

Arcanum-Butler Local School District
REGULAR
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING UPDATE
April 8, 2021

Mr. Norris absent

APPROVED:

- Minutes from the regular board meeting held March 11, 2021, and the agenda for the April 8, 2021, meeting. (vote – all yea)
- Financial report, as presented by the Treasurer. (vote – all yea)
- Acceptance of donations in the amount of \$116.68 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)
- Fiscal Year 2022 service contracts with META in the amount of \$27,442.45. (vote – all yea)
- Group rating agreement with the Southwest Ohio Educational Purchasing Council and Hunter Consulting for the 2022 Worker's Compensation Unemployment enrollment fee of \$637. (vote – all yea)
- Weswurd, LLC, to provide Ohio Medicaid School Program Services from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022. (vote – all yea)
- Create accounts 200-9628 Class of 2028; 507-9022 Esser Grant; and 499-9221 Safety Grant. (vote – all yea)
- Non-renewal of supplemental contracts of non-teaching personnel for school year 2020-2021, per list.
- Supplemental contracts and volunteers, per list, for the 2021-2022 school year.
- One year teaching contracts to Colton Troutwine for 7th-8th gr social studies and Gabrielle Kreitzer for HS/MS art for the 2021-2022 school year. (vote – all yea)
- Resolution for changes in graduation requirements for the 2020-2021 school year, per HB67. (vote – all yea)
- Resolution Reducing School Year Due to Cancellations for the 2020-2021 school year. (vote – all yea)
- Memorandum of Understanding for certified employee evaluation. (vote – all yea)
- Temporary teaching substitutes for the 2020-2021 school year, as presented by the Darke County ESC. (vote – all yea)
- Amy Beanblossom to use Chance of a Lifetime leave on November 19, 22, and 23, 2021. (vote – all yea)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Vision, Continuous Improvement and Focus of District Work
 - ◆ Summer School plans
 - ◆ COVID Update
- Communication and Collaboration
 - ◆ County EMA officials were at school to monitor a tornado drill. Students, staff, and administrators did an excellent job during the drill. Thank you to the principals for organizing and running the drill.
- Policies and Governance
 - ◆ Fair School Funding Update
 - ◆ Policies for May vote
 - BCFA – Business Advisory Council Board: Provides flexibility for districts to use MVCTC's council if we would choose. Right now, Mike Gray and the ESC runs our council.
 - CBC – Superintendent's Contract: Law has allowed for the superintendent to cash in vacation days, so this is now added to school policy (as long as it is written in the Supt Contract). I am permitted to cash in up to ten unused vacation days.

- EBC – Emergency Management Safety Plans: Includes the new requirement of the formation of threat assessment teams, effective in 2022-2023.
- GA – Personnel Policies Goals: Adds the term *registered* for employees in addition to licensed and certified. *Registered* employees are those from the following fields who have a license in their field, but not in education. Essentially, they don't have to go through the whole licensure procedures to work in schools. Speech pathologists, audiologists, registered nurses, physical therapists, occupational therapists, and social workers.
- IGCG – Preschool Program: Any *new* preschool employee must go through tuberculosis screening.
- DJH – Credit Cards: Makes the Superintendent the “compliance officer”. While Kip manages the signing in and out of cards, it will be my responsibility to sign off on purchases. We were already doing it that way, but the audit wanted language changes because Jeff keeps a card all year and doesn't sign it out and back in. I review his purchases monthly.
- ♦ Calamity Days Update – Language for approval of reduced hours for the school year due to the two additional calamity days.
- Instruction
 - ♦ I will be working on the Principals and Athletic Director evaluations.
 - ♦ State testing season is here! We have several days in the next 4-5 weeks. The HS will have an alternate schedule for several days with students not testing coming in on a delayed schedule.
- Resources
 - ♦ Capital Improvements – The sub-committee will meet before the May board meeting because by then we will have more accurate numbers from the five-year forecast.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORTS:

- **Elementary**
 - Continuous Improvement and Vision (CIP Goal #1)
 - ♦ Students and teachers have been working extremely hard preparing for the state assessments. The 3rd and 4th grade students will complete the ELA and math tests in mid-April. The 2nd grade students will be taking the IOWA/CogAT assessments, which will identify students as gifted in specific areas.
 - ♦ Thank you to Jason Stephan for leading the staff through an OTES 2.0 overview and guiding teacher discussions on planning for the transition for the upcoming school year.
 - Instruction (CIP Goal #2)
 - ♦ Thank you to all the kindergarten teachers, Terri Greve, Amy Byers, and the parent volunteers for a successful kindergarten screening for the incoming class of 2034. Over 75 students are expected to attend kindergarten this fall.
 - ♦ Erin Fout and the AELC students researched and explored the life cycle as they continue to watch their tadpole friends each day.
 - ♦ The 1st grade classrooms held their annual consumer day where students applied their knowledge of money to buy different objects (books, snacks, toys, etc) and counted and exchanged change.
 - ♦ Second grade students used their engineering skills to design and construct leprechaun traps for St. Patrick's Day.
 - ♦ Carol Bryson, Sarah Loxley, and Ann Glasscoe used the March Madness theme to motivate 3rd grade students to practice and prepare for the state assessments. Thank you to Abbey Moore for digging out old uniforms for the students to use.
 - ♦ The 4th grade teachers continue to use creative writing prompts integrated within subjects to boost writing and language skills.
 - ♦ All students celebrated the 100th day of in-person learning on March 5 by participating in 100 themed activities and also ending our reading celebration week with a guest reader appearance in each classroom.
 - School Operations, Resources, and Learning Environment (CIP Goal #3)

- ◆ The students have worked hard during the past month to focus on PBIS themes and positive behaviors. The students and teachers will celebrate the end of the quarter with an interactive assembly on Friday, April 9.
- ◆ Congratulations to the March Trojans of the Month who were chosen for perseverance and determination: Sam Garcia, Peighton Smith, Nash Gilbert, Easton Brown, Carter Cooper, Alex Psczulkoski, Isaac Rausch, Garrett Lewis, Parker Eikenberry, Valerie Maxwell, Gage Foster, Tylan Schlechty, Ketch Baker, Evan Beanblossom, Ava Riffell, Annabelle Holsapple, Konner Delk, Weston Schmidt, Eden Gilbert, Austin Subler, and Lydia Wackler.
- ◆ Thank you to the High School Student Council for sponsoring the annual Easter Eggstravaganza for the kindergarten students. The high school students did a fantastic job leading activities such as a coloring contest, bingo, and the annual Easter egg hunt.
- Parent, and Community Engagement (CIP Goal #5)
 - ◆ Thank you to Erin Fout, Kayla Morrison, and Lisa Johnting for planning the annual AELC informational parent evening. We had many families attend to learn about the preschool and how to register for the upcoming school year. At this point, we will be at full capacity for the upcoming school year.
 - ◆ A special thank you to three very important ladies who volunteer many days a week to assist students and teachers – Jill Etherington, Marilyn Wetzal, and Laura Brubaker. These ladies go above and beyond to support Arcanum Elementary.
- **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 March Students of the Month: *5th grade* – Brynn Byers and Leland Neumaier; *6th grade* – Claire Hein and Gideon Garno; *7th grade* – Kamryn Beisner and Matthew McCans; *8th grade* – Shyenne Smith and Owen Netherly.
 - ◆ Congratulations to our March T-Shirt Tuesday winners: Alyssandra Abelquist – helpfulness; Ashtyn Robinson – helpfulness; Nicki Messina – improvement; Eli Kincaid – effort; and Clark Lemons – academic.
 - ◆ Congratulations to 7th grader Meredith Laux and 8th grader Zoe DeHut for qualifying for the FCCLA State Competition with their *Journey Home* project for homeless veterans. Their project raised \$442.78 for the Journey Home which bought essential supplies such as food, toilet paper, clothing, and cleaning supplies for homeless military veterans.
 - Standard 2: Instruction – Principals support the implementation of high-quality standards-based instruction that results in higher levels of achievement for all students.
 - ◆ Fifth grade students have been spending time learning about topics such as speed, weight, and distance. Mrs. Dickman had students create paper airplanes of various weights and catapults which were used to launch various objects. Students then calculated distance and speed and made various conclusions based on the data they recorded.
 - ◆ Seventh graders recently completed a project-based learning activity on biomes. All 7th graders were assigned one of five biomes and used 2 liter bottles to create their biomes.
 - ◆ The Middle School Band had an outstanding solo & ensemble event on Tuesday, March 23. Students were able to give live performances to an OMEA certified judge and receive feedback on their performances. The 7th and 8th grade band students had a total of 18 performance events. Students performed extremely well and ended the night with both written feedback and ratings from the judge. The students put a lot of hard work into preparing these performances, with much of it being student-led learning. Of the 18 events, students earned 14 superior ratings and 4 excellent ratings! A very impressive showing.
 - 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 Arcanum-Butler Local School District participated in a fire drill on Friday, March 12. During this drill, all staff and students successfully evacuated the building in 2:01:22 and no major or minor issues were reported.

- ◆ On Wednesday, March 24, the Arcanum-Butler Local School District participated in the first of three required tornado drills. A special thank you to Josh Haney and Chief Troutwine for taking the time to meet with the administrative team regarding the drill and for making recommendations on increasing the efficiency of future drills.
- ◆ Thanks to Mrs. Greve, Mr. Stephens, and the Arcanum-Butler Local School Board for supporting the idea of having a two hour early dismissal so that interested staff could obtain the second dose of the COVID-19 vaccination.
- Standard 4: Collaboration – Principals establish and sustain collaborative learning and shared leadership to promote learning and achievement of all students.
 - ◆ Thank you to Jason Stephan for providing professional development centered on OTES 2.0 to MS/HS staff on Wednesday, March 10, during our two hour early dismissal. Staff had time to work with department members and begin the process of identifying high quality student data sources which is a critical component of the new teacher evaluation system.
 - ◆ On Wednesday, March 17, the middle school PBIS committee met to finalize plans for the Q3 Awards Assembly. The assembly will take place on April 16 and will recognize various student achievements that occurred during the third quarter. In addition, the annual students vs staff competition will take place and we will be raffling off a Nintendo Switch thanks to the Arcanum-Butler PTO.
 - ◆ Thank you to David Baker and Joni Pechie for their work with providing MS staff with important state testing information during our March 24 staff meeting. During this meeting, Mr. Baker and Mrs. Pechie provided staff with a few reminders about testing procedures and testing security requirements.
- 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.
 - ◆ Spring sports are currently underway. The MS will be hosting two MS track events this year. The first will be the Arcanum Booster Club Invitational which will take place on Monday, April 12. There will also be a quad meet with Ansonia, Houston, and Russia on Monday, April 26. Best of luck to all our track and field athletes and coaches as well as all those participating in the Arcanum youth baseball and softball seasons.
 - ◆ Congratulations to Mrs. Wiseman and the MS Choir students who performed wonderfully during their concert on March 18. Thank you to all those who attended and followed health and safety protocol which assisted in a successful evening.
 - ◆ The MS recently kicked off our Quarter 4 service project. This year, middle school students will be participating in an event called, *The Crayon Initiative* which takes used crayons and recycles them to make new crayons which are then donated to children's hospitals across the country. We will be having a class competition to see who can donate the most crayons in weight. The winning class will receive donuts.
 - ◆ Thank you to Arcanum Mayor, Bonnie Millard, for declaring April 5-9 *We Are the Majority Week* for the Village of Arcanum. The local WATM Drug-Free Awareness Day Walk will be virtual this year. Families in Darke County showed their support by making posters and taking a walk on behalf of being drug, alcohol, and tobacco free on their own since we could not do it collectively at this time. Photos and student speaker videos are currently on the Darke County WATM FB page for all viewers to see.

• High School

- Goal #1 – Principals help create a shared vision and clear goals for their schools and ensure continuous progress toward achieving the goals.
 - ◆ During the month of March, our students scheduled their classes for the 2021-22 school year. Mrs. Bouelle will now work to construct the schedule. Our goal is to complete the schedule by the end of the month and ready for the staff in May.
 - ◆ Our high school teachers worked on the new OTES 2.0 planning and implementation during the two hours professional development in March. Thanks to our teachers for the work they completed on these projects.
- 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 commend our teachers, Mr. McEldowney, and Mrs. Bouelle, for their work in organizing our ACT Day. Seniors completed a job shadow, juniors completed an ACT, sophomores completed the Pre-ACT, and our freshmen completed a day of college and career activities. We also received our Pre-ACT and ACT data and were impressed overall with our students' scores.
- Goal #3 – Principals allocate resources and manage school operations in order to ensure a safe and productive learning environment.
 - ◆ The March Students of the Month were Allie Barry and Cameron Haney.
 - ◆ I would like to commend our students, staff, and fellow administrators for their effort with the tornado drill.
- Goal #4 – Principals establish and sustain collaborative learning and shared leadership to promote learning and achievement of all students.
 - ◆ I want to commend Mrs. Brandon, Mrs. McMurry, and Mr. Kendig for their leadership regarding Science Fair this year! Congrats to our students! Our students not only competed in the District One Science Fair, but we also had one student participate (Karr Stump) in the Buckeye Science and Engineering Fair.
 - ◆ I want to commend Mrs. Bobbi Wiseman for leading the High School Choir in an excellent spring concert.
 - ◆ I would like to commend Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Williams, and the cast and crew of the Drama Club's production of Into the Woods! They did a great job!
 - ◆ I want to congratulate Cam Haney on a great finish to his wrestling career at the state tournament. We were able to have a clap out from the school for him and our state champion grain merchandising team.
 - ◆ I want to congratulate Hailey Unger on being named 1st Team All-Ohio and Madelyn Fearon for being named Honorable Mention All-Ohio this basketball season!
- 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.
 - ◆ The Serve Arcanum committee has continued the planning of the event. We are on target to complete the collection of activities and organization in early April.
 - ◆ I would like to thank Nick Smiley from the TOOLS program and Brent Kress from Wagner Paving for coming in and speaking with some of our senior and junior students regarding career opportunities.
 - ◆ I want to thank the Arcanum High School Student Council for organizing a great Kindergarten Easter Egg Hunt!

Adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Supplemental Contracts Approved

Head football	Jason Schondelmyer
Ass't HS football	Patrick Couch
	Eric Wolfe
	Derrick Baker – ½
	T.J. Powers – ½
Head MS football	Mark Wiseman (Volunteer)
Strength coach	Jason Schondelmyer
Head HS cross country	Jon Junkins
Head MS cross country	Tim Pfahler
Golf – boys	Jordan Greve

Golf – girls	Andrew Bryant
Varsity volleyball	Macey O'Dell
JV volleyball	Brandey Brubaker
8 th gr volleyball	Beth Beisner
7 th gr volleyball	Teresa Greve
Varsity basketball – boys	Roger McEldowney
JV basketball – boys	David Baker
Asst boys basketball	Chey Kramer
9 th gr basketball – boys	Matt Grote
Varsity basketball – girls	Abbey Moore
JV basketball – girls	Abigail O'Donnell
Asst girls basketball	Brandy Buck – ½
	Belle Cable – ½
7 th gr basketball – girls	Kennedy Morris
Ass't athletic director	Kelly Kramer
Athletic site manager	Chey Kramer
HS football cheerleading	Lauren Brandenburg
HS basketball cheerleading	Lauren Brandenburg
MS cheerleading	Stephani Greve
Varsity wrestling	Jared Beatty
HS swimming	Josh Artin
HS band director	Heather Marsh
HS vocal music	Bobbi Wiseman
MS music (band)	Heather Marsh
MS yearbook	Matt Grote
Director HS musical/plays	Becky Hootman
Ass't director HS musical/plays	Joel Hootman
Senior class advisor	Katherine Bouelle – ½
	Heather Whittaker – ½
Junior class advisor	Sarah Murphy
Sophomore class advisor	Angie Polley
Freshman class advisor	Andrew Bryant
8 th gr class advisor	Jaimee Garbig – ½
	Erin Tegtmeyer – ½
7 th gr class advisor	Jacie Holman – ½
	Kim Peltier – ½
6 th gr class advisor	Erica Byers
HS student council	Heather Whittaker – ½
	Kathy Kuhbander – ½
MS student council	Nicki Bowser
EL student council	Brooke Clevenger
HS student mentorship program	Lora Brandon
HS academic team advisor	Kathy Kuhbander
Science club advisor	Angie McMurry
National Honor Society advisor	Lora Brandon – ½
	Alychia Wright – ½
SADD club advisor	Christen Cyphers
HS Wednesday School monitor	Andrew Bryant
HS detention monitor	Andrew Bryant
FCCLA advisor	Patricia Carroll
Science fair coordinator	Lora Brandon – ½
	Adam Kendig – ½
HS Renaissance coordinator	Lora Brandon – ½
	Matt Grote – ½
Colorguard	Lacey Loges
Percussion	William Shoemaker
AVA director	Jim Gray

HS band 20 days extended duty	Heather Marsh
HS guidance 25 days extended duty	Katherine Bourelle
EL/MS guidance 10 days ext duty	Ashley Matheson
Library media aide	Faith Bennett – ½
	Pam McLain – ½
Tech aide	Diane Howard
Transportation supervisor	Kevin Stanley

Volunteers

HS football	Jason Stephan
	Thomas Kessler
MS head football	Mark Wiseman
MS volleyball	Erica Byers
	Katie Jenkin
Gymnastics	Katy Boston
HS boys 9 th gr basketball	Mark Wiseman