

Arcanum-Butler Local School District
REGULAR
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING UPDATE
November 11, 2021

All present

APPROVED:

- Minutes from the regular board meeting held October 14, 2021, and the agenda for the November 11, 2021, meeting. (vote – all yea)
- Financial report, as presented by the Treasurer. (vote – all yea)
- Fiscal Year 2022 Five Year Forecast, as presented by the Treasurer. (vote – all yea)
- Purchases obligated prior to the certification of the purchase order: \$91,937 to Darke County ESC for FY21 Excess Special Education Preschool Cost. (vote – all yea)
- Expenditure of \$30,211.91 to PRO OnCall Technologies to upgrade the phone systems and network. (vote – all yea)
- Prepayment of \$10,010 to Game-On Logistics LLC for work on the softball diamond. (vote – all yea)
- Usage agreement with Arcanum Youth Wrestling Association for the 2021-2022 school year. (vote – all yea)
- Supplemental contracts for the 2021-2022 school year: Charity Wright – Concession stand. (vote – all yea)
- Resolution for senior's last day. (vote – all yea)
- Administrative Health Care Plan Amendment. (vote – all yea)
- Appointment of Karen Barry to the Arcanum Public Library Board of Trustees, effective 1.1.22, replacing Randy O'Dell whose term expires 12.31.21. (vote – all yea)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Vision, Continuous Improvement and Focus of District Work
 - ◆ End of the 1st nine weeks – Thank you to district staff for all their efforts!
 - ◆ COVID-19 Update
 - Active cases
 - Notes of interest
- Communication and Collaboration
 - ◆ Congratulations to all of our fall athletes and band members. Our student athletes balance schoolwork and team responsibilities. I appreciate their efforts and representing our school with pride!
 - ◆ Athletics Update: Thank you to AD Abbey Moore and her staff for all of their efforts this fall! I appreciate the dedication of all of our coaches!
 - ◆ The AHS Marching Band finished the season on a high note, scoring a "Superior" in Class B in OMEA State Competition. Congrats to the band members, the A# Club, and to Director Heather Marsh-Myers on another fantastic season!
 - ◆ A special thank you to our parent volunteers who worked in concession stands, painted the football field, served as line judges, band equipment crew, and all the support of our programs. Thank you to the A# Music Boosters and the Athletic Boosters for all of their support!
- Policies and Governance
 - ◆ Recently, the Ohio School Boards Association discontinued their affiliation with the National School Boards Association after NSBA wrote a letter to the President calling parents "domestic terrorists". On behalf of the Board, I sent an email thanking Rick Lewis for his leadership and letting him know he had our full support. As you all very well know, you are elected by our community and our parents and we value their role in the education process.
- Instruction
 - ◆ Congrats to our eighteen HS students inducted into NHS along with Roger McEldowney as the teacher inductee.

- ◆ Thank you to our teachers for hosting Parent/Teacher Conferences.
- ◆ Principals are working their way through first round observations and classroom walkthroughs.
- ◆ Calendar: It's time to start reviewing the 21-22 calendar. The Darke County ESC has asked us to consider trying to have more of a shared calendar. The Superintendents will discuss the request at the Superintendent meeting on November 12. I've reviewed and compared our calendar with FM and TV. We are fairly close. The ESC would like for us to at least have a shared day of PD so that they can have all schools participate.
- Resources
 - ◆ Track update
 - ◆ Website update

PRINCIPAL'S REPORTS:

- **Elementary**
 - Continuous Improvement and Vision
 - ◆ Teachers have been collaborating with SST coaches to review data and provide students with the needed interventions to help them be successful in the classroom.
 - ◆ Teachers have been utilizing STAR reports to guide their instruction that were presented and discussed at our October 11 professional development day.
 - ◆ Teachers have spent time planning and preparing for parent teacher conferences held on November 9 and 11. Teachers provide feedback on student growth and resources for parents to use at home.
 - ◆ I was able to attend a 2 day CCIP conference on October 25-26 to learn federal and state updates and attend sessions geared towards improving students' academic successful and implementing mental health strategies.
 - Instruction
 - ◆ Thank you to the kindergarten teachers for the extra time spent administering and recording data for the KRA.
 - ◆ First grade students have been working on various leveled reading activities in Trojan Time.
 - ◆ Second grade has been studying weather and moon phases and made a barometer to measure air pressure.
 - ◆ Third grade students worked very hard during the fall state ELA assessment.
 - ◆ Fourth grade students continue to integrate writing skills into all content areas.
 - ◆ In recognition of National Bus Safety week, students discussed and reviewed a variety of different ways to stay safe on and off the bus.
 - School Operations, Resources, and Learning Environment
 - ◆ Mrs. Matheson continues to meet with grade levels to provide character education. This month's focus was respect and drug prevention collaborating with the We Are the Majority organization to encourage a drug free life.
 - ◆ The elementary joined the middle school in celebrating Red Ribbon Week to promote drug awareness by dressing up to different themes each day. All students enjoyed wearing their costumes to celebrate Halloween.
 - ◆ The first quarter PBIS assembly was held on Friday, November 5. Students celebrated their accomplishments and talked about the next goal of the Energy Bus. The students had a dance party with their classmates to end the assembly.
 - ◆ The elementary students did a fantastic job following district protocol and expectations during this month's fire and lockdown drills.
 - ◆ Students of the Month celebrated their reward with a pizza party and Kona Ice on Friday, November 5.
 - ◆ Congratulations to the October Trojans of the Month – Lucas Price, Jaxson Binkley, Reid Pohlman, Austin Willis, Ayden Hoop, Easton Brown, Easton Woods, Norah Gilbert, Ethan Jones, Lucy Schwieterman, Kamden Tegtmeyer, Reece Clevenger, Ben Noe, Avery Garland, Sarah Hartman, Nathan Johnson, William Schwartz, Skyler Urlage, Makenna Smith, and Lincoln Lavy.
 - Collaboration

- ◆ The Arcanum Fire Department brought Jeff Owens and Casey the Fire Dog to Arcanum Elementary to promote fire safety and prevention.
- ◆ The Elementary participated in the clap out to cheer on the band, cross country team, and football team as they headed into a big weekend of events on Friday, October 29.
- ◆ First grade students continue to partner with the Darke County ESC and LIGHT project to have monthly hands on activities to promote science and outdoor education.
- Parents and Community Engagement
 - ◆ Kindergarten parents continue to lead brain gym stations on Friday mornings for all kindergarten students.
 - ◆ The Elementary Student Council sponsored a “Socktober” service project to collect socks for area organizations to give to families in need. The students collected over 930 pairs of socks.
- **Middle School**
 - Student Achievement, Accomplishments, and News
 - ◆ Congratulations to our October Students of the Month: *5th grade* – Rylee Judy & Austin Subler; *6th grade* – Bella Baker & Landon Patterson; *7th grade* – Kiryn Burns & Andrew Bennett; *8th grade* – Lillian Larkins & Malachi Wright
 - ◆ Congratulations to our T-Shirt Tuesday Winners: Cameron LeVeck, Jesus Gonzalez, Brayden Collins, and Sean Madigan.
 - ◆ Congratulations to all middle school athletes who completed their fall season. A special congratulations to the MS Boys Cross Country Team consisting of Cameron Ball, Will Beisner, Lance Brinksneider, Clark Lemons, Camden Pfahler, Micah Arbogast, Eden Frazee, Chris Hill, Caleb Wiant, Malachi Wright, and Head Coach Mr. Tim Pfahler for finishing 2nd in the state. This is the second year in a row they have finished second in the state!
 - Instruction
 - ◆ I’d like to personally thank each of my MS staff members for a great first quarter. Each of them has worked hard to build relationships with our students, design meaningful lessons, and support student needs.
 - ◆ Thanks to Mrs. Bowser, Mrs. Dickman, and Mrs. Byers for creating hands-on Halloween themed labs on October 29. Each of these science teachers continues to do great work in keeping our students engaged in the learning process.
 - ◆ I’d like to thank Roger McEldowney for working to connect our 8th grade Career Connections students with our 5th grade students. This year, our 8th graders will be working on quarterly career projects and will then present their findings to one 5th grade class each quarter.
 - ◆ Garry Handshoe of Handshoe Photography continues to do great things in our middle school. During the first quarter, Garry has stopped in to work with Mr. Grote’s digital design students and talk with them about various photography projects and ideas. Our students then use this information to design our middle school yearbook.
 - ◆ Jacie Holman and Jaimee Garbig continue to work hard in supporting the “Empowering Darke County Youth” after school program in the middle school. They will be meeting and tutoring students on Mondays and Thursdays after school and focusing on filling the gaps.
 - School Operations, Resources, and Learning Environment
 - ◆ Thanks to Ashley Matheson and David Baker for working with our 5th grade staff and students the week of October 18 on the completion of the IOWA/CogAT test which allows us to identify gifted learners. Thank you to Mrs. Parker for organizing and mailing all of the score reports.
 - ◆ A-B completed a fire drill on October 13 and a lockdown drill on October 27. No issues were identified during the completion of these drills. Thanks to the staff and students for their cooperation and flexibility.
 - Collaboration
 - ◆ Thanks to Kelly Harrison and Ashley Matheson and the MS *We Are the Majority* group for working together to promote Red Ribbon Week at the Middle School (week of October 25). On Wednesday, students signed a pledge to remain alcohol and drug free.

- ◆ A huge thank you to April Hoying, Joni Pechie, and Jason Stephan for assisting in organizing our October 11 PD day. The day centered on value added data, STAR reports, and creating and implementing higher level thinking.
- ◆ On October 20, MS staff met in departments and focused on various topics. Our ELA department discussed scheduling and class structures, our math department focused on developing strategies to assist in filling student learning gaps, and our science and social studies departments discussed various subject related resources and lesson delivery strategies.
- ◆ On October 20, April Hoying held an OTES 2.0 implementation luncheon at the ESC for Darke County administrators. During this meeting, principals from various buildings and various levels met to discuss how their district was implementing the new teacher evaluation process in their districts.
- Parents and Community Engagement
 - ◆ The MS met our goal of 3,000 canned food items this year which is up 700 items from last year. Our 5th grade class brought in the most cans (1,000) and received doughnuts on Friday, November 5. Cole Kessler won the individual award (228) and got to pie Mr. Troutwine in the face! Items were delivered to the Church in Castine by several of our 6th graders. Thanks to Mrs. Bowser, Student Council members, and the Arcanum community for their continued support.
 - ◆ 24 middle school students entered the Patriot's Pen essay contest which is sponsored by our local VFW. Kevin Mallonee came to promote the contest to 6th-8th graders in early October and winners will be announced soon. Winners will receive a cash prize and qualify for districts where they can continue to advance to state and nationals and win additional money. This year's topic was "How to Be a Good American".
 - ◆ Julia Gower, from Recovery and Wellness, is partnering with Kelly Harrison to start an after school *We Are the Majority* activity club/after school program for 5th and 6th graders in November! We have about 25 students connected in the program which will meet on Tuesdays after school in the library.
- **High School**
 - Principals help create a shared vision and clear goals for their schools and ensure continuous progress toward achieving the goals.
 - ◆ I want to thank Mrs. Kessler for organizing the PSAT test for juniors with the opportunity to qualify for the National Merit Program. We are awaiting information to see how our students scored and if any qualified for the program.
 - ◆ I want to thank Mrs. Kessler and Mr. McEldowney for their work in organizing and proctoring the ACT test for our juniors and seniors.
 - ◆ All teachers completed WEP's for the students in the building. WEP's are for students identified as gifted and outline what we will do to ensure their needs are met.
 - ◆ Thank you to Mr. Powers, Mrs. Kessler, and Mr. Schondelmyer, who all had colleges or career people come to speak to students!
 - Principals support the implementation of high-quality standards based instruction that results in higher levels of achievement for all students.
 - ◆ During the professional development opportunity on Monday, October 11, our staff worked on various topics, including student data, integration of complex texts, and student safety.
 - ◆ In October, Mrs. Kessler and I met to review seniors not on track to graduate. During November, we will meet with these students to ensure that they have a plan to graduate.
 - Principals allocate resources and manage school operations in order to ensure a safe and productive learning environment.
 - ◆ October Students of the Month were Ashton Paul and Zoe Monnin.
 - ◆ I want to thank Mrs. Cyphers and the Arcanum SADD Club for providing our students with the Rock the Belt and Red Ribbon events during October! Both of these events promoted safe and positive choices for our students!
 - Principals establish and sustain collaborative learning and shared leadership to promote learning and achievement of all students.

- ◆ To promote our continued effort to bring career guidance to our students, our sophomores were part of National Manufacturing Day activities here in Darke County. Our sophomores toured GTI to learn about opportunities.
- ◆ On October 18, we held our annual National Honor Society induction ceremony. This year we inducted 18 new students and one teacher. I want to commend Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Brandon, and the National Honor Society for a special ceremony.
- ◆ Thank you to Mrs. Kessler for organizing the financial aid planning night in October. This allowed parents to get a great start regarding FAFSA and financial aid for their graduating senior.
- 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 want to commend Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Brandon, the National Honor Society, the entire student body and staff of Arcanum High School, and Arcanum's community for their outstanding effort with our Trick or Treat Canned Food Drive. Through hard work, we were able to accomplish our goal of feeding those in need in Arcanum for an entire year!
 - ◆ We are planning out a substitute activity in replacement of the Senior Citizen's Christmas Luncheon. Information regarding that event will come out after Thanksgiving.
 - ◆ I want to congratulate our fall athletes and the band for a great fall sports season. I want to thank our coaches, advisors, students, and parents for the effort that they put forward. I want to provide a special thanks to Mrs. Abbey Moore, Mr. Chey Kramer, Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Kramer, the Arcanum Athletic Boosters, and the A# Music Boosters for their efforts to make sure each event goes smoothly. I want to congratulate our seniors and their parents on their successes throughout the past four years.

Executive session for the purpose to discuss the employment of a public employee or official.

Adjourned at 8:50 p.m.