

Arcanum-Butler Local School District
REGULAR
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING UPDATE
March 10, 2022

All present

APPROVED:

- Minutes from the regular board meeting held February 7, 2022, and the agenda for the March 10, 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)
- 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)
- \$400 donation from the Anna Bier Art Gallery for our art program. (vote – all yea)
- Purchase of two 72 passenger, BBCV, diesel buses from Cardinal Bus Sales & Service at a total cost of \$187,626. (vote – all yea)
- College Credit Plus agreements with Edison State Community College and Sinclair Community College for the 2022-2023 school year. (vote – all yea)
- Expenditure of \$5100 to D.A. Robers & Associates, Inc., to sand and re-coat the three gym floors. (vote – all yea)
- Resignations of Lisa Johnting, PS Aide, effective June 3, 2022; Abigail O'Donnell, HS assistant track coach – ½, effective immediately; and Robin Oda, bus driver for the purpose of retirement, effective August 1, 2022. (vote – all yea)
- Supplemental contracts for the 2021-2022 school year: Increase Adam Klipstine from ½ to a full contract for HS assistant track coach; Kim Hollinger – ½ HS assistant track coach; Isabella Whiting – ½ HS assistant track coach. (vote – all yea)
- Resolution Authorizing Required Third Grade Assessments in Paper Format for the 2022-2023 school year. (vote – all yea)
- Policy JEFB Released Time for Religious Instruction. (vote – all yea)
- Mrs. Carroll to take MS and HS FCCLA members to the state convention in Columbus OH, April 28-29, 2022, with the only cost to the district being transportation. (vote – all yea)
- Doug Surber, café manager, to attend a one day Food Show sponsored by Gordon Foods in Pittsburgh, PA, on March 30, 2022. (vote – all yea)
- Lifewise Academy to provide release time religious instruction per Board Policy JEFB beginning in the school year 2022-2023. (vote – all yea)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Vision, Continuous Improvement and Focus of District Work
 - ◆ March 9 Early Dismissal – The March early dismissal was one of two remaining professional development sessions for our teaching staff. I appreciate the principals planning for the PD.
- Communication and Collaboration
 - ◆ Congratulations to all of our winter athletics teams, players, and coaches. A special thank you to AD Abbey Moore and the athletic department for all of their efforts this season.
 - ◆ Athletic Ticket Prices – The WOAC is discussing an increase in ticket prices. Currently, varsity contests are \$6 a ticket, JV and JH contests are \$4 and football is \$7. The increase would be to \$7 HS varsity contests and \$5 for JH and non-varsity. Football would remain the same. The reason for the increase is the cost of officiating will go up likely from \$75/game to \$100/game in order to compete with other conferences. Thoughts? Feedback? (Approximate \$3500 difference if we don't raise prices.) It will be up for a vote at the WOAC.
 - ◆ Congratulations to SW District Girls Player of the Year Hailey Unger!! Taylor Gray and Madelyn Fearon were named 3rd Team All-Southwest District.

- ◆ FACT Coalition in Darke County to address truancy issues.
- Policies and Governance
 - ◆ Policy JEFB – Released Time for Religious Instruction (for approval)
- Instruction
 - ◆ Thank you to the Arcanum-Butler PTO for supporting the annual Scholastic Book Fair in the elementary and middle schools. A special thanks to Mrs. Pechie who took on the role of coordinator this year.
 - ◆ Congratulations to all of our science fair participants and winners! 10 projects were rated Superior, 12 students qualified for the District Science Fair, and Arcanum students took home over \$1000 in cash prizes. Thanks Lora Brandon and Adam Kendig for all of your efforts.
 - ◆ Enrollment projections for 2022-2023 and staffing update:
 - Teaching positions open: Posted externally – 3rd grade teaching position (years of experience feedback), Posted internally – 5th grade
- Resources
 - ◆ Bus quotes – Two Blue Bird buses \$91,000. The information is updated in the CCIP in order to receive funding for two. We have until the end of June this year to decide on whether we want to purchase a third one using an additional \$45,000 in funding.
 - ◆ Track Update, Walking Path Issue
 - ◆ Capital Improvement Projects – I would like to meet with the Buildings and Grounds sub-committee prior to the April meeting to review upcoming projects for this summer.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORTS:

- **Elementary**
 - Continuous Improvement and Vision (CIP Goal #1)
 - ◆ Thank you to the elementary DLT members (Tammy Baughn, Sarah Loxley, Amanda Herzog, and Brooke Clevenger) who continue to play a leadership role in the elementary building and help organize and plan events.
 - ◆ The elementary teachers met with many families on parent teacher conference night to update parents on student's progress.
 - Instruction (CIP Goal #2)
 - ◆ Mrs. Clevenger organized a fun event with her students where they dressed as different idioms, and their classmates and teachers guessed the idiom.
 - ◆ The students and staff celebrated the 100th day of school by doing a variety of 100 day activities including a scavenger hunt and wearing 100 day shirts on February 9.
 - ◆ Thank you to Terri Greve for organizing this year's virtual dental presentations. Also, thank you to the Family Health Dental Office for supplying our students with dental supplies to take home.
 - ◆ 50 4th grade students were randomly chosen to participate in the National Assessment for Educational Progress. The assessment data is used to help determine national standards and curriculum guidelines.
 - ◆ Thank you to Eric Wolfe for taking several weeks to teach the importance of exercise and healthy habits during February as part of the Jump Rope for Heart event. We will have a grand total of the amount donated at the next board meeting.
 - ◆ The students and staff celebrated 2-22-2022 by doing a variety of activities based on 2's and doubles.
 - School Operations, Resources, and Learning Environment (CIP Goal #3)
 - ◆ Students participated in our annual Reading Celebration week by dressing up to different book titles each day and guessing the identity of masked teacher readers. We ended the week with a teacher reader swap where different teachers read to other classrooms.
 - ◆ The students focused on kindness and loving their passengers during the month of February to review PBIS expectations as part of our Energy Bus theme.
 - ◆ Congratulations to the February Trojans of the Month: Parker James, Alicen Fugate, Daxston Riggs, Owen Lester, Charlotte Howell, Avery Bryson, Kirsten Subler, Haisley Oda, Jordan North, Kailey Branham, Jenna Garber, Truett Deaton, Jase Aukerman, Violet Angle, Bryn Baker, Aberrey Thacker, Weston Hatfield, Kelsey Dillman, and Luke Stutz.

- ◆ The Students of the Month celebrated their reward with a pizza party lunch along with a Kona Ice treat.
- Parent, and Community Engagement (CIP Goal #5)
 - ◆ Thank you to Becky Hootman and the kindergarten teachers for organizing Grandparent's Day on Friday, March 4. The grandparents enjoyed a short concert, activities with their grandchildren, and were able to shop the book fair.
 - ◆ Thank you to Bobbie Wiseman for planning the father/daughter dance for over 200 little girls and their father figures to enjoy a night of fun.
 - ◆ We had an outstanding turnout for our annual Book Bingo night. Families enjoyed a fun evening, and students took home at least two new books for their home libraries.
 - ◆ Thank you to the PTO for sponsoring our annual Scholastic Book Fair this year and to all the parents who volunteered to help students shop at the book fair.
- **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 February Students of the Month: *5th grade* – Ashley Stephens and Liam Howard; *6th grade* – Averii Collins and Zion North; *7th grade* – Ben Hartman and Kayla Harrison; *8th grade* – Sara Netzley and Remington Hatfield
 - ◆ Congratulations to our February T-Shirt Tuesday winners: Carter Lemons (5th), Jackson Weaver (8th), Ross Wagner (6th), Tripp Rimmer (6th), and Zoey Pass (5th).
 - ◆ The Middle School Pennies for Patients fundraiser raised \$5400 in just two weeks. This is \$2531 more than last year. Congrats to Mrs. Miller's class who raised the most money (\$886.28) and Mr. Troutwine's class who finished second (\$850.28) earning both classes a pizza party. Mrs. Miller's class also earned a bowling trip at the end of April courtesy of our PBIS program. Funds raised during this event will be donated to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.
 - ◆ On Tuesday, February 22, 245 of 313 students earned our Chick-fil-A reward lunch. Students earned this lunch for having zero academic points and zero behavior points for the entire second quarter. Thanks to Doug Surber for helping organize this event.
 - ◆ Congratulations to each of our Science Fair Award winners: Superior Rating – Micah Arbogast (2nd place \$75); Excellent Rating – David Simpson, Lillian Larkins & Claire Simpson & Haylee Bloom, Emry Edwards & Gabby Johnson
 - Standard 2: Instruction – Principals support the implementation of high-quality standards-based instruction that results in higher levels of achievement for all students.
 - ◆ The Empowering Darke County Youth program continues to be a success at the middle school. Each Monday and Thursday, Mrs. Holman and Mrs. Garbig lead a small group of students through math and ELA tutoring sessions. In addition, our Homework Club, led by Mrs. Pitzer, is also in full swing.
 - ◆ During the week of February 21, Mrs. Matheson, Officer Wilt, and Mr. Vince taught our 7th and 8th graders about the importance of making healthy choices. Mrs. Matheson focused on the family dynamic, Mr. Vince focused on school information, and Officer Wilt provided important information about the legal implications.
 - ◆ Officer Wilt continues to meet with our 7th grade health classes each quarter discussing internet safety and making our students aware of the dangers that are out there.
 - ◆ Mrs. Bowser's 7th grade science class recently completed their biomes and her Science Olympiad class worked to create wind powered turbines which generated electricity. I would like to thank Mrs. Bowser for her continued support of our students and her unique ability to design engaging labs.
 - 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.
 - ◆ The MS Book Fair was held February 28-March 3 in the library. Thanks to Joni Pechie for organizing the event, all of our parent volunteers who helped check students out, and to all of our staff and students for their additional effort and support.
 - ◆ Kona Ice of Troy continues to be an important partner with Arcanum-Butler Middle School. On February 24, students were able to purchase Kona Ice during lunch. A-B

MS receives a 25% return on items purchased which will be used to support our PBIS program.

- ◆ The District held a fire drill on January 31 (2:06:24) and on February 23 (1:45:11). No problems were encountered during either drill. We will be having our first tornado drill this month.
- Standard 4: Collaboration – Principals establish and sustain collaborative learning and shared leadership to promote learning and achievement of all students.
 - ◆ The focus of February's staff meeting included the following items: Response to Intervention, Creating a Spring Reading Challenge, Learning Gaps, Labs/Equipment, Resource Development, Scheduling, and Social-Emotional Health. Each of these items plays a large role in the day-to-day at Arcanum-Butler MS.
 - ◆ The administrative team recently met to discuss special education needs and staffing needs for the 2022-2023 school year. This meeting enabled us to ensure that we have proper staffing in place and are prepared to support the unique learning needs of our IEP students next school year.
 - ◆ Thank you to Ashley Matheson, Beth Kessler, and Jason Stephan for their continued work and support as we continue to work together on scheduling items for the 2022-2023 school year. Meetings began back in November which enabled us to identify and work to avoid potential barriers in the master schedule for next year.
- 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.
 - ◆ Parent-Teacher conferences were held on Thursday, February 10. Staff, students, and parents met to address the needs of students and collaborate to develop a plan for student success. This type of parent engagement is vital for both short and long term student success. Staff also worked hard to reach out to the parents of any student who was in danger of failing the quarter via telephone, email, or Remind.
 - ◆ Ashley Matheson is working to develop a Mental Health support for parents initiative which we are hoping to attach to our parent communication guides each week. Information about supporting the whole student, available resources and support, and other miscellaneous items will be included.
 - ◆ I would like to thank the winter sports athletes and coaches for their hard work, dedication, and for representing Arcanum proudly during the winter season. I would also like to thank Coach Moore, Kelly Kramer, Sheryl Kramer, Chey Kramer, Erica Byers, and Diane Denlinger for all their time, effort, and energy working games for us. Finally, I would like to thank all the parent volunteers, students, and community members for their cooperation throughout the season.

• 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 February, I met with every high school teacher about their goals that they set this year. Teachers have continued to work towards their goals throughout the first semester.
 - ◆ In February, we had our second parent-teacher conference of the school year. Thanks to our teachers who communicated with parents in various ways to ensure our students are trending successfully.
- Goal #2 – Principals support the implementation of high-quality standards based instruction that results in higher levels of achievement for all students.
 - ◆ I want to thank our teachers for their work with our juniors and sophomores at our ACT Boot Camp! Thanks to our students who participated in these learning sessions.
 - ◆ In February, we recognized our high school counselor Mrs. Kessler and our MS/Elem counselor Mrs. Matheson for National School Counselor's Week! Thank you to both of them for all that they do for our kids.
- Goal #3 – Principals allocate resources and manage school operations in order to ensure a safe and productive learning environment.
 - ◆ The February Students of the Month were Tyler Pfahler and Riley Ignaffo.

- Goal #4 – Principals establish and sustain collaborative learning and shared leadership to promote learning and achievement of all students.
 - ◆ I want 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 High Honors, Honors, Merit, Scholar Athlete, and Trojan Awards.
 - ◆ This year our students participated in the Darke County Science Fair. The high school had over twenty-five students participate in this program! Our students did a tremendous job representing our school at the event. Ten projects were rated Superior. We have twelve students moving onto the District Science Fair. Our students also won over \$1000 in cash prizes. Thanks to Mr. Kendig and Mrs. Brandon for their effort in coordinating our students. HS Science Fair Individual Awards:
 - Outstanding Project in Behavioral and Social Science: 1st place – Lani Hollinger and Jacob Rice; 3rd place – Tessa Riegle
 - Outstanding Project in Energy: 1st place – Caleb Hartman
 - Outstanding Project in Earth and Environmental Sciences: 2nd place – Ashton Paul
 - Outstanding Project in Medicine and Health Sciences: 2nd place – Chad Pitzer; 3rd place – Megan McCans
 - Outstanding Project in Physics and Astronomy: 1st place – Jorie McDermott
 - Wayne Health Care Award in Medicine and Health Sciences: Zeke Wright
 - Wayne Health Care Award in Behavioral and Social Sciences: Mariah Kreusch
 - Greenville Masonic Lodge Outstanding Project in Engineering: Mariah Kreusch
 - Cargill Best Abstract Award: Zeke Wright
 - Whirlpool Award: Tessa Riegle
 - Best Overall Project 3rd place: Zeke Wright
 - ◆ I want to commend the FFA for a great week of activities during FFA Week!
 - ◆ I would like to commend Mrs. Carroll and the FCCLA for providing meals for Rustic Hope. The group created over thirty meals for those in need.
 - ◆ Congrats to Charlie Barry and Ashton Paul for both qualifying for the district swim meet!
 - ◆ Congrats to Arcanum High School girls basketball players Hailey Unger, Taylor Gray, and Madelyn Fearon for receiving postseason honors from the Southwest District. Hailey was named first team and also the player of the year. Madelyn Fearon and Taylor Gray were named to the third team.
 - ◆ Congrats to Arcanum High School boys basketball players Nick Sharritts and Jake Goubeaux on being named Southwest District honorable mention.
- 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 want to thank our winter sports athletes, coaches, parents, and fans for an exciting winter sports season. A special thanks to Abbey Moore, Athletic Director; Kelly Kramer, Assistant Athletic Director; and Sheryl Kramer, Athletic secretary, for their winter season efforts.
 - ◆ We have started to distribute Serve Arcanum pamphlets throughout the community and have already started to receive responses. We look forward to serving our community.
 - ◆ Congrats to our student body that defeated Brookville High School in a “Souper Bowl” competition! Our students collected over 1000 cans of soup in three days! Adding to the fun of the activity we had competitions between flex classes during the three days.

• **Athletic Director’s Report**

- High School Boys Basketball – Varsity 14-8 (9-2) / JV 13-7 (9-2) / Freshman 2-6
 - ◆ Seniors: Jake Goubeaux, Ian Baker, Chase Werling, Isaiah Gilmore, Chad Pitzer
 - ◆ Cheer Seniors: Deborah Lee, Hailey Sager, Madelyn Shaffer, Rylee Wilson
 - ◆ Over 100 elementary girls participated in Cheer Fun Night
 - ◆ Won 1st round OHSAA Tournament v. Carlisle
 - ◆ Finished 3rd place in the WOAC
 - ◆ Set the following new record this season:

- Points Allowed in a Game – 13 v. Twin Valley South
- ◆ Postseason Recognition:
 - Western Ohio Athletic Conference Awards: *1st Team* – Jake Goubeaux, Nick Sharritts; *Special Mention* – Garrett Garno
 - District 9 Coaches Team: Jake Goubeaux
 - Southwest District All Media Team: *Honorable Mention* – Jake Goubeaux, Nick Sharritts
- High School Girls Basketball – Varsity 21-3 (10-1) / JV 13-4 (4-0)
 - ◆ Seniors: Madelyn Fearon, Taylor Gray, Meghan McCans, Hailey Unger, Ellie Fout
 - ◆ JV girls won the Dixie JV Holiday Tournament (Oakwood, Milton Union, Carlisle)
 - ◆ Finished 2nd place in the WOAC
 - ◆ Fell in the District Semifinals to Preble Shawnee
 - ◆ Ranked as high as #3 in the State AP Poll this season
 - ◆ Madelyn Fearon scored her 1000 pt v. Versailles
 - ◆ Taylor Gray scored her 1000 pt v. Eaton
 - ◆ College Commitments:
 - Madelyn Fearon – Ohio Dominican (NCAA D2)
 - Hailey Unger – USC Aiken (NCAA D2)
 - ◆ Set the following records this season
 - Career Points – 1576 – Hailey Unger
 - Most Wins – 21 (previous 20, 2020-2021 TEAM)
 - Most Assists Career – 400 – Madelyn Fearon
 - ◆ Postseason Recognition:
 - WOAC Awards: *1st Team* – Hailey Unger, Madelyn Fearon; *2nd Team* – Taylor Gray; *Special Mention* – Meghan McCans
 - District 9 Coaches All Star Team: Hailey Unger (D3 Player of the Year and N/S Representative); Madelyn Fearon; Taylor Gray
 - Southwest District All Media Team: *Co-Player of the Year* – Hailey Unger; *3^d Team* – Madelyn Fearon, Taylor Gray
- JH Boys Basketball – 7th grade 13-3 (10-1) / 8th grade 12-4 (9-2)
 - ◆ 7th grade WOAC Boys Basketball Tournament Runner-Up
 - ◆ 8th grade WOAC Boys Basketball Tournament Runner-Up
- JH Girls Basketball – 7th grade 12-0 (7-0) / 8th grade 11-5 (7-4)
 - ◆ 7th grade WOAC Girls Basketball Tournament CHAMPIONS
 - ◆ 8th grade Girls had a great season that ended in the Semifinals (#1 Mississinawa Valley)
- HS Wrestling
 - ◆ 126 Class – Landon Wagner
 - ◆ 150 Class – Micah Jarrett
 - ◆ 157 Class – Levi Rehmert
 - ◆ 165 Class – Noah Egnor
 - ◆ All individuals placed 2nd in their weight classes in the WOAC Championship
 - ◆ Troy Invitational – Landon Wagner placed 3rd
 - ◆ TCN Invitational – Team 2nd place; Levi Rehmert and Micah Jarrett 1st place
 - ◆ Sectional Results: Landon Wagner – 6th place; Levi Rehmert – 6th place
- JH Wrestling
 - ◆ 9 JH wrestlers
 - ◆ Team finished 2nd in the WOAC Wrestling Championship @ Dixie
 - ◆ Wyatt Schwartz 1st place in the 116 weight class

Adjourned at 8:22 p.m.