

Arcanum-Butler Local School District
REGULAR
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING UPDATE
November 9, 2017

APPROVED:

- Minutes from the regular board meeting held October 12, 2017. (vote – all yea)
- Amended appropriations for FY18, as presented by the Treasurer. (vote – all yea)
- Contract with Duane Morris Government Strategies, LLC, for fundraising consulting at a cost of \$3500/mo per contract agreement. (vote – all yea)
- Contract with O'Daniel Construction to complete concrete and roofing work associated with the concession stand at a cost of \$20,000. (vote – all yea)
- WESWURD, LLC, to provide Ohio Medicaid School Program Services from July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2020. (vote – all yea)
- Renewal of contract with Kimberly Chowning to provide treasurer consulting services on an as needed basis. (vote – all yea)
- Acceptance of \$3,000 from the Coalition for a Healthy Darke County in the form of a Substance Abuse Education and Prevention grant. (vote – all yea)
- Acceptance of \$400 donation from the Anna Bier Gallery to the high school art department. (vote – all yea)
- Usage agreement with Arcanum Youth Wrestling Association for the 2017-2018 school year. (vote – all yea)
- Superintendent's recommendation to partner with the Darke County ESC's Business Advisory Council to fulfill and perform the functions associated with H.B. 49 on behalf of the Arcanum-Butler Local School District. (vote – all yea)
- Resolution of the Arcanum-Butler Local Schools Board of Education in Support of Ohio Senate Bill 216. (vote – all yea)
- Updated gifted policies and procedures as presented by the Superintendent. (vote – all yea)
- Employment of Christine Dickey as a bus driver beginning December 4, 2017. (vote – all yea)
- Volunteer coaches for the 2017-2018 school year: Assistant HS girls basketball – Abby Ross; Assistant HS boys basketball – Nick Fischer; Head HS girls gymnastics – Jessica Pothast. (vote – all yea)

DISCUSSED:

- Treasurer's Report

PROGRAMS

- Presentation by Mr. Adam Timmerman and 7th graders Charlie Barry, Lani Hollinger, Claire Lemons, Eain Parks, Ashton Paul, and Aiden Psczulkoski about the mulch path to the Land Lab. They shared their calculation methods and challenges for determining the amount of mulch needed and the cost.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- Vision, Continuous Improvement and Focus of District Work
 - ◆ A special thank you to the administrative team and the DLT for their work this first nine weeks to focus on goals and action plans associated with the Continuous Improvement Plan.
- Communication and Collaboration
 - ◆ Congratulations to our fall athletes, band members and coaches for an outstanding fall season! Commendations to our teams and individuals as presented by Brian Sprada.
 - ◆ Fall Edition of "District Insight" being sent to residents of the district and will be made available online.
- Policies and Governance
 - ◆ 2018-2019 calendar suggestions and thoughts on draft.
- Instruction

- ◆ Parent/Teacher Conferences are being held tonight for all students and November 16 for EL/MS students.
- ◆ Special thanks to SRO Jeramy Hyden who coordinated bringing in distracted driving simulators for high school students last week as well as Careflight to provide a presentation about distracted driving.
- Resources
 - ◆ I would like to welcome bus driver Chris Dickey to our transportation team as a full-time regular bus driver.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORTS:

• **Elementary**

- Continuous Improvement and Vision (CIP Goal #1)
 - ◆ The elementary DLT continues to focus on areas of strengths and weaknesses in academic areas and develop action plans to improve these areas.
 - ◆ The staff recently had a whole group instructional meeting led by April Hoying, from the Darke County ESC, to provide testing trends and key vocabulary that teachers should be using in their daily lessons.
- Instruction (CIP Goal #2)
 - ◆ Congratulations to Heather Wackler on being selected as the Western Ohio Art Teacher of the Year.
 - ◆ Third grade students completed the Fall AIR reading assessment on October 25 & 26. Thank you to the third grade teachers, David Baker, and all the other teachers who helped administer the test successfully. The results will be posted in December.
 - ◆ The instructional team leaders, Tiffany Stephan and Brooke Clevenger, are working with teachers to administer writing assessments and build consistency among grade levels.
 - ◆ Second grade students recently read a book titled the Lemonade Stand. They used the book as a learning tool when having their annual bake sale to raise funds for the Wounded Warrior Project.
- School Operations, Resources, and Learning Environment (CIP Goal #3)
 - ◆ Mrs. Matheson continues to meet with grade levels to provide character education. This month's focus was respect and bullying prevention. Mrs. Matheson does a fantastic job working with the students and a very nice article was written in the Daily Advocate about her lesson.
 - ◆ COSI on Wheels came to Arcanum Elementary with a presentation on Energy for first through fourth grade students. The students participated in a large group assembly and had time to experiment with several hands-on activities. Thank you to the PTO for sponsoring this event every year and to the high school science students who volunteered to assist the students.
 - ◆ Congratulations to the October Trojans of the Month: David Johnston, Peter Menzie, Weston Hatfield, Kayla Miles, William Schwartz, Julia Arbogast, Harlow Etherington, Truman Angle, Sadie Waldo, Callum Chadwick, Rees Hoffman, Ella Warren, Gabrielle Wooten, Andrew Bennett, Payton Brinson, Jace Mote, Madison Schwartz, Lona Dillman, Meridith Laux, Robby Denniston, and Faith Wooten.
 - ◆ The first quarter PBIS assembly was Friday, November 3. The students celebrated their accomplishments from the first quarter and continue to learn how to follow the Trojan Way.
- Collaboration (CIP Goal #4)
 - ◆ The elementary joined the middle and high school in celebrating Red Ribbon week and promote drug awareness by dressing up to different themes each day.
 - ◆ 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.
 - ◆ The Darke County Center for the Arts provided an entertaining musical performance, the Zydeco Experience, for the 4th grade students.
- Parents and Community Engagement (CIP Goal #5)
 - ◆ The Trojans of the Month celebrated their accomplishments with their parents and teachers at a breakfast on Thursday, November 9.
 - ◆ The Arcanum Early Learning Center led the way for the annual Halloween community parade.
 - ◆ Over 100 parents joined us to celebrate Harvest Parties with the students.

- ◆ Partnered with Sutton's to provide art work for their annual Roadshow.

• 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.
 - ◆ The middle school had their 1st quarter assembly on Friday, November 3, recognizing those students on honor roll, merit roll, and perfect attendance. This was the first year our teachers also nominated a Growth Mindset Award for a student in their class. We also had our Trojans Essentials Grand Finale Contest where the classroom winners had the opportunity to present their essential to the entire building.
 - ◆ A big thanks to Mrs. Matheson who brought in IU East to present to each grade. The focus was on the importance of education along with the many offerings IU East brings to the table.
 - ◆ The 8th graders took their annual field trip to MVCTC to learn more about the vast variety of program offerings available to them when they become juniors. A big thanks to Mrs. Matheson for organizing the trip and to Mr. Kendig and Mr. Gruell for helping out.
- Standard 2: Instruction – Principals support the implementation of high-quality standards-based instruction that results in higher levels of achievement for all students.
 - ◆ With the IEP season in full swing, I wanted to thank our intervention specialists for all their hard work in preparing our students for another successful year. Mrs. Garbig, Mrs. Seger, and Mrs. Tegtmeyer have done an outstanding job of planning and meeting with our students and their families.
 - ◆ The Academic Team is currently in their fall season. A big thanks to Mrs. Painting for all her help with the MS Academic Team.
 - ◆ The 5th and 6th graders had an assembly put on by Darke County Arts in Education. Two time Grammy Award Winners Terrance Simien and the Zydeco Experience discussed the New Orleans Cajun Culture and delighted the crowd with many different songs. The 7th and 8th graders were able to go to Memorial Hall to watch the group SIX APPEAL do their a cappella performance and show how each part works to result in perfect harmony.
- 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.
 - ◆ Congratulations to Mrs. Garbig, Mr. Timmerman and the 8th grade class as their DC fundraiser sold \$7650 of laundry detergent and trash bags to help fund their trip.
 - ◆ T-Shirt Tuesday Winners: Brooke Anderson, Payton Parks, Katie Michael, Carter Rice, Noah Egnor, Michael Mann, John Trittschuh, Caleb Burke, Alex Rader, and Brandon Miller.
 - ◆ October Students of the Month: Landon Wagner, Morgan Weaver, Blake Weaver, Carley Rieman, Nate Wright, Allison Brumbaugh, Jack Reed, and Jorie McDermott.
 - ◆ A big thanks to Mr. Weibel for another successful Veteran's Day assembly. Excellent job by everyone involved to make this meaningful day a success.
- Standard 4: Collaboration – Principals establish and sustain collaborative learning and shared leadership to promote learning and achievement of all students.
 - ◆ A big thanks to Kathy Burns for her work in training the staff in the new WEP forms for gifted students. Staff members now have a more efficient and consistent mode of developing Written Education Plans for students.
 - ◆ The entire district participated on the Waiver Day Professional Development opportunity on Monday, October 9. SOITA representatives presented Google Apps for Education, along with a tabletop discussion varying crisis situations for the school as well as Edgenuity presenting their offerings for middle and high school staff members.
- 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.
 - ◆ Thanks to each of the grade level staff members for putting on a 1:1 parent Chromebook night. Teachers demonstrated to parents and students what resources they are using and how to navigate through the LMS Schoology.
 - ◆ Congratulations to the 7th grade class and their win in the student council food drive competition. The 8th grade came in a close second, losing by only one item. Total, the

middle school raised over 1800 items for donation! A big thanks to the middle school student council and Mrs. Bowser for organizing the food drive!

- ◆ The 7th grade class officers also held their fall dance on Friday, November 3. Thanks to Mrs. Bowser and all the student council members for their hard work in preparing for the dance!
- ◆ Thanks to the middle school staff for their efforts in communicating with parents in regards to Parent/Teacher Conferences. Staff members reached out to parents in a variety of different ways including TrojanGrams, phone calls, and emails.
- ◆ Congratulations to the football team for their 6-1-1 finish this season and the girls cross country team for their 2nd place CCC finish.

- **High School**

- Goal #1 – Principals help create a shared vision and clear goals for their schools and ensure continuous progress toward achieving the goals.
 - ◆ I would like to thank Mrs. Hagan 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 would like to thank Mrs. Hagan for organizing the FAFSA completion night for students and parents. This event allowed for parents going through the FAFSA for the first time to work with Mrs. Hagan and financial aid representatives from Sinclair to complete the process.
 - ◆ All teachers completed WEP's for the students in the building. WEP's are for students identified as gifted and outline what we are going to do to ensure their needs are met.
 - ◆ Our sophomores took a college visit to Sinclair. Our students in grades 9, 10, and 11 will attend a college visit this year at various nearby universities. Thanks to our grade level teachers for organizing this event.
- Goal #2 – 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 9, our staff worked on a variety of topics including DataMap, Google training, and Edgenuity. Thank you to David Baker for his effort with this event.
 - ◆ Our juniors received their practice ACT test scores back and we have reviewed the scores and results with the staff. The teachers were provided with key points to focus on to improve student scores when we take our actual ACT in March.
- Goal #3 – Principals allocate resources and manage school operations in order to ensure a safe and productive learning environment.
 - ◆ October Students of the Month: Noah Scarberry and Macy Skelton
 - ◆ 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 the month of October! Both of these events promoted safe and positive choices for our students!
- Goal #4 – 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 the National Manufacturing Day activities here in Darke County. Our sophomores toured Ramco to learn about the various career opportunities.
 - ◆ In October, Mrs. Hagan and I met with all seniors who are not on track to graduate. We have outlined a plan of action for getting all students graduated.
 - ◆ I would like to commend Mrs. Brandon and our high school students for their help with the COSI on Wheels program for the elementary students.
 - ◆ Our Arcanum FFA Dairy team competed at the World Dairy Expo in Wisconsin during the month of October. Alex Weiss, Samantha McAllister, and Sidney McAllister competed in the Dairy Judging competition. Thanks to Mr. Pohlman for taking them to the event. The FFA also had students attend the National FFA Convention and the Greenhand Conference.
- 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 commend Mr. Pfahler, the National Honor Society, the entire student body and staff of Arcanum High School, and the community of Arcanum 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 set a new record of 4,998 food items, plus we donated an additional 300 dollars to the food banks.

- ◆ I would like to commend Mrs. Marsh and the Marching Band for their effort with the Halloween Parade and scoring a “one” at the OMEA State Marching Band Finals.
- ◆ The Serve Arcanum committee has started the planning for this year’s event. The process will really start gaining momentum as we head into the winter months.
- ◆ Currently we are promoting our Senior Citizens’ luncheon throughout town. The luncheon will be on Wednesday, December 6, at 1:30 p.m. in the cafetorium. We will have music provided by our high school band and our middle school choir. We will also have art projects from students.
- ◆ I would like to congratulate our fall athletes and band for a great fall sports season. I would like to thank our coaches, advisors, students, and parents for the effort that they put forward. I would like to provide a special thanks to Mr. Brian Sprada and Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Kramer for their efforts to make sure each event goes smoothly. I would like to congratulate our seniors and their parents for their successes throughout the past four years.
- ◆ This October, our PBIS theme was Make a Difference! Throughout the month, our PBIS team would celebrate groups within our building that make a difference as well as organizations our students can join after high school to make a difference.

Adjourned at 9:28 p.m.