

Arcanum-Butler Local School District
REGULAR
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING UPDATE
February 7, 2022

All present

APPROVED:

- Minutes from the regular/organizational board meeting held January 13, 2022, and the agenda for the February 7, 2022, meeting. (vote – all yea)
- Financial report, as presented by the Treasurer. (vote – all yea)
- Amended appropriations and estimated resources for FY22, as recommended by the Treasurer. (vote – all yea)
- Arcanum Virtual Academy 2022-2023 Student Guide and the Arcanum Early Learning Center 2022-2023 Parent Handbook. (vote – all yea)
- Two \$450 grants from the Darke County Foundation for the Ruth Elaine Furlong Fund. (vote – all yea)
- Expenditure of up to \$35,000 as a reimbursement to the Village of Arcanum for the design and engineering cost for traffic lights along Trojan Avenue. Engineering costs will be shared evenly with the Village of Arcanum. If an additional amount is necessary, the board will take additional action.
- Purchase obligated prior to the certification of the purchase order: \$3617 to Walsworth Publishing for the 2022 yearbook deposit. (vote – all yea)
- Purchase of a Combi Gas Oven from C&T Design and Equipment Co. at a cost of \$39,994.01 from cafeteria and food service funds. (vote – all yea)
- Resignation for the purpose of retirement of Elizabeth Pitzer at the end of the 2021-2022 school year. (vote – all yea)
- Brooke Driver and Susan Ashworth as sub nurses. (vote – all yea)
- Ohio High School Athletic Association membership for Arcanum High School and Butler Middle School for the 2022-2023 school year. (vote – all yea)
- Policies DJF-R Purchasing Procedures and IKF Graduation. (vote – all yea)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Vision, Continuous Improvement and Focus of District Work
 - ◆ COVID Update
 - Active cases
 - Notes of Interest – New Ohio Department of Health Guidance discontinues universal contract tracing and notification of exposure by schools effective immediately due to it being “impractical” with the spread of Omicron.
- Communication and Collaboration
 - ◆ Congratulations to teachers Amy Beanblossom and Christen Cyphers who each received \$450 from the Darke County Foundation and the Ruth Elaine Furlong Fund after submitting proposals for use in the classroom. Amy teachers the MH classroom and will use the grant to purchase sensory items for her students. Christen, a HS ELA teacher, will use the grant to purchase a sit-to-stand desk for students to use in her classroom.
 - ◆ Congratulations to our JH boys and girls basketball teams. The 7th grade girls team finished the regular season undefeated and the #1 seed in the WOAC tournament. The 8th grade girls finished at 11-5 and the #4 seed. The 7th grade boys finished at 13-3 and enter the tournament as the #2 seed, and the 8th grade boys will be the #3 seed after a 12-4 regular season.
- Policies and Governance
 - ◆ Policy JEFB – Released Time for Religious Instruction (DRAFT REVIEW): This would be a new policy, which would allow for Lifewise Academy to provide the instruction. Please see a draft of the policy included in this week’s notes. I used the sample from OSBA, but made some changes to address the liability piece we have discussed. I sent the copy to our attorney for his review also.

- ◆ 1st Semester Confirmed Bullying Cases. As required by law, the district must report to the Board of Education and then post on our website, the number of confirmed bullying cases at each building per semester. There are always cases that principals investigate for alleged bullying that don't meet the definition outlined in our board policy and student handbooks. In some of those cases, there is discipline for name calling or wrong doing that aren't defined as bullying. These are cases in which the principals determined bullying was involved that included disciplinary action.
 - EL – 0 confirmed incidents
 - MS – 0 confirmed incidents
 - HS – 1 confirmed incident
- Instruction
 - ◆ Conferences for EL/MS will be held February 10.
 - ◆ HB 110 and College Credit Plus – Requires ODE and the Department of Higher Education to jointly develop and post a permission slip for parents to sign that indicates “the potential for mature subject matter in a course taken through CCP”. Mature subject matter is “any course subject matter or material of a graphic, explicit, violent, or sexual nature.” This has come about recently as an issue because of complaints from parents about the use of resources or subjects discussed in college classes. Because it is the college's resources, public schools do not control or have the say in what is used in those classes. The information is posted on Sinclair's website for “CCP Parent Information”.
- Resources
 - ◆ ODE School Bus Purchase Program – The district is eligible to receive funds in the amount of \$135,000 to purchase and replace 3 buses. The buses qualify due to the age and mileage of the buses. Please note that an average bus costs around \$85,000 and we get \$45,000 towards the purchase of each bus (we can take the \$135K and buy two for example). We need to decide on how many buses and submit the paperwork by June 30, 2022. We have until the end of 2023 to use the funds to purchase any buses. I'll provide you all with copies of a spreadsheet that has our fleet with current mileage for consideration.
 - ◆ Traffic Lights Project – The BOE would need to pass a resolution committing to pay ½ the cost of the design and engineering cost estimated to be around \$65,000 total.
 - ◆ School Entrance & Exit Discussion

PRINCIPAL'S REPORTS:

- **Elementary**
 - Continuous Improvement and Vision (CIP Goal #1)
 - ◆ The teachers continue to collaborate with RTI coaches to analyze STAR assessment data to determine a plan for students who are not on track in reading and math for second semester.
 - ◆ The instructional, PBIS, and outreach committees continue to work toward accomplishing our continuous improvement plan goals.
 - ◆ Thank you to mentors Sarah Loxley, Renee Dyke, and Rhonda Oler for spending the extra time to support the first year teachers.
 - Instruction (CIP Goal #2)
 - ◆ The third grade teachers, Mrs. Glasscoe, and Mrs. Shepherd have been providing students with intensive instruction so that all students will meet the Third Grade Reading Guarantee.
 - ◆ Congratulations to Josh Vance and Beau Barga who represented Arcanum Elementary in the Darke County Spelling Bee.
 - ◆ Kindergarten students have been working hard to improve their foundational reading skills through small group reading and phonics stations.
 - ◆ First graders learned about animals and their habitats in collaboration with Shawnee Prairie.
 - ◆ All students have been focusing on building foundational writing skills this year. All students wrote about their goals or resolutions for the new year and will share their writing pieces with other students during First Friday reward.
 - School Operations, Resources, and Learning Environment (CIP Goal #3)

- ◆ The students celebrated their accomplishments at the 2nd quarter awards assembly on January 28. The students were recognized for their positive behaviors. The students had a great time playing games with their teachers and reviewing the Energy Bus rules.
- ◆ Congratulations to the January Trojans of the Month: Adilynn Gibson, Lillian Hawkins, Layna Warren, Jude Koenig, Gracen Neal, Brantley Stutz, Afton Knight, Caleb Binkley, Drew Stiver, Isaac Rausch, Olivia Bryson, Grant Moore, Levi Gahret, Raygan Smith, and Scarlett Grim. Not pictured: Kaleb Kauffman, Kilian Kilbane, Kasen Baker, and Laci Dillman.
- ◆ The Students of the Month will celebrate their accomplishment with a pizza party lunch and Kona Ice treat with Mrs. Pechie on Friday, February 4.
- Collaboration (CIP Goal #4)
 - ◆ Thank you to Roger McEldowney and the Leadership Class for planning a week long unit with the 4th grade students to discuss different character traits and life skills. The class also did a presentation with all 1st graders.
 - ◆ All students received a “We Are Trojans” shirt to celebrate the end of the quarter. Thank you to the PTO and PBIS Kona Ice give back program for helping cover the cost of the shirts.
- Parent, and Community Engagement (CIP Goal #5)
 - ◆ Thank you to the AELC staff for organizing the annual obstacle course performance at a high school girls basketball game.
 - ◆ Thank you to Jason Stephan for inviting the Elementary Student Council to sing Christmas carols to the senior citizens as they drove thru to get their dinners.
 - ◆ Over 100 little girls participated in the annual mini cheer night. Thank you to the high school cheerleaders for organizing this event for the girls. The girls performed a dance and cheer between games to a packed house.
- **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.
 - ◆ Congratulations to our January Students of the Month: 5th grade – Emma Cooke & Mason Baker; 6th grade – Gabby Snider & Silas Fox; 7th grade – Ella Flatter & Blaine Geus; 8th grade – Liela Fugate & Cody Werling.
 - ◆ Congratulations to our January T-Shirt Tuesday winners: Jesse Hootman, Tagen Jackson, Caleb Baker, and Madison Schwartz.
 - ◆ Congratulations to the MS students who finished with a 3.0+ during the second quarter: 5th grade – 66/80 students (83%); 6th grade – 60/69 students (87%); 7th grade – 67/83 students (81%); 8th – 70/84 students (83%); Total – 263/316 students (83%)
 - ◆ Congratulations to all the students who earned the Q2 reward. These students had no missing assignments, no D's or F's on their report cards, and had no office referrals: 5th grade – 65/80 students (81%); 6th grade – 58/69 students (84%); 7th grade – 62/83 students (75%); 8th grade – 59/84 students (70%); Total – 244/316 students (77%)
 - ◆ Congratulations to our January Kona Ice Kids: 5th grade – Creed Denlinger; 6th grade – Lexi Dillman; 7th grade – Morgen Denlinger; 8th grade – Camden Pfahler
 - ◆ Congratulations to Camden Pfahler and Hunter Eley for representing Arcanum-Butler during the District Spelling Bee on January 20. A special congratulations to Hunter Eley for being named Darke County Champion. Hunter will represent Arcanum at the state competition later this month. Thank you to April Hoying for organizing the event.
 - Standard 2: Instruction – Principals support the implementation of high-quality standards-based instruction that results in higher levels of achievement for all students.
 - ◆ All MS students recently completed the winter STAR assessments in math and English. Data received from these assessments will provide staff with valuable information regarding student progress and learning needs and will assist staff in planning meaningful and intentional lessons.
 - ◆ The MS staff continues to work hard in preparation for upcoming state testing. The staff has collaborated during monthly grade level meetings and quarterly department meetings in order to better streamline communication and identify individual student needs. Testing groups are being formulated and staff is working hard to ensure that

every student is provided instruction based on their individual needs. Testing dates: ELA – March 29-30; Math (5th and 8th only) – April 5-6; Science (5th and 8th only) – April 11-12.

- ◆ Congratulations to Bohdan Menzie, Derek Longstreth, Aiden Carlisle, and Matthew Denlinger! They beat the long-standing school record for the toothpick tower in Mrs. Bowser's Science Olympiad class. Their tower held 135 lbs. The last record was held by Brenden Woodworth, Zach Smith, Dylan Burns, and Tyler Langdon with 134 pounds set in 2015.
- ◆ Heather Marsh-Myers has provided an exciting opportunity for our 5th and 6th grade band students. She has organized a band mentoring program in order to provide extra help for students who are behind and enrichment opportunities for those who excel. It is a seven week program which takes place weekly and will begin February 10 and run until March 24.
- ◆ The Darke County Science Fair is on February 24 at Greenville HS. Judging starts at 4:30 with a public viewing at 6:30 and awards to follow. Most students are working in teams of 2 or 3, with only a few individual projects.
- ◆ Several Arcanum choir students were chosen to participate in the OMEA District 11 Honor Choir Festival on January 15-16, 2022. Middle school students involved were Elleigh Baker, Sara Netzley, Kiryn Burns, Andrae Via, and Clark Dues.
- 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.
 - ◆ On January 31, staff and students battled the cold temperatures to complete our monthly fire drill. The drill went off without issue and our K-12 evacuation time was 2:04:22.
 - ◆ During our 2 hours early release on January 21, MS staff was provided time to finalize and enter grades, progress monitor WEP's (gifted learning documents), and update Rtl Database documentation.
 - ◆ Thank you to the Board of Education, Mr. Stephens, and Mr. Baker for approving and working to install four new HD interactive boards in the MS. Boards were installed in the rooms of Mrs. Dickman, Mrs. Pitzer, Mrs. Byers, and Mrs. Peltier. We now have a total of eight board in the MS.
- Standard 4: Collaboration – Principals establish and sustain collaborative learning and shared leadership to promote learning and achievement of all students.
 - ◆ On February 2, the Darke County ESC and the MS Special Education Department met to discuss and review special education programs (GoalBook and SameGoal), provide updates on state laws regarding special education, and discuss other topics/needs that may have popped over the course of the first semester.
 - ◆ On February 2, MS staff held grade level meetings to review STAR assessment results, progress monitor student success rates, and update our Rtl Database.
 - ◆ Thank you to all the MS teachers and Anita Dehner from the ESC for working to update and progress monitor all WEP's for our gifted students. In addition, thanks to Jason and Joni, as well, as they worked hard to ensure that all WEP's were properly completed for each building using the new SameGoals program.
- 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.
 - ◆ The WOAC JH girls basketball tournament kicked off Saturday, January 29. The 8th grade girls earned a #4 seed while the 7th grade girls earned the #1 seed. We are proud of each of these players and coaches, Courtney McEldowney and Kennedy Morris.
 - ◆ The WOAC JH boys basketball tournament kicked off on Saturday, February 5. The 8th grade team earned the #3 seed while the 7th grade team earned the #2 seed. Best of luck to both teams!
 - ◆ The MS Pennies for Patients campaign will kick off on February 7. MS Student Council members were able to raise \$433 during the JH boys basketball game on January 18 versus Franklin Monroe to provide a head start to this worthy cause.

- ◆ MS students participated in \$1 hat day for tornado relief on December 17 and raised \$87 to add to the over \$2200 donated by Arcanum-Butler staff and 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. Kessler and I met with sophomore students and their parents to discuss college and career options. We have continued to meet with students in February.
 - ◆ In January, I met with each of our staff members to review their goals for the school year. Together we reviewed goals and made adjustments to focus on continuous improvement for teachers.
 - 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 our students and staff for overcoming so much adversity during the first half of the school year to have a successful first semester. Thanks to my fellow administrators, Mr. Stephens, and Mrs. Greve for their outstanding work and effort.
 - ◆ Congratulations to Zeke Wright, Annie Arnett, and Mora Menzie on representing Arcanum at the honors choir event!
 - Goal #3 – Principals allocate resources and manage school operations in order to ensure a safe and productive learning environment.
 - ◆ In January, Mrs. Kessler and I continued to plan for our College Credit Plus program for the next school year. We will be having our College Credit Plus meeting this February. We will begin scheduling with students during the month of March.
 - 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 Bella O'Daniel and Landon Miller. The January Students of the Month were Katie Brown and Quinn Jorgensen.
 - 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 Tyler Huber, Luke Brinksneider, Carson Tegtmeyer, Caleb Hartman, and Nate Wright, Mr. Pohlman, and Coach Janelle Brinksneider on winning the State Championship in the Ohio Grain Merchandising competition.
 - ◆ I would like to commend Heather Marsh-Myers for representing us at the Rose Bowl! Heather participated in the Rose Bowl Parade with band directors from across the country!

Adjourned at 8:46 p.m.