

**Arcanum-Butler Local School District**  
**REGULAR**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING UPDATE**  
**December 8, 2022**  
**7:00 p.m.**

All present

**APPROVED:**

- Minutes from the regular board meeting held November 10, 2022, and the agenda for the December 8, 2022, meeting. (vote – all yea)
- Financial report, as presented by the Treasurer. (vote – all yea)
- Ammended appropriations for FY23, as presented by the Treasurer. (vote – all yea)
- To schedule the annual organizational meeting, budget hearing, and regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education for Thursday, January 12, 2023. (vote – all yea)
- Payment of \$11,694 to the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation for the 2023 annual premium. (vote – all yea)
- Donation of \$500 from the Anna Bier Gallery. (vote – all yea)
- Payment to Waibel Energy Systems not to exceed \$15,980 to provide labor to remove failed bearings and install new. (vote – all yea)
- Eric Moore as President Pro Tempore to start the January meeting. (vote – all yea)
- Resignation, for the purpose of retirement, of Joel Hootman, MS teacher, effective July 1, 2023, and Gerald Miller, bus driver, effective June 2, 2023. (vote – all yea)
- Three hour café position for Olivia Subler, effective December 9, 2022. (vote – all yea)
- Dawn Robinette as a sub bus driver. (vote – all yea)
- Supplemental contracts for the 2021-2022 school year: MS wrestling – Emily Wagner; JV baseball – Colton Troutwine. (vote – all yea)
- To accept the resignation of Tim Pfahler as Asst JH track coach and Jon Junkins as the Head HS track coach for the 2022-2023 school year. (vote – all yea)
- Terri Greve to take Chance of a Lifetime leave February 16-28, 2023. (vote – all yea)
- Allison Barry as a classified sub. (vote – all yea)

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED 2023-2024 CALENDAR**

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- Vision, Continuous Improvement and Focus of District Work
  - ◆ District Leadership Team Meeting Summary
- Communication and Collaboration
  - ◆ Village of Arcanum Safety Meeting regarding the Flox Safety Camera System
  - ◆ OFCC Safety Grant Update
  - ◆ Thank you to the Arcanum Athletic Boosters for hosting the annual Breakfast with Santa event.
- Policies and Governance
  - ◆ January Board Meeting Dates – Does the Board wish to continue meeting on the second Thursday of the month? Eric, as current president, will serve as President Pro Tempore.
  - ◆ First read on policies KKA Recruiters in the Schools and JFE Pregnant Students
- Instruction
  - ◆ Calendar – Summary of meeting with A-BCTA, BOE member's ideas or suggestions?
  - ◆ Congratulations to our EL and MS spelling bee winners! EL – Hallie Riffell (champion) and Eli Huffgarden (runner-up); MS – Hunter Eley (champion), Ashton Turpin (runner-up).

- Resources

- ◆ Lawn Care Services Renewal – We are set to publicize at the first of the year and receive all bids by February 24.

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORTS:**

- **Elementary**

- Continuous Improvement and Vision

- ◆ Thank you to all math content teachers for collaborating and discussing the guided math curriculum being used in several grade levels.
- ◆ All kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teachers are beginning to complete state mandated professional development focused on Dyslexia.

- Instruction

- ◆ During the month of November, our students learned about leadership and service as the character traits of the month and did a variety of activities around Veterans Day. Thank you to all teachers for dedicating time in their daily schedules to provide students with the history of Veterans Day and completing different activities for local Veterans. Our students did a fantastic job during the assembly.
- ◆ Congratulations to the 4<sup>th</sup> grade Spelling Bee winner, Hallie Riffell, and runner up, Eli Huffgarden. Thank you to Julie Eldridge for organizing this year's Spelling Bee for the students' parents and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students.
- ◆ Several grade levels held Thanksgiving activities to mimic the history of the holiday for their social studies lessons.
- ◆ Thank you to Ashley Matheson for facilitating lunch groups for students that focus on social, emotional, and behavioral health. She also did a great Escape Room lesson with 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students.
- ◆ The kindergarten teachers are using the new phonics program, Secret Stories, with their students and spending their plan time in first grade classrooms to teach those students the key concepts.
- ◆ Thank you to Amanda Herzog and Beth Piel for their continued work with Dyslexia training and assessments.
- ◆ Sarah Loxley, Julie Eldridge, and Stevie Johnting are collaborating to plan a "Grinch" themed writing project for their students.

- School Operations, Resources, and Learning Environment

- ◆ Tanya and Caleb Crevier with Enthusiasm International provided an entertaining and inspirational presentation for our end of the quarter PBIS assembly. The students enjoyed their many basketball tricks while learning about motivation and never giving up.
- ◆ Congratulations to the November Trojans of the Month – Olivia Long, June Somers, Violet Hatcher, Tarrin Morrison, Abriella Koons, Brady Bixler, Gracen Neal, Rory Landes, Brooklynn Hoffman, Nora Koenig, Norah Gilbert, Avery Bryson, Eden Nottingham, Afton Knight, Colton Hatfield, Ethan Jones, Ben Noe, Drew Stephens, and Kendall Hobbs. The students will enjoy a breakfast with Mrs. Pechie on December 8.
- ◆ The Elementary Student Council, led by Sarah Loxley, sponsored a hat and glove donation drive for World Kindness Day to give to students or community members in need.
- ◆ Thank you to the Ohio State Extension Office for continuing to provide our teachers with hands on science lessons and resources to continue learning about plants and animals.

- Collaboration

- ◆ Thank you to Mr. McEldowney and the leadership group for organizing the district Veterans Day assembly. Several elementary classes made cards to give to the Veterans or completed grade level projects to display. Thank you to Becky Hootman for leading the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students in a patriotic song.
- ◆ Thank you to the social committee for planning a fun Thanksmas dinner for the staff to communicate and enjoy time together outside of the classroom.

- Parents and Community Engagement

- ◆ Thank you to our PTO for sponsoring a skating party for all elementary and middle school students on Sunday, December 11.

- ◆ Thank you to Mrs. Becky Hootman for planning and organizing the annual 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade Christmas Concert, which will take place on Thursday, December 15.
- ◆ Thank you to the AELC staff who are planning the annual Christmas preschool night at the girls' basketball game on December 8.
- ◆ Thank you to Ashley Matheson for organizing Christmas assistance for many of our families with outside churches and organizations.

- **Middle School**

- Student Achievement, Accomplishments, and News

- ◆ Congratulations to our November Students of the Month: 5<sup>th</sup> grade – Tim Johnson & Elxie Fout; 6<sup>th</sup> grade – Cayson Johnson & MJ Denlinger; 7<sup>th</sup> grade – Kale Kramer & Josie Schwartz; 8<sup>th</sup> grade – Joey Clopp & Adeline Wooten
- ◆ Congratulations to our T-Shirt Tuesday Winners: Haddie Gilpin (6<sup>th</sup>), Zion North (7<sup>th</sup>), CJ Michael (5<sup>th</sup>), and Hudson Knaus (7<sup>th</sup>).
- ◆ Congratulations to our December Kona Ice Kids who were provided with a free Kona Ice during lunch. These students were nominated by their teachers for showing true grit in the classroom.
- ◆ Congratulations to all of our MS Spelling Bee contestants. This year 32 students competed against one another in a round-by-round competition. A special thank you to Emily Eilerman for organizing the event, Mr. Hootman for pronouncing, and Mrs. Painting, Mrs. Miller, and Mrs. Peltier for judging. The following students finished in the top 3: Champion – 8<sup>th</sup> grader Hunter Eley (winning word – inaudible); Runner-Up – 8<sup>th</sup> grader Ashton Turpin; Alternate – 8<sup>th</sup> grader Adeline Wooten. Hunter and Ashton will represent A-B MS at the County Spelling Bee on January 26.
- ◆ On Friday, November 5, students and staff participated in our Quarter 1 assembly. This year saw the return of Tanya Crevier and her Enthusiasm Experiences. In addition, individual students were recognized as Q1 Growth Mindset winners. We also recognized outstanding fall athletic achievements and various clubs.

- Instruction

- ◆ The week of November 7 was designated, "Military Week" at A-B MS. Students learned about various branches of our military each day and on November 9, A-B MS students had the opportunity to learn more about our nation's history and write thank you letters to current and past service men and women. We had a vehicle, virtual reality simulations, uniforms dating back to the French and Indian War, battle equipment, literature, and food.
- ◆ On Tuesday, November 15, all 6<sup>th</sup> grade students were presented with a "Survival Guide" presentation. The goal of this presentation was to assist students with items such as study tips, time management skills, organization, and general school tips. Thank you to Ashley Matheson and our 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers for assisting with this program.
- ◆ Currently, our Math Department is using a free trial of a math program called Get More Math. Teachers are seeing solid results from the program and have reported that math fact retention has increased. Mr. Lecklider created a 500 Point Club for our 6<sup>th</sup> graders in hopes of sparking interest. Congrats to Avery Kniesly, Ashley Stephens, Joey Marshall, and Simon Brown for making the Club!

- School Operations, Resources, and Learning Environment

- ◆ Arcanum-Butler Local held our monthly fire drill on Tuesday, November 29. We were able to successfully evacuate the entire building in just over two minutes during this unannounced drill.
- ◆ I would like to once again thank the A-B PTO for their continued support of A-B MS. The PTO has been instrumental in allowing us to continue using the Trojan Way Store which is a major component of the MS PBIS program.
- ◆ 270 MS students earned the Q1 Reward which was a movie and popcorn on November 22. Students earned this reward for having no D's/F's on their Q1 report card, no missing assignments, and no office referral during the first quarter of school. 270 students represent 87% of our student body.

- ◆ During November, several MS teachers participated in “A Season of Thanks”. For this event staff brought in a pumpkin and, on each Monday in November, students wrote one thing they were thankful for on the pumpkin. Thanks to all who participated.

➤ Collaboration

- ◆ The District DLT meeting was held on Wednesday, November 30. During the meeting, Superintendent John Stephens provided members with a district update and building levels met to update and share building CIP progress.
- ◆ During MS Quarterly Department Meetings, staff worked together focusing on the following items: ELA – Vocabulary support; Math – Get More Math Usage; Science – Lab ideas; Social Studies – Resource Sharing; and SPED – Supporting Student Needs/Scheduling.
- ◆ During MS Quarterly Grade Level Meetings, staff worked together to progress monitor our tier 1, 2, and 3 intervention students. This time is critically important for coordinating student academic and behavior support.
- ◆ I would like to thank Jason Stephan, Beth Kessler, and Ashley Matheson for actively participating in our 2023-2024 scheduling meeting. November 14 was our second meeting as we attempt to ensure that scheduling goes as smoothly as possible in the spring and that students will have the ability to take all the courses of their choice.

➤ Parents and Community Engagement

- ◆ Parent-Teacher conferences were held on Tuesday, November 8, and Thursday, November 10. I would like to thank the staff, parents, and students for their attendance and collaboration.
- ◆ I would like to thank Megan Smith for organizing our Q2 service project. Starting the week of December 12, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will be creating Christmas cards for the Dayton Children’s Hospital and 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be making Christmas cards for nursing home residents in Greenville.
- ◆ Winter sports season has kicked off and I would like to thank Coach Moore for getting important scheduling information out to the community and for working with our youth organization to schedule gym times.
- ◆ The 6<sup>th</sup> grade and 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade bands held their annual fall concert on November 17. I would like to thank Mr. Bryce Hopwood and Miss McFaddin for their work with each grade level band. Bryce, Megan, and our MS bands packed the cafeteria as we used every chair we had!
- ◆ 5<sup>th</sup> grade students participated in the annual “Breads of Harvest” on November 21 and November 22. I would like to thank the Ohio State University’s Extension Office, our 5<sup>th</sup> grade staff, and all of our parent volunteers for their efforts in organizing and supporting this event.

• **High School**

➤ Principals help create a shared vision and clear goals for their schools and ensure continuous progress toward achieving the goals.

- ◆ Work has also continued in regard to graduation seals for our students in regard to the graduation requirements. At this point, all seniors are on track to graduate.
- ◆ Mrs. Beth Kessler and Mrs. Deanna Monnin attended the virtual Indiana East Scholarship breakfast. By attending this breakfast, Beth received college scholarships that we can give to students who would like to attend Indiana University East.

➤ Principals support the implementation of high-quality standards based instruction that results in higher levels of achievement for all students.

- ◆ On November 10, we had our parent-teacher conferences for the high school. Overall attendance at our conferences was on par with previous years, but our communication with parents has increased this year. Our teachers have been encouraged to increase communication with parents prior to the parent-teacher conferences. Our goal is to try and be very proactive with parents and students. Our teachers have increased their phone calls home and their emails to parents to ensure that active communication is occurring between parents and the teacher. I also have teachers send home positive notes and phone calls each quarter.

- ◆ Great work by our AHS Marching Band representing us at the Band of America Grand National Finals! They did a great job!
- Principals allocate resources and manage school operations in order to ensure a safe and productive learning environment.
  - ◆ I would like to thank our teachers, led by or college and career committee, for bringing in individuals to talk to our students about various colleges and careers during the two days before Thanksgiving!
- Principals establish and sustain collaborative learning and shared leadership to promote learning and achievement of all students.
  - ◆ We held our first Renaissance assembly for the year. Our Renaissance assemblies are used to promote the academic achievement of the students in our high school. Students were honored for the following: High Honors, Honors, Merit, Scholar Athlete, Best of the Best, and Trojan Awards. I want to commend Mr. Matt Grote, Mrs. Lora Brandon, and Mrs. Sheryl Kramer for their assistance with this activity.
  - ◆ The November Students of the Month were Camden Pfahler and Mollie Ericksen.
- 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 Mr. McEldowney and his leadership class for their effort in organizing the Districtwide Veterans' Day Assembly.
  - ◆ Congratulations to Brooklyn Miras for representing us at the state cross country meet. She did an outstanding job!
  - ◆ I want to commend Mr. and Mrs. Hootman and the Arcanum High School Drama Club for an outstanding fall production.
  - ◆ The Serve Arcanum committee will begin distributing Serve Arcanum brochures after we return from Christmas break.
  - ◆ I want to thank Doug Surber and the Arcanum Café staff for helping with staff and student Thanksgiving feast. This was done the day before break. All of the students and staff ate together for lunch. Thanks to everyone for getting involved to make it a great day.

Adjourned at 8:21 p.m.