

Arcanum-Butler Local School District
REGULAR
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING UPDATE
January 14, 2021

All present

ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS:

- Officers for 2021: President – Ed Everman; Vice-President – Eric Moore. (all yea)
- Established date, time, and place of regular monthly Board meetings for 2021. Meetings to be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Board office on the second Thursday of the month, with the exception of the June meeting which will be held the fourth Thursday, June 24. (all yea)
- Authorized Treasurer to invest any inactive funds during 2021. (all yea)
- Authorized Treasurer to pay all bills for 2021, subject to limitations of appropriations. (all yea)
- Authorized Board President and Treasurer to make advance draws against real estate tax collections for 2021. (all yea)
- Authorized Superintendent and Treasurer to attend those business and professional meetings deemed necessary during 2021, with expenses paid, exclusive of out-of-state overnight trips and meetings, to promote education and to properly conduct the business of the school district. (all yea)
- Appointed Superintendent as the purchasing agent for the District for 2021, subject to the limitations of appropriations and \$5000 per unit purchased from all funds. (all yea)
- Appointed the Superintendent as the official representative of the District for all state or federal government Title projects for 2021. (all yea)
- Appointed the Superintendent as the official representative of the District regarding the district's membership in the Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Cooperative for 2021. (all yea)
- Authorized the Superintendent to employ and/or accept resignations of personnel on behalf of the Board during time when the Board is not in session, subject to ratification by the Board. Upon ratification by the Board, the employment and/or resignation shall be deemed effective as of the date and time of the Superintendent's offer and/or acceptance. (all yea)
- Approved \$3500 for the Athletic Department checking account for game official fees and event fees. (all yea)
- Authorized the Treasurer to make any necessary budget modifications, with said modifications presented to the Board for approval at the next regular meeting. (all yea)
- Superintendent Committees for 2021: Buildings and Grounds – Mr. Moore and Mr. Norris; Negotiations and Finance – Mrs. Delk and Mr. Everman
- Appointed Mr. Norris as OSBA Legislative Liaison for 2021.
- Appointed Mr. Trask as OSBA Student Achievement Liaison for 2021.

APPROVED:

- Minutes from the regular board meeting held December 10, 2020. (vote – all yea)
- FY22 Tax Budget as presented by the Treasurer. (vote – all yea)
- OSBA Legal Assistance Fund for 2021 at a cost of \$250. (vote – all yea)
- OSBA membership and publications for 2021 at a cost of \$4212. (vote – all yea)
- Acceptance of donations in the amount of \$18,150.02 from various donors for the Agricultural Multi-Use Building Capital Campaign. (vote – all yea)
- Amended appropriations and estimated resources for FY21, as recommended by the Treasurer. (vote – all yea)
- Agreement with the village of Arcanum to authorize the village to install a sidewalk or some other hard surface from Trojan Estates to the public walking path on the school property. (vote – all yea)
- To create the following funds: 015-9021 Tri-County Board Grant; 022-9001 Deposit of Unclaimed Funds; 020-9604 Donation for PS tuition. (vote – all yea)

- Acceptance of a \$110,758.58 refund from BWC. (vote – all yea)
- Payment of \$8625 to BWC for a recollected grant. (vote – all yea)
- Revised Cares Act subgrant agreement with Twin Township and the Cares Act subgrant agreement with Van Buren Township for additional monies. (vote – all yea)
- Updated Five Year Forecast, as presented by the Treasurer. (vote – all yea)
- Purchase obligated prior to the certification of the purchase order: \$5500 to Transfinder Corporation, invoice #42580, dated 12/3/2020. (vote – all yea)
- Policies: BDC Executive Session; DH Bonded Employees and Officers; DJB Petty Cash Accounts; DM Deposit of Public Funds; EDE Computer/Online Services; and EDE-E Computer Network Agreement Form. (vote – all yea)
- 2021-2022 calendar. (vote – all yea)
- Cancellation of Patty Carroll's Chance of a Lifetime leave request that was approved at the November 12, 2020, meeting. (vote – all yea)
- Tammy Humphrey as a sub bus driver. (vote – all yea)
- Usage agreement with Arcanum Youth Baseball. (vote – all yea)
- Resignation of Chris Kessler as head HS track coach and approve her as a volunteer assistant coach. (vote – all yea)
- Resolution to expand employment of substitute teachers, who do not hold a post-secondary degree, through June 30, 2021. (vote – all yea)

DISCUSSED:

- Treasurer's Report

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- Proposed FY22 tax budget
- Proposed 2021-2022 school calendar

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- Vision, Continuous Improvement and Focus of District Work
 - ◆ COVID Update
 - Mr. Stephens provided an update on COVID including a plan for vaccination distribution.
- Communication and Collaboration
 - ◆ SRO Reduction – The village Council approved a reduction of the SRO billing equaling \$10,000 for 2020-2021. Thank you to Mayor Millard, Chief Ballinger, Fiscal Officer Toni Stanley, and the Arcanum Council for the thoughtful reduction.
- Policies and Governance
 - ◆ FCCRA – Was not extended, but there is a voluntary extension that can be done (businesses can receive tax credits, but it doesn't apply for schools).
 - ◆ Threat Assessment Bill – effective 2022-2023 that districts have threat assessment training, teams, and reporting mechanism.
 - ◆ OSBA policies (for a vote in January)
 - BDC Executive Sessions – Better clarification on disclosure of confidential information. ORC 102.03(B) prohibits disclosing confidential info.
 - DH Bonded Employees and Officers – Position bonds are not in use by many districts. The updates allow for flexibility district liability insurance.
 - DM Deposit of Public Funds – Auditor issued an update for “best practices”. While there are quite a few changes on the policy side, our procedures closely align with the recommendations.
 - DJB Petty Cash is updated to reflect the changes in DM.
 - EDE (EDE-E) Computer/Online Services – With remote learning, this further strengthens the use of district-owned equipment and software policies.

- Instruction
 - ◆ Remote Learning – We have 25 students returning to in-person learning at the end of the first semester.
 - ◆ There is no additional flexibility due to COVID at this time for our 2021 graduating class.
 - ◆ Third Grade Reading Guarantee – Does not require the retention due to assessment, however, the principal and teacher have to agree that the student meets other assessment levels. RIMPS are required, but will not be submitted to the state.
 - ◆ State Report Card will disseminate information, but not grades.
- Resources
 - ◆ BWC funds – Great news as we received notice that we would get another \$110,000. This will likely offset the majority of Edgenuity cost for the second semester.

Adjourned at 8:15 p.m.