

**Arcanum-Butler Local School District**  
**REGULAR**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING UPDATE**  
**March 14, 2019**

All present.

**APPROVED:**

- Minutes from the regular board meeting held February 14, 2019. (vote – all yea)
- Treasurer's Report. (vote – all yea)
- Amended appropriations and estimated resources, as presented by the Treasurer. (vote – all yea)
- Donations in the amount of \$4450.02 from various donors for the Agricultural Multi-Use Building Capital Campaign. (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)
- Purchasing SRC Solutions, Inc., online registration and electronic management services at a cost of \$15,206. (vote – all yea)
- Brim Construction to install a standing seam roof over the existing roof on the shop for a cost of \$7200. (vote – all yea)
- General fund (001) transfer to Capital Project Fund – Multi Purpose Building (070-9018) in the amount of \$2,000,000.
- Brian Pohlman to take FFA members to the State FFA Convention held in Columbus OH on May 2-3, 2019. (vote – all yea)
- Brian Pohlman to take FFA members to the Ohio FFA Camp Muskingum in Carrollton OH on June 3-7, 2019. (vote – all yea)
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Washington D.C. May 21-24, 2019. (vote – all yea)
- Patty Carroll to take any FCCLA students that qualify to the National Cluster Meeting in Anaheim CA June 30-July 4, 2019. (vote – all yea)
- Policies: IKFB Graduation Exercises, JL Student Gifts and Solicitations, and GBI Staff Gifts and Solicitations. (vote – all yea)
- Updated job position for Food Services Manager. (vote – all yea)
- Salary schedule for the Food Service Manager position. (vote – all yea)
- Three year contract with Treasurer Brenda Hale for March 1, 2019, through July 31, 2022. (vote – all yea)
- Resignation for the purpose of retirement of Julia Rhoades, effective May 31, 2019. (vote – all yea)

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Jeremy and Carmen Unger expressed their concerns about the HS girls basketball program, in regards to what they believe are numerous conflicts and problems that occurred during the season.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

- Vision, Continuous Improvement and Focus of District Work
  - ♦ Emergency Operations Plans deemed compliant by ODE and Dept. of Homeland Security. Looking to schedule active shooter training next year, but TBD.
  - ♦ Building Project
    - Construction Update – Site work date TBD and ASAP; regular construction meetings every Monday.
    - March 15 @ 1:45 p.m. – Groundbreaking
    - Letters have been sent to all multi-year donors as a reminder. We have received several payments already.
- Communication and Collaboration
  - ♦ Congratulations to wrestler Jayden Heltsley.
  - ♦ Thank you Jason Schondelmyer, Kelly Kramer, Sheryl Kramer, Jason Stephan, Jason Vince, and Joni Pechie for work this winter associated with athletics.

- Policies and Governance
  - ◆ Policy Updates for review:
    - JED Student Absences and Excuses - HB 66 added the requirement that districts will attempt to contact a parent within 120 minutes of the start of the school day. Immunity is included which states that the school district is not liable in a civil action when acting in good faith compliance with the law.
    - JEE Student Attendance and Accounting - same as the above
    - JGD Student Suspension – HB 491 requires districts to address the make-up of work and grading assignments when a student is suspended.
    - JHG Reporting Child Abuse and Mandatory Training – HB 502 requires districts to provide training in youth suicide awareness and prevention programs every two years.
    - KGB Public Conduct on District Property – We are required by law to post signage regarding concealed carry.
    - Valedictorian & Salutatorian – This will be for a March vote
- Instruction
  - ◆ Thank you to teachers for efforts to communicate with parents during Parent/Teacher Conferences. Also, I want to thank teachers for their efforts with Blizzard Bag work. The end of the third nine weeks will be upon us in just a few weeks!
  - ◆ Thank you Arcanum PTO for sponsoring the Scholastic Book Fair.
  - ◆ Kindergarten held their annual Grandparents Day. This year kindergarten students added some song/dance to the program. Thank you to Mrs. Pechie, Mrs. Hootman, and kindergarten teachers Mrs. Binkley, Mrs. Barga, Mrs. Atkins, and Mrs. Beisner.
  - ◆ Enrollment Projects – Principals have completed projections for next year. With a continued increase in open enrollment requests, we need to closely monitor grade level numbers as well as building numbers. We have several classes that are “maxed out” and we are filling all seats (tables and chairs) throughout our building and the cafeteria.
- Resources
  - ◆ Cafeteria – status/plans (manager, deficit issue)

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORTS:**

- **Elementary**
  - Continuous Improvement and Vision (CIP Goal #1)
    - ◆ Lisa Combs discussed many strategies and behaviors for teachers to add to their “behavior toolkits” when dealing with challenging students at our February early release day.
    - ◆ Thank you to Ann Glasscoe, Jennie McCans, and Evette Paul for attending a PBIS conference and sharing new ideas and strategies with staff members to continue to build our building level program.
    - ◆ Thank you to all the staff members who volunteered their time to attend the Tac-Med training to ensure we continue to provide a safe and secure learning environment.
  - Instruction (CIP Goal #2)
    - ◆ Congratulations to Matty Noe, Haylee Bloom, Hannah Kendig, and Liam Chadwick for winning the Darke County Spelling Bowl. Matty represented Arcanum Elementary in the Spelling Bee.
    - ◆ The students and staff celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school by doing a variety of 100 day activities including a scavenger hunt and wearing 100 day shirts.
    - ◆ Thank you to Family Health and Mrs. Greve for speaking to all the students about the importance of dental health.
    - ◆ Thank you to Mr. TJ Powers for collaborating with the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teachers to dress up as Ben Franklin to review and teach the history of his life with the students.
    - ◆ Thank you to Ashley Matheson and David Baker for leading the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teachers in training for gifted testing, which will take place in the next few weeks.
    - ◆ We have over 60 students signed up for Kindergarten Screening to be held on March 21 and 22.
  - School Operations, Resources, and Learning Environment (CIP Goal #3)

- ◆ Congratulations to the February Trojans of the Month: Sam Garcia, Violet Angle, Wyatt Smith, Hallie Riffell, Mason Tegtmeyer, Blake Shives, Laci Dillman, Gabby Fugate, Harper Miller, Sadie Waldo, Ava Crist, Evan Cyphers, Josie Best, Maci Pechie, Addie Macy, Genevieve Dues, Landon Brothers, Landon Urlage, Kaylor Stout, Weston Stephens, and Davy Newhart.
- Collaboration (CIP Goal #4)
  - ◆ Thank you to the Stelvideo Grange for speaking with the third graders about their organization and giving every student a dictionary to take home.
  - ◆ Thank you to the Greenville Elks Lodge for donating over \$250 worth of school supplies to help students replenish their supplies mid-year.
- 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 8.
  - ◆ Over 100 parents celebrated Valentine's Day with the students during our annual parties.
  - ◆ 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.
  - ◆ The kindergarten hosted grandparent's day on March 1. Grandparents enjoyed a short program led by Mrs. Becky Hootman and spent time with the students talking and looking through their classrooms.
  - ◆ Thank you to the PTO for sponsoring the annual Book Bingo night. The FCCLA sold pizza dinners and over 100 students attended with their families to have fun while winning new books.
  - ◆ Thank you to Mary Stephens and Shala Urlage for organizing and planning the book fair for the elementary students. Students were able to purchase many new books for their home libraries.

## • 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.
  - ◆ Congrats to Allison Brumbaugh and Heather Sowers for receiving a Gold rating in the Junior Division of Chapter Service Display at the Regional Family Career and Community Leaders of America at Piqua on Saturday, March 2. Both Allison and Heather will represent Arcanum at the State Competition which is held in April. Best of luck to Mrs. Carroll, Allison, and Heather.
  - ◆ Thanks to Mrs. Bowser and the MS Student Council for leading a successful Pennies for Patients fundraiser this year. Students raised over \$3,800 in just three weeks which was roughly \$1,100 more than last year. Students participated in hat days, a music day, and were even able to duct tape their principal to a wall.
  - ◆ On Friday, February 22, Emily Magoteaux, the Greene County Prevention Specialist, presented the Alcohol Literacy Challenge to students in grades 6-8. They learned about the range of alcohol expectancies, the difference between pharmacological effects and placebo effects, and efforts by alcohol companies to portray positive alcohol expectancies in advertisements. The ALC aims to correct erroneous beliefs about the effects of alcohol, decreasing positive and increasing negative expectancies. These shifts in expectancies have been shown to predict lower levels of alcohol use.
  - ◆ Congrats to the following MS students for their success during this year's Science Fair.
    - Pearl Angle won 2<sup>nd</sup> place and \$75 BASF award in Chemistry.
    - Charlie Barry won 1<sup>st</sup> place and \$100 BASF award in Engineering.
    - Ashton Paul won \$50 Menke Family award in Earth and Environmental Science.
    - Raymond Brothers and Landon Flatter won 1<sup>st</sup> place and \$100 BASF award in Material Science.
    - Anna Stump won 2<sup>nd</sup> place, \$50 BASF award in Physics, and a 1 year family membership to the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery.
    - Anna Stump, Raymond Brothers and Landon Flatter, Hannah Kendig and Carley Rieman, Emma Rogers and MacKenzie Cantrell all received a superior rating

and are moving on to the District Science Fair at Edison Community College.  
Good luck to everyone involved!

- Standard 2: Instruction – Principals support the implementation of high-quality standards-based instruction that results in higher levels of achievement for all students.
  - ◆ Due to the use of calamity days, students have been required to submit two blizzard bags. Thanks to our staff for establishing engaging lessons for students so that they have quality lessons to participate in. In addition, thanks to our students for their efforts in getting them completed and turned in on time.
  - ◆ Thanks to Tara Hagan, Ashley Matheson, Joni Pechie, and David Baker for their efforts in getting the MS set up for state testing. Rosters have been set and double checked and we are currently working on ensuring that our special education students are placed in their least restrictive environment.
  - ◆ IU East presented to MS students on February 15 on the importance of post secondary education. This presentation includes valuable information on college, military, and career readiness. In addition, 8<sup>th</sup> graders attended UI East on Friday, March 8, for a campus tour and additional college information. Thanks to Mrs. Matheson for organizing the trip.
  - ◆ During the month of February, Ashley Matheson and Amy Seger provided students in grades 5-8 with college and career readiness lessons. These lessons focused on interest inventories, discussions on what to expect when attending college, and possible career options both locally and statewide.
- 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 for February: Bryce Kramer, Trinity Schweitzer, Sam Melchor, Micah Arbogast, Regan Christ, Ethan Ignaffo, and Alexis Melling.
  - ◆ Students of the Month – February: *5<sup>th</sup> grade* – Elleigh Baker and Tyler Israel; *6<sup>th</sup> grade* – Alexis Gibbons and Sam Rose; *7<sup>th</sup> grade* – Ashlyn Miller and Michael Mann; and *8<sup>th</sup> grade* – Heather Sowers and John Trittschuh.
  - ◆ Thanks to 5<sup>th</sup> grader Meredith Laux who organized a Cancer Awareness week the week of February 25. Students were encouraged to wear different colors each day of the week as part of the movement. Students raised awareness about breast cancer, organ cancer, leukemia, brain cancer, and thyroid cancer.
- Standard 4: Collaboration – Principals establish and sustain collaborative learning and shared leadership to promote learning and achievement of all students.
  - ◆ On February 27, the MS participated in a districtwide lockdown drill. Following the drill, the middle school staff met to discuss the outcome of the drill. Staff discussed ways to improve the safety of our students and ensure that we are doing the best job possible in protecting our staff and students in the case of an emergency. A follow-up discussion with John Wilson, school SRO, was held to discuss possible next steps and ways to increase student's awareness during emergency situations.
  - ◆ On February 27, the MS took part in the districtwide 2-hour early release for professional development. During this time, staff focused on updating and evaluating their Professional Growth Plans which were set back in September. Staff then laid out "next steps" that were necessary in helping staff and students reach their goals. In addition, staff was able to continue their work on RTI, Curriculum Mapping, and Vertical Alignment in preparation for state testing in April.
- 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.
  - ◆ Congrats to Elementary students Matty Noe and Haylee Bloom and MS students Hannah Kendig and William Chadwick for winning the Darke County Spelling Bowl which was held at Arcanum on February 26. This is the fourth consecutive Spelling Bowl Championship for Arcanum.

- ◆ Congrats to Coach Don Taylor and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys basketball team for their 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Cross County Conference basketball tournament.
- ◆ We would like to thank Hot Head Burrito in Greenville for their donation of free burritos as part of an initiative to increase student involvement in our PBIS program at Arcanum-Butler Middle School.
- ◆ Conference night was held on February 21. Staff, students, and parents met to address the needs of students and ways to ensure that students are not only prepared for the daily tasks in the classrooms, but for state testing and transitioning to 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, as well. Parents of struggling students were engaged in conversations about interventions that are in place for their child and asked to discuss other strategies that could be put into place by our staff to assist in their child's development. We feel this parent engagement is vital to students' success.
- ◆ Good luck to Mrs. Miller, Mr. Hootman, and all the MS students who are preparing for the Drama Department's production of *School for Nerds*. The play is set for Friday, March 8, and Saturday, March 9, at 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ Middle School *We Are the Majority* is planning a YMCA night for grades 5-8 on Friday, March 29. This night is to promote drug, tobacco, and alcohol free awareness. Students who attend get in free and receive a free tee shirt provided by the Coalition for a Healthy Darke County grant. Last year we had 108 students attend!

## • 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 in reference to their goals that they set this year. Teachers have continued to work towards their goals throughout the first semester.
    - ◆ During February we had our second parent/teacher conferences of the school year. The conferences were well attended by our parents and students.
  - 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 Mrs. Hagan, Mrs. Brandon, Mrs. Whittaker, Mrs. Kuhbander, and Mrs. Cyphers for their work with our juniors at our ACT Boot Camp! Thanks to our students who participated in these trainings.
    - ◆ Thank you to Mrs. McMurry for bringing in guest speaker Tracey Jackson from Dayton Children's Hospital. Mrs. Jackson talked to students about genetics and careers in genetic sciences.
  - Goal #3 – Principals allocate resources and manage school operations in order to ensure a safe and productive learning environment.
    - ◆ The February Student of the month were Kayla O'Daniel and JT Whittaker.
    - ◆ Thank you to Mark Pohl and Collin Habel for leading some of our teachers through TACMED training. I appreciate the additional information and knowledge provided to our staff.
  - 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 of superior projects qualifying for districts:
      - Jenna Beatty and Jenna Haney
      - Celeste Arnett
      - Madelyn Wogomon and Grace Wooten
      - Makenna Gunckel
- Thanks to Mr. Kendig, Mrs. McMurry, 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. FFA Week was a huge success for the first time back with the various activities including:
  - Dress Up Dates
  - Staff Appreciation Donuts
  - Kiss the Pig Fundraiser
- ◆ Thanks to our students and staff who helped promote the Rhodehamel family. The students have raised money, visited Zane, and purchased t-shirts that has the proceeds to go to the family.
- ◆ Congrats to Arcanum High School Senior Isabella Gable on her amazing accomplishments at the OHSA State Swim Meet. Isabella placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the 500 freestyle and placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 200 freestyle.
- 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 Jason Schondelmyer, Athletic Director; Kelly Kramer, Assistant Athletic Director; and Sheryl Kramer, Athletic Secretary for their efforts during the winter season.
  - ◆ Congrats to John Stephens, Shawn Hein, and the late Richard O'Dell who were named to the Arcanum Athletic Hall of Fame. Thanks to the Arcanum Hall of Fame Committee, the Arcanum Booster Club, and the Arcanum Athletic Department for organizing the event.
  - ◆ 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.

Adjourned at 9:55 p.m.