

Arcanum-Butler Local School District
REGULAR
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING UPDATE
October 13, 2022

Absent – Mr. Trask

APPROVED:

- Minutes from the regular board meeting held September 8, 2022, and the agenda for the October 13, 2022, meeting. (vote – all yea)
- Financial report, as presented by the Treasurer. (vote – all yea)
- Resolution to allow the EPC to advertise and receive bids, on the school's behalf, for school bus purchase. (vote – all yea)
- Douglass Construction to complete press box construction at the baseball field at a cost of \$38,400. (vote – all yea)
- Classified subs: Tina Melling, Marcella Bradshaw, Nichol Fourman, Michelle Mikesell, and Lucas Miller. (vote – all yea)
- Resignations: Stevie Johnting – JV girls basketball coach; Kip Gray – Asst HS girls basketball coach; Charity Wright – concession stand. (vote – all yea)
- Supplemental contracts for the 2022-2023 school year: Kip Gray – JV girls basketball; Stevie Johnting – Asst HS girls basketball coach; Stevie Johnting – Head JH girls basketball (8th gr stipend); Rachel Fearon – Asst JH girls basketball (7th gr stipend); Katie Boston – Gymnastics; Randy Baker – Varsity baseball; Michael Morris – Varsity softball; Katie Jenkins – JV softball; Jon Junkins – Head HS track; Adam Klipstine – HS asst track; Andrew Bryant – Head MS track; Tim Pfahler – MS asst track. (vote – all yea)
- Volunteers for the 2022-2023 school year: Jack Kinninger – Varsity softball; Ben Garbig – Varsity softball; Mark Garbig – Varsity softball; Kennedy Morris – JV softball; Mark Wiseman – HS boys basketball; Deron Gunkle – HS boys basketball; Thomas Kessler – track; Justin Rench – Varsity baseball; Conner Pohl – Varsity baseball.
- Leave of absence for Janet Trask as permitted under ORC 3319.13. (vote – all yea)
- High school participation in indoor track for the 2022-2023 school year.
- To schedule wrestling matches on selected Wednesday evenings.
- Arcanum High School Band to take an overnight trip to compete at the Bands of America Grand National Championships in Indianapolis IN. The students will leave after school on November 9 and return on November 10. The students will be transported by bus. (vote – all yea)
- Policies EBC Emergency Management and Safety Plans; IGCH-R College Credit Plus; IGDJ Interscholastic Athletics; IGDK Interscholastic Extracurricular Eligibility; KMA Relations With Support Organizations; KMA-R Relations With Support Organizations. (vote – all yea)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Vision, Continuous Improvement and Focus of District Work
 - ◆ October District Leadership Team Highlights
 - ◆ State Report Card Review
 - ◆ OFCC Safety Grant Work Update
- Communication and Collaboration
 - ◆ Boys Golf – Congrats to the back to back WOAC Co-Champs and Sectional Champs! Will Brubaker was named Player of the Year in the WOAC and Coach Jordan Greve the Co-Coach of the Year.
 - ◆ Way to go FFA Ag Technology and Mechanical Systems team who were named Champions at the Big E Fair! Caleb Hartman placed 1st overall, Luke Brinksneider 5th, Nate Wright 7th, and Carson Tegtmeyer 8th. Recent graduate Landon Haney was named the Big E Star in Agribusiness. Congratulations to the guys and Mr. Pohlman on a great showing for Arcanum!
 - ◆ Arcanum Alumni Committee update
 - ◆ Use of the additional exit and feedback on the communications efforts.

- Policies and Governance
 - ◆ OSBA Draft Policies for a Vote
- Instruction
 - ◆ A special thank you to HS Principal Jason Stephan and his staff for the first “Real Life Wednesday”.
 - ◆ Principals are completing first round observations.
- Resources
 - ◆ Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting Update
 - ◆ In recognition of National School Lunch Week, October 10-14, I would like to thank our Cafeteria Staff for efforts to not only meet the nutritional needs of our students, but for providing an abundance of great options for our kids and staff.
 - ◆ In recognition of National School Bus Safety Week, October 17-21, I would like to thank our Transportation and Drivers for all of their efforts to keep our students safe! A public release will be posted on our social media and sent to our local media in recognition of the week titled, **“1 Bus + 1 Driver = a BIG Impact on Education.”**

PRINCIPAL’S REPORTS:

- Elementary
 - Continuous Improvement and Vision (CIP Goal #1)
 - ◆ During the two hour early release on September 28, teachers developed reading improvement and monitoring plans (RIMPS) for students who are not on track in reading, and written education plans (WEPS) for students who have been identified in gifted areas. Students on RIMPS are receiving interventions to build their reading skills, and students on WEPS participate in enrichment and challenging activities and an enhanced curriculum.
 - ◆ Students continue to show positive behaviors through the grade level PBIS Trojan Points system. All grade levels earned 50 points and participated in the monthly first Friday movie reward during lunch.
 - Instruction (CIP Goal #2)
 - ◆ Thank you to Ashley Matheson, Megan Smith, and the We Are the Majority group for leading Start With Hello Week. Students learned and participated in activities to promote kindness and build empathy in the classroom to include others.
 - ◆ Amanda Herzog and Beth Piel have identified 8-10 students in first and second grade who present to have dyslexic characteristics and are using a new program, Orton Guillingham, to provide daily intensive lessons and activities with these students.
 - ◆ AELC has been busy assessing students and working on recognizing letters and numbers using a variety of hands on activities.
 - ◆ First grade students used pumpkins to do a variety of math and science lessons.
 - ◆ Second grade students learned about the history of Johnny Appleseed and made apple butter.
 - ◆ Third grade students participated in a month long reading activity and celebrated their accomplishments with an ice cream party on the playground.
 - ◆ Fourth grade students are using the new program IXL in all subjects to provide differentiated learning lessons.
 - ◆ Third grade students will be taking the fall AIR ELA test on October 18 and 19. They will be taking the paper and pencil version of the test. The 3rd grade teachers, along with Mrs. Shepherd and Mrs. Glasscoe, have been doing a variety of activities to prepare students for the test.
 - ◆ AELC, kindergarten, and first grade students visited Brumbaugh’s Fruit Farm in September. The students learned about apples and pumpkins and had a fun time with their classmates and teachers.
 - School Operations, Resources, and Learning Environment (CIP Goal #3)
 - ◆ The 1st grade teachers partnered with the Light Foundation to once again have students participate in the Light Project. Students complete different reading and science related activities and work towards different incentives.

- ◆ Congratulations to the September Students of the Month for demonstrating a growth mindset – Oakley McLain, Carsyn Means, Grace Schwieterman, Hadrian Hill, Parker James, Olivia Paulus, Daxton Riggs, Katie Stiver, Nash Gilbert, Luke Bernard, Haisley Oda, Charlotte Howell, Isaac Rausch, Payge Oda, Navie Moore, Hannah Morgan, Aberrey Thacker, Seth Richard, and Hannah Morgan. The students had breakfast with me, along with a Kona Ice treat.
- ◆ The student council sponsored Spirit Week during Homecoming Week. The students enjoyed ending the week with a districtwide pep assembly.
- ◆ Thank you to Rhonda Williams, OSU Extension Agent, for teaching 3rd grade students about soil, fertilization, and plants.
- Collaboration, Parents, and Community Engagement
 - ◆ Thank you to Andy Rammel from the Arcanum Fire Department for speaking with our students about fire prevention and safety.
 - ◆ We would like to thank Kreitzer Funeral Home and R.J. Warner Insurance Agency for providing books to all first and fourth grade students about being a good citizen and character traits.
 - ◆ The Kindergarten Club and PTO had their first meetings and are beginning to plan events to get families involved in and out of the classroom.
- **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 newly elected MS Student Council Members: *5th grade* – Elexie Fout, Weston Hatfield, Lilly Moore, Luke Stutz; *6th grade* – Ella Beisner, Erica Garber, Weston Schmidt, Isaac Wiant; *7th grade* – Landon Brothers, Brooklynne Eley, Haddasah Hatfield, Leland Neumaier; *8th grade* – President Cameron Garbig, Matty Noe, Madie Schwartz, Luke Stephens.
 - ◆ Congratulations to our September Students of the Month: *5th grade* – Diamond Hying (new student) and Mitch Miller (new student); *6th grade* – Katrina Baker and Kaden Brandenburg; *7th grade* – Ella Warren and Avery Bowser; *8th grade* – Ashton Turpin and Clark Dues.
 - ◆ Congratulations to our September T-shirt Tuesday Winners: Diamond Hying, Kymmeri Joslin, Raelynn Branham, Brooklynne Eley, Konner Delk, and Natalee Miller.
 - ◆ Congratulations to the 2022-2023 AB MS Class Officers: Danicka Michael, Brycelin Troutwine, Isaiah Frazee, and Ella Flatter.
 - Standard 2: Instruction – Principals support the implementation of high-quality standards-based instruction that results in higher levels of achievement for all students.
 - ◆ Mrs. Dickman's 5th graders used their knowledge of light and thermal energy to design and build dog house prototypes to protect a puppy from the thermal energy of the sun. Students tested them with heat lamps to simulate the sun, and measured the temperature inside and outside the dog houses.
 - ◆ In 6th grade science, students used microscopes to look for micro-organisms in pond water. Students have been working on learning how to properly use microscopes and search for plant and animal cells, as well.
 - ◆ Mrs. Bowser's science classes have been measuring the dissolving rate of Alka Seltzer tablets. Students have been learning about lab safety and applying their knowledge to several other hands-on-activities.
 - 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.
 - ◆ MS picture day took place on September 8. Thanks to Handshoe Photography and Lisa Parker for helping organize the day and ensuring that everyone was prepared.
 - ◆ A-B held our first fire drill on September 9. Thank you to Officer Yount for assisting in checking for safety concerns.
 - ◆ A-B held our first lockdown drill on September 20. All staff executed the drill effectively and no issues were reported.

- ◆ During the week of October 3, all 5th grade students completed IOWA and CogAT testing. Thanks to Ashley Matheson, David Baker, our SPED Department, and each of our 5th grade teachers for ensuring the testing ran smoothly.
- Standard 4: Collaboration – Principals establish and sustain collaborative learning and shared leadership to promote learning and achievement of all students.
 - ◆ Thank you to Ashley Matheson, Megan Smith, and the MS staff for working hard to coordinate Start With Hello Week. Start With Hello Week kicked off on Monday, September 26, and ran through Friday, September 30. Start With Hello is a violence prevention program created by Sandy Hook Promise that encourages students to recognize when another student is alone, ways to reach out and help lonely or socially isolated students, and find different ways to connect with students and build a socially inclusive community.
 - ◆ Thanks to Anita Dehner from the Darke County ESC for assisting our staff with WEP Goals during our September 28 two hour early release. During this training, staff was able to design learning goals for each of our gifted students who are identified in the areas of math, reading, creative thinking, and super cognitive ability. Ongoing progress monitoring will take place throughout the school year and parents will be notified of their child's progress.
- 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.
 - ◆ Mr. Hopwood held our 5th grade band parent meeting on September 20. We had 22 5th graders sign up for band. Each of whom is eagerly waiting for their instruments to arrive. Our plan is to have the 5th grade band begin the week of October 10.
 - ◆ On September 27, counselors and administrators met with representatives from Premier Health to examine possible programs that could be offered to the district, and specific to the middle school. We are hopeful to work on a career-based program for our upper MS students.
 - ◆ The first Washington DC parent meeting was held on Wednesday, September 14. Parents met with K&K Tours to receive important trip information. Planning for the 2023 trip to Washington DC is ongoing. Thank you to Mrs. Garbig and Mrs. Tegtmeyer for organizing the first meeting. A second meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 26.
 - ◆ On October 5, Erin Tegtmeyer and Colton Troutwine met with Rhonda Williams from the OSU Extension Office to discuss the organization and implementation of a Reality Fair for our 8th grade students in May of 2023.
 - ◆ National Manufacturing Day took place on Friday, October 7. This year our 8th graders visited Henny Penny in Eaton, OH. Thank you to Mrs. Matheson for organizing the event. In addition, thank you to Kevin Stanley for organizing transportation and Mrs. Peltier, Mr. Troutwine, Mrs. Bowser, and Mrs. Holman for chaperoning the trip.

• 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 September, all teachers created their goals for the school year. I have met with each teacher and will meet with them throughout the year to review their goals.
 - ◆ Mrs. Kessler held our annual College Night for seniors and their parents. Mrs. Kessler provided a presentation to our parents and students, and a representative of Edison provided financial aid information.
- Goal #2 – Principals support the implementation of high-quality standards based instruction that results in higher levels of achievement for all students.
 - ◆ Teacher evaluations using the Ohio Evaluation System have been started and will continue throughout the school year.
 - ◆ All teachers have also turned in their classroom syllabus and behavior plan.
 - ◆ We want to thank Darke County Center for the Arts and their guests, 4th Avenue, for providing our students with an excellent Arts in Education assembly!
 - ◆ I want to congratulate our students, staff, and organizer, Mrs. Carroll, for the great work with the Blood Drive. This was our first Blood Drive of the year!

- ◆ During September, our FFA program had an excellent start for the school year! The students participated in soil judging and did a great job. We also had our Ag Tech and Mechanical Systems team win the Big E Fair championship! Team members include Luke Brinksneider, Carson Tegtmeyer, Caleb Hartman, and Nate Wright. Landon Haney also traveled to the Big E and was named the Big E Star in Agribusiness!
- Goal #3 – Principals allocate resources and manage school operations in order to ensure a safe and productive learning environment.
 - ◆ The September Students of the Month were June Cooke and Aidan Psczulkoski.
- Goal #4 – Principals establish and sustain collaborative learning and shared leadership to promote learning and achievement of all students.
 - ◆ During the two hour release professional development opportunity, we were able to work with Mrs. Anita Dehner on WEPS. Thank you for allowing us to have this opportunity.
 - ◆ On Wednesday, September 28, we held our first “Real Life” Wednesday event. This event provided students with opportunities to learn about “Real Life” issues that we face as adults. Thanks to our teachers, staff, guest speakers, and students for a great day!
- 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.
 - ◆ Congrats to our boys golf team for being WOAC Co-Champs, winning the sectional tournament, and qualifying for the district golf tournament.

Adjourned at 8:29 p.m