

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

All present.

APPROVED:

- Minutes from the regular board meeting held February 8, 2018. (vote – all yea)
- Amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor. (vote – all yea)
- Three year contract with SchoolPointe, Inc., for website services at an annual cost of \$4708. (vote – all yea)
- Purchase of an internet core switch, maintenance, and support from MobileTek for a cost of \$16,040. (vote – all yea)
- Amended appropriations for FY18, as presented by the Treasurer. (vote – all yea)
- Establishment of Fund 070, Capital Project Fund, to account for the revenues and expenditures of the Ag/Athletic/Community Multi-Purpose Buidling. (vote – all yea)
- Acceptance of donations for the multi-purpose building. (vote – all yea)
- Five year contract with Flory Landscaping & Lawn Care to provide complete property services, excluding snow removal, at a cost of \$25983.72/yr. This includes discounts for a multi-year contract and prepayment. (vote – all yea)
- Payment of \$5605.03 for misc bus repairs. (vote – all yea)
- Resolution authorizing the Treasurer to transfer remaining local monies from the fund for the co-funded OFCC project to close out the project. (vote – all yea)
- Brian Pohlman to take a group of FFA students to the State FFA Dairy Judging Contest at The Ohio State University ATI in Wooster OH on April 6-7, 2018. (vote – all yea)
- Brian Pohlman to take FFA members to the State FFA Convention held in Columbus OH on May 3-4, 2018. (vote – all yea)
- 8th grade trip to Washington D.C. May 21-24, 2018. (vote – all yea)
- Resignation of Theo Whitaker as HS ass't track coach. (vote – all yea)
- Coaches: Brian Reichert – HS ass't track (2017-2018); Theo Whitaker – ½ HS ass't track (2017-2018); Jon Junkins – ½ HS ass't track (2017-2018); and Lauren Brandenburg – HS football cheer and HS basketball cheer (2018-2019). (vote – all yea)
- Policies: EBC and EBC-R – Emergency Management and Safety Plans; EEACD-R – Drug Testing for District Personnel Required to hold a Commercial Driver's License; GDPC – Retirement of Classified Staff members; JECAA and JECAA-R – Admission of Homeless Students; and JED – Student Absences and Excuses. (vote – all yea)
- Resignation of Rachel Fearon at the end of the 2017-2018 school year. (vote – all yea)
- Harold Harleman as a custodial/mnt sub. (vote – all yea)

DISCUSSED:

- Treasurer's Report

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- Vision, Continuous Improvement and Focus of District Work
 - ◆ Student Safety Conversation
 - Currently in place: single point of entrance, over 90 cameras, up-to-date emergency operations planning, active shooter training, full time SRO, lockdown/safety drills.
 - Possible additional measures: mental health therapists, arming staff (Faster Saves Lives), metal detectors, additional staff training (philchalmers.com), radios (combine with bus radios) MARCS
 - ◆ The flag is up from the Piqua VFW.
- Communication and Collaboration

- ◆ A special thank you to the Darke County Chamber of Commerce, and the Coalition for a Healthy Darke County for sending a guest panel to Arcanum. The panel discussed the drug epidemic on school-aged kids. Thank you to counselor Ashley Matheson for organizing the event and to Coalition and Chamber President Sharon Deschambeau for her assistance.
- ◆ We welcomed State Board Member Charlotte McGuire last Friday afternoon who presented Marcus and the middle school the School of Momentum Awards.
- ◆ A special thank you to AD Brian Sprada, assistant AD Kelly Kramer, and our winter coaches for their time, dedication, and efforts this winter sports season.
- Policies and Governance
 - ◆ OSBA policies for vote
- Instruction
 - ◆ I would like to thank our principals for organizing PD associated with the early dismissal last week. The MS/HS staff received PD from Eric Curts on Google for the Classroom as ongoing PD related to 1:1. A special thanks to David Baker for assisting Mrs. Pechie with PD offered for the elementary staff.
 - ◆ The Arcanum-Butler Schools lost a friend in education and former teacher Sandy Finkbine recently. As a Title I teacher, Sandy was instrumental in the lives of many students, organized the volunteer reading program, HS student mentor program, and was a teacher-leader for the elementary building. Flowers were sent on behalf of the district.
- Resources
 - ◆ Concession Stand Update – Doors have been installed, concrete will be poured in March as the weather allows, and O'Daniel Construction is working to install vinyl siding.
 - ◆ Capital Improvement Plans and suggestions from the Buildings and Grounds Committee

PRINCIPAL'S REPORTS:

- **Elementary**
 - Continuous Improvement and Vision (CIP Goal #1)
 - ◆ Several teachers attended a K-3 literacy workshop to learn about and improve on how to interpret individual student data and implement reading strategies to improve student growth.
 - ◆ Teachers continue to collaborate with one another to improve their differentiated instruction and meet the needs of all students.
 - Instruction (CIP Goal #2)
 - ◆ Thank you to David Baker and Amy Ellis for leading the elementary teachers in Google professional development this month.
 - ◆ AELC students recently did a unit on money. They sorted, cleaned, and worked on recognizing coins during their Pennies for Patients campaign. They raised over \$354 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.
 - ◆ Thank you to Mr. TJ Powers for dressing up as Benjamin Franklin and speaking with 3rd grade students about the history and life of Mr. Franklin.
 - ◆ All grade levels did a social studies unit about President's Day to learn about the important people in our nation's history.
 - ◆ The students and staff celebrated the 100th day of school by dressing up like a 100 year old person.
 - ◆ Thank you to Family Health and Mrs. Greve for speaking to all the students about the importance of dental health.
 - School Operations, Resources, and Learning Environment (CIP Goal #3)
 - ◆ Officer Jeramy visited all the classrooms this month to talk with the students about making good choices and decisions.
 - ◆ Congratulations to the February Trojans of the Month: Danielle Williams, Brady Brothers, Laci Dillman, Preston Cunningham, Seth Richard, Evan Cyphers, Ethan Israel, Glori Rausch, Erica Garber, Brooklynne Eley, Laney Riffell, Lailee McCubbin, Mackenzie Subler, Mazie Rose, Jackson Smith, Kaylor Stout, Lauren Rader, Jared Shives, Mahayla Locke, Carson Hittle, and Clark Lemons.

- Collaboration (CIP Goal #4)
 - ◆ The 2nd grade teachers and the Ohio State Extension Office collaborated to present a unit about earthworms. The hands-on activity allowed the students to observe, explore, and research earthworms.
 - ◆ Heather Macy, from the Preble County YMCA, presented a Mindfulness Yoga presentation to Mrs. Stephan's class. She will be also doing a workshop with the elementary staff in March.
 - ◆ Thank you to Mr. Stephan for organizing a tribute to former Arcanum Elementary teacher, Sandy Finkbine, who recently passed away. Some of her former students read to the elementary students to honor her passion for reading.
- Parents and Community Engagement (CIP Goal #5)
 - ◆ The Trojans of the Month will celebrate their accomplishments with their parents and teachers at a breakfast on March 2.
 - ◆ AELC entertained fans with their gross motor and dancing skills at a high school girls' basketball game.
 - ◆ The Elementary Student Council sponsored a hat day to raise money for the backpack program that provides food for students to take home over the weekend. We raised over \$250 and will be sponsoring a table at the Red & Yellow, Black and White Gala event.
 - ◆ Thank you to Mrs. Wiseman and the choir for sponsoring the father/daughter dance. Many little girls and their dads enjoyed a fun-filled evening of music and dancing.

• 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.
 - ◆ Mrs. Charlotte McGuire, our State Board Representative, presented Butler Middle School with the Momentum Award as a part of our Pennies for Patients Awards on Friday, February 23. A big thanks to our students, staff, and community for making it possible!
 - ◆ Congratulations to the MS Student Council and Mrs. Bowser for raising \$2700 as a part of the Pennies for Patients program to raise money to fight lymphoma. There were different incentives going on during the event that included a chance to listen to music and wear a hat to school.
- Standard 2: Instruction – Principals support the implementation of high-quality standards-based instruction that results in higher levels of achievement for all students.
 - ◆ A big thanks to the middle school staff for their work during parent teacher conferences on February 22. Middle school staff members made contact with over 120 families in and around conference time.
 - ◆ The 8th graders went to IU East to take a tour of the campus on Wednesday, March 7. Thanks to Mrs. Matheson and the 8th grade chaperones for all their assistance.
 - ◆ The process of getting ready for this year's AIR tests are underway. A big thanks to Mr. Baker, Mrs. Matheson, and Mrs. Pechie for entering the rosters and accommodations for the middle school students. Teacher training will take place on March 22, with testing starting on April 16.
 - ◆ Hats off to Mrs. Painting and the 5th grade students for their wonderful rendition of the 2018 Wax Museum. Political figures, athletes, movie stars, and those that garnered a movement graced the classrooms of the MS ELA! Outstanding job by everyone involved!
- 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.
 - ◆ T Shirt Tuesday Winners: Landon Haney, Jacob Rayburn, Mercedes Eichelberger, Hunter Farmer, G'Avauntay Sams, and Eli Stephens
 - ◆ February Students of the Month: Lily Hayes, Alex Wooten, Quentin Wilson, Paige Burrell, Riley Ignaffo, Hunter Farmer, Kaitlyn Sharp, and Trenton Hissong
 - ◆ Thanks to Mrs. Bowser and the Student Council for serving our second quarter reward of ice cream sundaes during lunch. Over 240 students earned the reward this quarter.

- ◆ Sixteen students were selected to play Kickball with the Principal on Friday, February 16, as a part of the weekly Bixler Bucks drawing. The game, which was slated for four innings, ended up going seven innings after being knotted in a 4-4 tie. Congratulations to those students!
- Standard 4: Collaboration – Principals establish and sustain collaborative learning and shared leadership to promote learning and achievement of all students.
 - ◆ Thanks to Mrs. Tegtmeyer and the PTO for purchasing the new bulletin boards that can be found across from Mr. Sprada's office, as well as beside the elevator!
 - ◆ A big thanks to Mrs. Matheson and the We Are the Majority Group for bringing in the Coalition for a Healthy Darke County panel to speak to parents and community members during parent teacher conferences. A big thanks, as well, for bringing in the 'Hidden in Plain Sight' presentation that followed the discussion.
 - ◆ We Are the Majority Group also sponsored a night at the YMCA which included over 75 Butler MS students that were able to swim, eat, and play the evening of March 2!
- 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.
 - ◆ Congratulations to our 8th grade girls and boys basketball teams for both winning the CCC championships. In addition, the spring sports season is underway. Best of luck to Mr. Bryant and the MS track team.
 - ◆ We want to congratulate Mrs. Macy, Mrs. Miller, and our MS Drama for this year's MS performance of 'Who Killed Elvis'. We had 30 students involved in this year's production, which is a significant increase from years past.
- **High School**
 - Goal #1 – Principals help create a shared vision and clear goals for their schools and ensure continuous progress toward achieving the goals.
 - ◆ During February we had our second parent teacher conferences of the school year. The conferences were well attended by our parents and students.
 - ◆ I would like to thank our students and elementary teachers and students for honoring the life of Sandy Finkbine by taking time to read together.
 - Goal #2 – Principals support the implementation of high-quality standards based instruction that results in higher levels of achievement for all students.
 - ◆ We held our 8th grade parent/student scheduling meeting to help prepare students and parents for the transition to high school.
 - ◆ I would like to thank Darke County Center for the Arts for bringing Chase Padgett to perform for our students.
 - Goal #3 – Principals allocate resources and manage school operations in order to ensure a safe and productive learning environment.
 - ◆ The January Students of the Month were Kayla Riegle and Tyler Sowers.
 - Goal #4 – Principals establish and sustain collaborative learning and shared leadership to promote learning and achievement of all students.
 - ◆ I would like to commend Mr. Grote, Mrs. Brandon, and the Renaissance Club for a great Renaissance Academic assembly. At the assembly, we honored our students who achieved Perfect Attendance, High Honors, Honors, Merit, Scholar Athlete, and Trojan Awards.
 - ◆ Congrats to the following students for their achievement at the Darke County Science Fair:
 - ✓ Students with superior projects qualifying for districts: Andrew Baker and Alex Weiss, Jenna Beatty and Jenna Haney, Kyle Collins and Kristen Short, Brendin Gillem and Julia McCullough, Madelyn Wogomon and Grace Wooten, Christian Brumbaugh, Landen Kreusch, Paige Kreusch, Sarah Riley, Samantha Aukerman and Chris Manning, Karr Stump and Vance Wetzel, Hunter Farmer, and Dominic Rhodehamel and Jacob Rice
 - ✓ Award winners: Sarah Riley – 1st place Wayne Healthcare Award in Behavioral and Social Science (\$100) and 2nd place overall (\$150); Landen Kreusch – 5th

place BASF Award in Chemistry/Biochemistry (\$50); Karr Stump and Vance Wetzel – 1st place Greenville Masonic Lodge No. 143 Award in Computer Science (\$100); Kyle Collins and Kristen Short – 1st place Dill Oil Award in Energy (\$100); Christian Brumbaugh – 1st place BASF Award in Engineering (\$100) and Top 9 Overall; Jacob Osswald and Isaiah Smith – 2nd place Dill Oil Award in Environmental Science (\$75); and Menke Family Award in Earth & Environmental Sciences (\$50); Ashlynn Farmer, Kayla Rieggle, and Alexandria Less – 5th place Dr. Hatic Award in Medicine and Health (\$25); Andrew Baker and Alex Weiss – 1st place Cargill Award in Plant Science (\$100)

Thanks to Mr. Kendig and Mrs. Brandon for their effort coordinating our students.

- ◆ I would like to commend the FFA for a great month of activities! Events included the Career Development Events, FFA Week, and prep for the upcoming FFA Banquet.
- ◆ I would like to commend the following band students for their success at solo and ensemble contest achieving a Superior rating: Aidan O'Brien – clarinet solo; Karr Stump – horn solo; Karr Stump – piano solo; Josh Wright – snare solo; Brendin Gillem – clarinet solo; Woodwind Quartet; Sax Trio; Clarinet Quartet; and Nate Merritt-Eikenbery – choral solo. The following students also participated in various honor bands in the area during the winter months: Abi Garrison – Bowling Green; Brendin Gillem – Xavier; Karr Stump – Ohio State; Brendin Gillem and Chris Manning – Tri-State; Josh Wright and Karr Stump – OMEA D11.
- 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 thank our winter sports athletes, coaches, parents, and fans for an exciting winter sports season. A special thanks to Brian Sprada, Athletic Director; Kelly Kramer, Assistant Athletic Director; and Sheryl Kramer, Athletic Secretary for their efforts during the winter season.
 - ◆ The Serve Arcanum Committee has been visiting various local organizations, churches, village offices, and businesses about our Serve Arcanum project. I have already received quite a few responses and I look forward to receiving more over the next month.

• **Athletic Director's Report**

- Middle School Girls Basketball
 - ◆ Coaches – Rachel Fearon, Jeff Rademachir, Abby Ross
 - ◆ 7th Grade – Season record 9-6; CCC record 7-6
 - ◆ 8th Grade – Season record 15-3; CCC record 9-3; CCC Tournament Champions
- High School Girls Basketball
 - ◆ Coaches – Matt Grote, Brian Brandon, Lauryn Timmerman
 - ◆ JV – Season record 13-6; CCC record 8-1
 - ◆ Varsity – Season record 12-11; CCC record 8-4; Lady Trojan Tip-Off Tournament Runner-Up
 - ◆ Individual Awards – 1st Team All-Conference-Kayla O'Daniel; Special Mention All-Conference-Gracie Garno
- Middle School Boys Basketball
 - ◆ Coaches – Don Taylor, David Baker, Colton Troutwine
 - ◆ 7th Grade – Season record 13-6; CCC record 10-2; CCC Tournament Runner-Up
 - ◆ 8th Grade – Season record 18-1; CCC record 12-0; CCC Tournament Champions
- High School Boys Basketball
 - ◆ Coaches – Marcus Bixler, Chey Kramer, Adam Timmerman, Nicholas Fischer
 - ◆ JV – Season record 9-13; CCC record 6-6
 - ◆ Varsity – Season record 11-12; CCC record 5-7
 - ◆ Individual Awards – 1st Team All-Conference-Carter Gray; Special Mention All-Conference-Evan Atchley
- Middle School Wrestling
 - ◆ Coach – Steve Banks

- ◆ Recap – The athletes showed improvement as they gained confidence and the year progressed. Had 6 wrestlers.
- High School Wrestling
 - ◆ Coach – Jared Beatty
 - ◆ Top Team Finishes – 3rd place Oakwood Invitational; 4th place Covington Duals
 - ◆ Individual Awards – Dylan Burns-1st Oakwood, 4th Troy, District Qualifier; Ethin Hoffman-1st Oakwood, 4th Troy, District Qualifier; Brayden Gillme-2nd Oakwood; Dylan Rhodehamel-2nd Oakwood; Cameron Haney-2nd Oakwood, 4th Eaton, 5th Troy, District Qualifier; Jayden Heltsley-3rd Troy, District Qualifier
- High School and Middle School Cheerleading
 - ◆ Coaches – Cherie Goubeaux and Lauren Brandenburg
 - ◆ Recap – Thank you to Coach Goubeaux and Coach Brandenburg and the cheerleaders for all of their efforts and support throughout the season. “Cheerleading Fun Day” was a huge success and our coaches and cheerleaders did a great job organizing the event and working with the youth participants who were involved.
- Gymnastics
 - ◆ Coach – Jessica Pothast
 - ◆ Individual Awards – Cheyenne White-4 year letter winner and 5th in All-Around at Beavercreek
- High School Swimming
 - ◆ Coach – Josh Artin
 - ◆ Recap – The swimmers showed progress and growth over the course of the year achieving many personal records along the way. Nine swimmers this year.
 - ◆ Individual Awards – Jimmy Barry, District Qualifier in 100 Breaststroke; Stephen Young, District Qualifier in 100 Freestyle; Isabella Gable, District Qualifier (meet record)/State Qualifier in 200 Freestyle and 100 Backstroke, 2nd at state in freestyle, 4th at state in backstroke, Records-50 Freestyle – 24.32, 100 Freestyle – 54.00, 200 Freestyle – 1:47.63, 500 Freestyle – 5:05.23, 50 Backstroke – 27.47, 100 Backstroke – 55.43, 200 IM – 2:10.22
- Winter Sports Athletes
 - ◆ Total Winter Sports Athletes – 135
 - ◆ High School – 77
 - ◆ Middle School - 58

Adjourned at 8:59 p.m.