

Arcanum-Butler Local School District
REGULAR
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING UPDATE
February 8, 2018

All present.

APPROVED:

- Minutes from the organizational/regular board meeting held January 11, 2018, and special board meeting held February 1, 2018. (vote – all yea)
- Annual service contract with Otis Elevator Company for \$3995.28 (vote – all yea)
- Five year Internet Access Service Agreement (E-Rate) with META for a total cost of \$80,400. (vote – all yea)
- Arcanum Virtual Academy 2018-2019 Student Guide and the Arcanum Early Learning Center 2018-2019 Parent Handbook. (vote – all yea)
- Amended appropriations, as presented by the Treasurer. (vote – all yea)
- Resignation of Lois Smith effective January 19, 2018. (vote – all yea)
- 1 yr teaching contract for Chey Kramer for the 2018-2019 school year. (vote – all yea)
- Proposed 2018-2019 school calendar. (vote – all yea)
- FCCLA members to attend the State Conference in Columbus OH on April 26-27, 2018, with the only cost to the district being transportation. (vote – all yea)
- Resignation of ½ concession stand supplemental for Sarah Murphy for the 2017-2018 school year. (vote – all yea)
- Amend the ½ junior class supplemental contract for the 2017-2018 school year for Sarah Murphy to be the full supplemental. (vote – all yea)
- HS concession stand supplemental contract for Diana Banta for the 2017-2018 school year. (vote – all yea)
- Chey Kramer as JV baseball coach for the 2017-2018 school year. (vote – all yea)
- Volunteer coaches: ass't baseball – Collin Habel and ass't softball – Mark Garbig. (vote: yea-Delk, Everman, Norris, Trask; abstain-Moore)
- Olivia Subler as a sub bus driver. (vote – all yea)

DISCUSSED:

- Treasurer's Report

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- Vision, Continuous Improvement and Focus of District Work
 - ◆ I want to thank the District Leadership Team for their continued efforts to continue to provide guidance and leadership instructionally for the district.
 - ◆ Principals will complete plans for the second semester professional development and in-service days. We have two scheduled two-hour early release days.
- Communication and Collaboration
 - ◆ Congratulations to Middle School student Hannah Kendig on winning the countywide Spelling Bee. Our team also won the Spelling Bowl for the third straight year.
 - ◆ Garmann Miller will be at the March board meeting for a presentation related to the multi-purpose facility project.
- Policies and Governance
 - ◆ First read on draft updated policies: BCFA – Business Advisory Council to the Board; EBC – Emergency Management and Safety Plans; EBC-r – Emergency Management and Safety Plans (Administrative rules/Protocols); EEACD-R – Drug Testing for District Personnel Required to Hold a Commercial Driver's License; JECAA – Admission of Homeless Students; JECAA-R – ODE Model Local Dispute Resolution Procedure Admission of Homeless Students (Dispute Resolution Process); JED – Student Absences and Excuses.
- Instruction

- ◆ Staffing Update: We have posted a third grade position on the Dayton Education Consortium.
- ◆ The administrative team met regarding this year's testing schedule. They are coordinating schedules and planning for small group and 1:1 testing. This year we have made some changes that will allow testing to be completed in fewer days. I would like to thank Joni for leading the group as district test coordinator.
- Resources
 - ◆ Concession Stand Update – I met with Dave Kessler to plan out the next steps. At this point we are in a holding pattern with the weather. We are working on getting the door hardware and installation of the doors.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORTS:

- Elementary
 - Continuous Improvement and Vision (CIP Goal #1)
 - ◆ The staff is evaluating and analyzing assessment data to determine a plan for students who are not on track in reading and math
 - ◆ The PBIS team continues to focus on daily Trojan Way behaviors to encourage students to independently model positive character traits.
 - Instruction (CIP Goal #2)
 - ◆ The 3rd grade AIR assessments results were released in late December. 56% of students passed the assessment. This was the highest passing percentage in the county.
 - ◆ The Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA) results showed that 78% of the students demonstrating readiness attended AELC.
 - ◆ 4th grade student, Grace Psczulkoski, competed in the Darke County Spelling Bee. Grace received 4th place overall in the competition.
 - ◆ Congratulations to Arcanum Elementary students, Grace Psczulkoski and Trinity Schweitzer, along with Middle School students Hannah Kendig and Bryson Sharp, who competed in the Darke County Spelling Bowl. The team did an amazing job winning the contest for the 3rd year in a row.
 - ◆ Thank you to Mrs. Heather Wackler for organizing a competition for student's artwork to be displayed in the Ohio Statehouse. 1st grader, Colton Clevenger's work was chosen to be framed and displayed this year.
 - ◆ 3rd and 4th grade teachers continue to use the Chromebooks in their classrooms to provide students with unique and hands on learning experiences. The 3rd grade students have been using a program, Study Island, to help with test taking skills.
 - School Operations, Resources, and Learning Environment (CIP Goal #3)
 - ◆ The students celebrated their accomplishments at the 2nd quarter awards assembly on January 26. The students discussed and reviewed positive expectations and were challenged to set goals for the 2nd semester.
 - ◆ With support from the PTO, Survivor participant, Holly Hoffman presented to the students a positive message about never giving up.
 - ◆ Students and teachers continue to promote kindness among their friends and colleagues and earn "Kindness Callouts". A Random Acts of Kindness week is being planned to promote kindness throughout the community.
 - ◆ Congratulations to the January Trojans of the Month: Kaylee Landes, Chloe Rieman, Caelum Begin, Skyler Urlage, Wyatt Pellman, Tehya Whitaker, Jakob Harrison, Halle Bennett, Rylee Judy, Brynn Byers, Haddasah Hatfield, Landon Patterson, Connor Kingrey, Aiden Carlisle, Adalyn Paul, Matthew Denlinger, Aubree Whitaker, Matthew McCans, Whitney Burns, Shyanna Cunningham, and Gabby Johnson.
 - Collaboration (CIP Goal #4)
 - ◆ Thank you to Mrs. Tiffany Stephan for collaborating with the Imagine Engineering Program to bring in Richard Miller, a civil engineer from Cincinnati to present to the 2nd grade students about his career.

- ◆ The Darke County parks and Recreation have presented to the kindergarten students about wildlife and nature preserves and the the 3rd grade students about different rocks and their formations.
 - ◆ Mr. Schondelmyer helped organize the Elk's Annual Hoop Shoot Contest. Adalyn Paul and Regan Christ went to the district contest in Wilmington, OH. Adalyn received runner up in her age group, and Regan won his age group and will be competing at the state level.
- Parents and Community Engagement (CIP Goal #5)
 - ◆ Thank you to Mrs. Hootman for organizing the 3rd and 4th grade Christmas Concert. The students performed to a packed house.
 - ◆ The Trojans of the Month celebrated their accomplishments with their parents and teachers at a breakfast on February 2.
 - ◆ 80 little girls participated in the annual Arcanum Cheer Fun Day.
 - ◆ The Elementary Student Council made holiday cards for area nursing homes to brighten their day.
 - ◆ Currently revamping our volunteer system to invite community members and businesses into the school on a weekly basis.
- **Middle School**
 - Standard 1: Continuous Improvement – Principals help create a shared vision and clear goals for their schools and ensure continuous progress toward achieving the goals.
 - ◆ The Middle School hosted its Second Annual Diaper Drive, where students turned in diapers to be donated to Dayton Children's Medical Center. In all, over 4,300 diapers were collected by middle school students and staff. Congratulations to the 5th grade class that won the competition donating over 1,700 diapers. A big thanks to 8th grade student Landon Haney who coordinated the effort, collection, and contact with Dayton Children's Medical Center.
 - Standard 2: Instruction – Principals support the implementation of high-quality standards-based instruction that results in higher levels of achievement for all students.
 - ◆ Congratulations to Hannah Kendig and Bryson Sharp for their efforts in the County Spelling Bee. Hannah and Bryson teamed up with Grace Psczulkoski and Trinity Schweitzer from the elementary to win the county's third annual Spelling Bowl. Hannah then went on to win the county spelling bee! Hannah also took the online test to take part in Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington D.C.
 - ◆ A testing letter was sent home which highlights the spring testing schedule for the middle school as well as resources parents and students can use to prepare for the upcoming AIR tests.
 - Standard 3: School Operations, Resources, and Learning Environment – Principals allocate resources and manage school operations in order to ensure a safe and productive learning environment.
 - ◆ A big thanks to Mrs. Pechie, Mrs. Hagan, Mrs. Matheson, and Mr. Baker for the continued preparation of the testing schedule. Preparations are well under way and we are eagerly anticipating our building's first testing date – April 16.
 - ◆ T Shirt Tuesday Winners: Grace Collins, Owen Stephens, Dustin Williams, Shyenne Smith, Aubrey Hutchinson, Will Wenning
 - ◆ Students of the Month: Aubrey Hutchinson, Seth Fearon, Emilie Fout, Luke Henninger, Owen Stephens, Heather Sowers, Hailey Sager, Jakob Couch.
 - Standard 4: Collaboration – Principals establish and sustain collaborative learning and shared leadership to promote learning and achievement of all students.
 - ◆ The week of January 22-26 marked the third annual "Clash of the Classes" competition as a part of the 2nd quarter awards assembly. All week long, classes competed in different events to earn points for their grade. Then during the assembly on Friday, students from each grade competed in three events to finish up the week. Congratulations to the fifth grade who ended up earning a 30 minutes recess. Also, a big thanks to everyone on the PBIS team for all their help.

- ◆ Middle and high school students were treated to guest speaker Holly Hoffman who appeared on Survivor Nicaragua. She spoke on growth mindset, kindness, and the ability to persevere.
 - ◆ The student council's annual "Pennies for Patients" fundraiser is currently underway. The goal for the middle school this year is to raise \$2500 which averages out to \$250 per flex/intervention classroom in the middle school!
- Standard 5: Parents and Community Engagement – Principals engage parents and community members in the educational process and create an environment where community resources support student learning, achievement and well-being.
 - ◆ Winter sports are winding down their seasons and I want to congratulate the job our wrestlers, basketball players, cheerleaders, and coaches have done so far this season! Tournament action for both boys and girls basketball is currently going on with the CCC finals for girls basketball taking place on February 10 and the boys final will be on February 17.
 - ◆ Letters for the second round of Parent/Teacher Conferences on February 22 went home last week. Our hope is to make this round of conferences as successful as the first one.
 - ◆ A big thanks to Mrs. Marsh and the MS pep band for playing during the MS boys basketball game on Thursday, February 1 vs Tri-Village! It was a wonderful idea and great atmosphere for our MS students!
- **High School**
 - Goal #1 – Principals help create a shared vision and clear goals for their schools and ensure continuous progress toward achieving the goals.
 - ◆ In January, Mrs. Hagan and I began meeting with sophomore students and their parents to discuss college and career options. We have continued to meet with students in February.
 - ◆ In January, Mrs. Hagan created a board to celebrate our students who enlist in the military, get hired for a job, or get accepted to a university. I would like to commend Mrs. Hagan for her efforts!
 - Goal #2 – Principals support the implementation of high-quality standards based instruction that results in higher levels of achievement for all students.
 - ◆ I would like to commend Mrs. Brandon and the physics department for their toothpick towers competition. The students built towers that had to hold books on top of them. This taught students about the physics of developing a building.
 - Goal #3 – Principals allocate resources and manage school operations in order to ensure a safe and productive learning environment.
 - ◆ In January, Mrs. Hagan and I continued to plan for our College Credit Plus program for the next school year. We held our College Credit Plus meeting for the year on Monday, February 5. We will begin scheduling with students during the month of February.
 - Goal #4 – Principals establish and sustain collaborative learning and shared leadership to promote learning and achievement of all students.
 - ◆ The December Students of the Month were Jenna Haney and Jacob Osswald.
 - ◆ Our Leadership Development Team met at the end of the month for a leadership development training. The focus of the meeting was on rising to the challenge. The students were provided four simple steps to rise to the challenge of life's events.
 - Goal #5 – Principals engage parents and community members in the educational process and create an environment where community resources support student learning, achievement and well-being.
 - ◆ I would like to commend Mrs. Sheryl Kramer, Mr. Brian Sprada, the Arcanum Athletic Hall of Fame Committee, and the Arcanum Athletic Boosters for their effort with the Athletic Hall of Fame event. Our three inductees were Ty Cates, Jeremy Pemberton, and Gene Rench.
 - ◆ We will continue to distribute our Serve Arcanum brochures during the month of February.

Adjourned at 8:51 p.m.