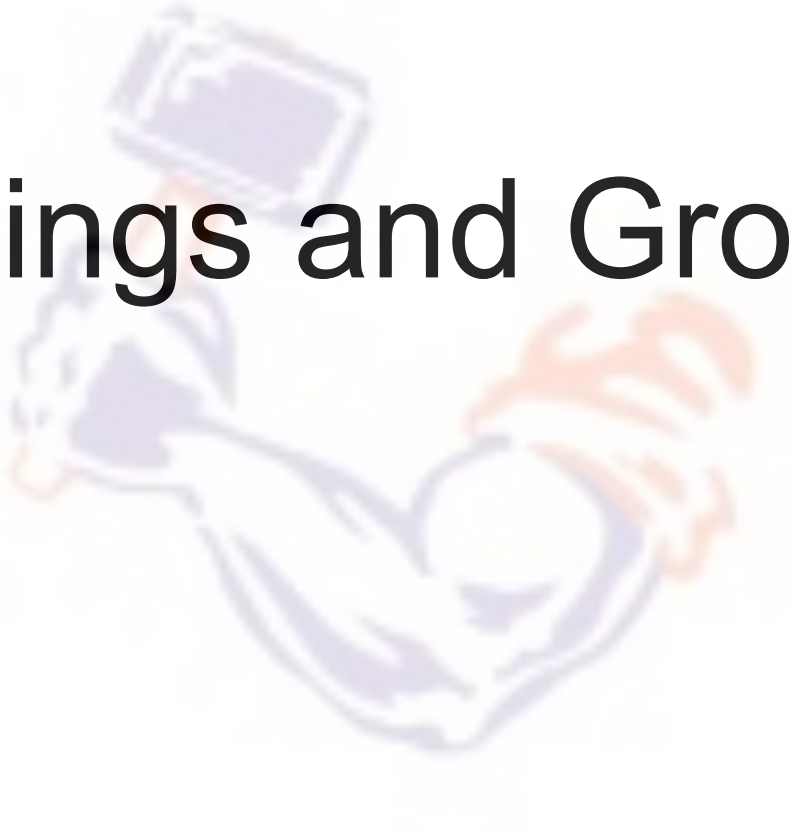


Moody’s Rating

- Moody’s is a credit rating agency
- DASD received an Aa3 rating meaning we are financially stable and a low credit risk



Buildings and Grounds



Ag Room Update

- At this time, we are waiting on the delivery of one part needed to complete the project.



Storm Damage Update

- Rehabilitation project should be completed within the next four weeks.



Athletics & Extracurriculars



Extracurricular Opportunities Procedures

- During the 2024-25 SY, numerous students met with high school administrators regarding their interest to start new clubs. These students shared their vision for each club and plans to grow the club.
- Some of those clubs have already been Board-approved (i.e. DHS Fire Club and Ironmen 27:17).
- Given the student interest for numerous new clubs, it was evident that a documented, formal process was needed to handle these requests. Procedures were created.
- In brief, the procedure to start a new club includes student and administrator communication, evidence of broad student interest, a trial or “provisional” period to operate like a club, an evaluation of the club’s effectiveness during the provisional period, and a decision to formalize or disband the club.

Extracurricular Opportunities Procedures

- Four new clubs have been given “provisional status” to meet, plan, recruit, and hold events and activities during the first semester of the 24-25 SY.
- Late in the first semester, a self-evaluation of each club’s performance will be conducted by the club’s designated student leaders and submitted to the high school principal.
- The high school principal will review the club’s self-evaluation and provide an overall evaluation of the club.
- Included in the evaluation will be a determination to:
  - Request School Board adoption of the club,
  - Continue operating under the provisional status, or
  - End the club’s activities.

PIAA

- Last July, the PIAA added a note in their bylaws:
  - “It is recommended that schools involved in multi-public school district academic arrangements adopt mutual policies to provide for the location of a student’s athletic eligibility. If there is a conflict between the decision of the schools regarding where the student will participate, the student’s school of their residence will prevail as the school where the student’s eligibility will be granted.”
- Pertinent line that applies to CTE students is highlighted above.
- Essentially, if a district passes a policy that requires students attending an outside CTE program at another school to participate in any interscholastic athletics, the student cannot participate at the school where they are receiving their education.

PIAA

- Several local school districts have now passed this policy, several from which we host CTE students, including Millville, Shikellamy, and Shamokin.
- CTE students from any school which has passed this in their Board Policy **cannot** participate in interscholastic athletic activities in Danville.
- The Danville Area School District **does not** have this in Board Policy.

Our Processes

- When we receive new applications for any of our CTE programs, from students who reside outside of DASD, we first confirm whether or not the sending school has this in Policy.
    - If they do, we inform the parent(s)/guardian(s) and the student that if they want to enroll, they will not be able to participate in interscholastic athletics on any Danville team, but could still do so at their home district.
    - If they do not, we inform them that they can participate here in Danville.
- Once parent(s)/guardian(s) and student have been properly informed about their opportunity to participate, they can choose to enroll in any of our eligible CTE programs.

Board Reports



Technology Update
07/10/24

Jeffrey Ryan - Director of Information Technology

Summer Projects...

- Syscloud Google backup solution
  - Implemented and currently backing up Google Drive, Gmail, Google Calendar, Shared Drives, and Google Classroom for all Admin, Teachers, Staff, and High School Students.
  - 5 years of backups will be stored
- Copying/printing project
  - Equipment ordered for badge release printing
  - Printers being removed and several copiers will be relocated shortly
  - System upgraded to new version that supports Copier management
  - Building badges tested effectively with new system
  - All card numbers have been imported into printing system
- Chromebooks
  - All existing Chromebooks in the process of being cleaned, wiped of user data, and updated
  - New Chromebooks being tagged and onboarded (600 student and 120 staff)
- Summer equipment updates
  - In the process of updating all district hardware/software to the latest version
- Summer account cleanup and rollover
  - In the process of rolling over all student accounts and cleaning up staff accounts on all systems (adds, deletes, and transfers)
- Summer system checks
  - All systems are being reviewed and modified as necessary for the new school year
- piSignage
  - Finishing touches being done on the district digital sign system. This will give flexibility and ease management of district digital signs throughout buildings.
- Projectors
  - All projectors are being cleaned, updated, and wired for network projection. This will make it easier for teachers to project wherever they are in the classroom.
- Firewall and APs
  - New Firewall and Access Points (170) have been ordered.