

Arcanum-Butler Local School District
REGULAR
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING UPDATE
October 10, 2019

All present

APPROVED:

- Minutes from the regular board meeting held September 12, 2019. (vote – all yea)
- Treasurer's Report. (vote – all yea)
- Donations in the amount of \$230.02 from various donors for the Agricultural Multi-Use Building Capital Campaign. (vote – all yea)
- Seven year contract with Pepsi as our exclusive beverage provider. (vote – all yea)
- Sale of three buses to Cardinal for \$2500 each for a total of \$7500. (vote – all yea)
- Higher rate of pay for employees who also serve as bus drivers when assigned bus trips during scheduled work hours. (vote – all yea; Trask abstain)
- Additional payment of \$1513.07 to Garmann/Miller for the architectural/engineering services for the press box. (vote – all yea)
- High school participation in indoor track for the 2019-2020 school year. (vote – all yea)
- Scheduling wrestling matches on selected Wednesday evenings. (vote – all yea)
- List of positions that require a Pupil Activities Permit. (vote – all yea)
- Contract with Recovery & Wellness for mental health services for the 2019-2020 school year. (vote – all yea)

PROGRAMS:

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- Vision, Continuous Improvement and Focus of District Work
 - ♦ Cafeteria Update – Served nearly 1300 more lunches (50/day) in September of this year compared to September of last year equating to approximately \$3500! Soon he will introduce a fruit smoothie option for all students.
 - ♦ Construction Update
- Communication and Collaboration
 - ♦ Congrats to boys golf on a great finish to the season.
 - ♦ Congrats to the band for qualifying for State!
 - ♦ Vape detectors – FM has installed them and Officer Wilt and I visited to look at how they work and get more information.
 - ♦ Admin and A-BCTA will meet for our fall meeting. One item of discussion will be potentially seeking other insurance options.
- Policies and Governance
 - ♦ OSBA policy updates:
 - EEA Student Transportation Services and EEAA Student Transportation Services – HB 166 says that districts cannot reduce levels of transportation after the start of the school year (put in place because of failed levies).
 - EFG Student Wellness – eliminates the compliance piece through reporting to ODE.
 - GBK Smoking on District Property by Staff members – Updated to include vaping.
 - IGBE Remedial Instruction – Change in graduation requirements and necessary remedial instruction for students not passing tests.

- IKE Promotion and Retention of Students – change in language to align with Federal Law.
 - JEDA Truancy – triggering absence for truancy must include on nonmedical excuses.
 - JFGG Tobacco Use by Students – includes updated language to cover vaping.
 - JGD Student Suspensions – PK-3 must reduce the number of suspensions over the next few years for non-serious offenses under State Law.
 - KGC Smoking on District Property – Including vaping language.
- ♦ Student Drug Testing Policy – Additional thoughts/comments
 - Community Usage of Premises – A sub-committee met to discuss the policy and procedures. We will continue to meet and bring the entire board recommendations.
- Instruction
 - ♦ The October PD session is coming up in October. In the morning we will have instructional PD in reading, writing, and math provided by ESC staff from Darke and Miami Counties. In the afternoon we will conduct emergency management drills that will include practicing the TACMED (first responder).
 - ♦ I'll be attending a school safety seminar that discusses completing threat assessment. New state law mandates schools have staff trained.
- Resources
 - ♦ A# Band Boosters – After declining sales and increased costs, the group is looking to get out of the concessions business at the fair. Additionally, they are looking at purchasing another trailer to carry supplies. We would be responsible for selling/trading the concessions trailer, which would be enough likely for another trailer.
 - ♦ Gym Advertising Signage – Two options for a new electronic sign for advertising. One is \$10K and another is \$12K. Likely, we would look at \$500 annual fee for advertising. Thoughts?

PRINCIPAL'S REPORTS:

- **Elementary**
 - Continuous Improvement and Vision (CIP Goal #1)
 - ♦ Teachers administered the STAR assessment for all students and wrote RIMPS for students not on track in reading. These students are receiving interventions to build their reading skills.
 - ♦ On October 14, the staff will be collaborating with other grade levels to focus on reading, writing, and arithmetic alignment.
 - ♦ 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 reward of a movie during lunch on October 4.
 - ♦ Students continue to be recognized for showing above the line behaviors by earning Awesome Awards.
 - Instruction (CIP Goal #2)
 - ♦ The elementary teachers received Reading Improvement and Monitoring Plan (RIMP) training and Written Education Plan (WEP) training during the 2-hour early release. Thank you to Vicky Warner, the gifted coordinator from the ESC, for leading the training.
 - ♦ Thank you to Mrs. Matheson for leading Start With Hello Week. Students learned and participated in activities to promote kindness and build empathy in the classroom.
 - ♦ AELC has been busy assessing students and working on recognizing letters and numbers using a variety of hands on activities.
 - ♦ Third grade students will be taking the Fall AIR ELA test on October 22 and 23. 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.
 - ♦ Thank you to Mr. Stephan for kicking off the 4th grade leadership collaboration with the high school leadership team. The high school students will meet with the classes monthly to lead lessons on leadership skills.
 - ♦ Mrs. Wackler had the students make wings with inspirational messages on them to create a giant butterfly wing mural.

- ◆ The Arcanum Early Learning Center, 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 Student Council sponsored Spirit Week during Homecoming Week. The students enjoyed ending the week with a districtwide pep assembly.
 - ◆ Second grade students walked to area businesses to learn about Arcanum's history and how different businesses provide different services.
 - ◆ Congratulations to the September Trojans of the Month – Kaylee Landes, Afton Knight, Isabelle Wick, Jenna Garber, Jordan North, Lyndi Brubaker, Caden Baker, Kynlee Cannon, Eli Huffgarden, Chloe Todd, Gabby Fugate, Elliana Taylor, Chloe Rieman, Ashton Protzman, Lily Stephan, Simon Brown, Isaac Wiant, Harlow Etherington, Laney Riffell, Mollei Gilbert, and Bella Baker. The students will receive a t-shirt and celebrate their award with a pizza party during lunch.
- Collaboration, Parent, and Community Engagement (CIP Goal #4/#5)
 - ◆ We would like to thank Graves-Fearon Agency, The Rose Post, Kreitzer Funeral Home, R.J. Warner Ins Agency, and Greenville American Legion for providing books to all 1st and 4th grade students about being a good citizen and character traits.
 - ◆ Thank you to the Darke County Center for Performing Arts for bringing the Duffle Bag Theatre to perform for our K-3 grade students. They told and acted out the story of Peter Pan.
 - ◆ Thank you to Andy Rammel from the Arcanum Fire Department for speaking with the kindergarten, 2nd grade, and 4th grade students about fire prevention and safety.

• 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.
 - ◆ All MS students have completed one month of mentor time. This month students received instruction on the core values of service and leadership. Each Monday and Tuesday during Flex and Intervention, students engaged in motivational videos, classroom discussions, and other activities aimed at informing students of the importance of these two qualities. Feedback from staff and students has been great, so far, and we are looking forward to this month's core value which is work ethic.
 - ◆ On October 14, staff will be receiving professional development in the areas of reading, writing, and mathematics. Following these sessions, staff will be provided with time via monthly department meetings to implement components from the training that will positively impact individual students and their classes. Thank you to April Hoying for organizing this important opportunity for us.
 - ◆ The 2019-2020 PBIS program is off to a great start at the middle school. In partnering with local businesses and the PTO, the MS is well equipped to provide students with rewards and incentives which will be available through a variety of activities throughout the school year.
- Standard 2: Instruction – Principals support the implementation of high-quality standards-based instruction that results in higher levels of achievement for all students.
 - ◆ During the week of September 30, all 5th grade students completed the IOWA and CogAT assessments. Data from these online assessments will provide staff and the Darke County ESC with important information regarding gifted identification.
 - ◆ A special thanks to Kelly Harrison who has been involved in instructing our 8th grade health students about healthy dating habits. Mrs. Harrison has delivered several lessons from the Safe Date Curriculum which is a ten session program that targets attitudes and behaviors associated with dating abuse and violence.
- 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 our September Students of the Month: 5th grade – Mattingly Noe and Jackson Smith; 6th grade – Gabby Johnson and Marcus Rayburn; 7th grade – Kennedy Rose and Dylan Dillman; and 8th grade – Karis Wright and Devin Craport
- ◆ Congratulations to our T-Shirt Tuesday winners who were nominated by our staff based on the core values of leadership and service: Danicka Michael, Landon Urlage, Logan Besecker, Isaac Dues, and Ashton Turpin.
- ◆ On September 26, the Arcanum-Butler Local School District participated in an emergency lockdown drill. Staff and students did a great job during the drill and MS staff was able to debrief and discuss areas of concern during our October 2 staff meeting.
- ◆ The week of September 23 kicked off “Start With Hello” week at the middle school. This event was sponsored by We Are the Majority and focused on getting students connected with one another. Events included saying hello to all students as they entered the building, creating a plan to help others, placing positive post-it notes on all student lockers, and a “mix-it-up” day during lunch. Thanks to We Are the Majority, Ashley Matheson, and Kelly Harrison for all of their help in putting this event together.
- ◆ Congratulations to the newly elected 7th and 8th grade class officers: 7th grade – Mora Menzi, Kenna Quigney, Alex Wooten, and Evan Van Hoose; 8th grade – Carley Rieman, Hannah Kendig, Arianne Garrison, and Luke Henninger.
- Standard 4: Collaboration – Principals establish and sustain collaborative learning and shared leadership to promote learning and achievement of all students.
 - ◆ During our two hour early release on September 25, Vicky Warner from the Darke County ESC provided staff with WEP training. During this training, staff was able to design learning goals for each of our students who have been identified as gifted. Ongoing progress monitoring will take place and staff will report to parents and students throughout the school year.
 - ◆ Middle school department teams have been created and have been provided time to meet in order to align curriculum, discuss department strengths and weaknesses, and develop both short term and long term visions within departments. These monthly meetings will allow for ongoing discussions and continuous progress monitoring of instructional needs.
 - ◆ Grade level meetings are taking place each month at the middle school. We believe that this meeting time is one of the most important uses of staff meeting time for staff at the middle school. During these meetings, staff is provided time to focus on our Rtl program and progress monitor individual students. Information from these meetings is then placed into our Rtl database where information and interventions can be accessed by all.
- 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.
 - ◆ National Manufacturing Day was on Friday, October 4. This year the 8th grade students visited NOV-Completion and Product Solutions and GE Aviation. Exposure to these types of manufacturers enables our students to receive valuable information and experiences connected to college and career readiness.
 - ◆ On September 19 and 20, our 8th graders attended CTC. Students were able to tour the facility and had the opportunity to engage in learning experiences inside various classrooms. Several students reported that they really enjoyed the experience. Thanks to Mrs. Matheson and CTC for organizing this event.
 - ◆ During the first quarter, 7th grade class officers decided that they wanted to expand on the current recycling program in the middle school by taking part in “Colorcycle”. This program is aimed at bettering the environment by recycling dried up markers and sending them back to Crayola where they, in turn, will reuse the materials. Collection baskets have been placed in all middle school classrooms as well as all art rooms and the elementary and high school ELA areas.
- Athletic Update

- ◆ The 7th grade volleyball team finished the season 12-2 (9-1) and earned a #2 seed in the CCC Tournament. The 8th grade team finished the season 15-1 (11-1) and earned a #1 seed in the CCC Tournament.
- ◆ Currently, the MS football team is 4-1. Their remaining games include TCN, Covington, and Tri-Village. Thank you to our MS Cheerleaders for all of their support so far this season!
- ◆ The MS boys and girls cross country team has competed hard all year and are ready for the CCC meet which will be held at National Trail on October 12.

• 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 have 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.
 - ◆ I have started to meet with each freshman and new student individually to check in with them as the school year starts. This allows me to get to know the student and be able to build a positive relationship with our students.
 - ◆ Mrs. Bourelle held our annual College Night for juniors, seniors, and their parents. Representatives from Sinclair, Edison, Wright State, and Indiana University East solicited questions from students and parents and presented information regarding the process of applying to college.
- 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 Teacher Evaluation System have been started and will continue throughout the school year.
 - ◆ I would like to thank Mrs. Matheson and the We Are the Majority students that provided a positive morning welcome to our students!
 - ◆ I would like to congratulate our students, staff, and, in particular, organizer Mrs. Carroll for the great work with the Blood Drive. This was our first blood drive of the year!
 - ◆ During the month of September, our FFA program has had a great start for the school year! The students have participated in Soil Judging, attended the Greenhand Conference, and continued to prepare for the transition into our new ag facility!
- Goal #3 – Principals allocate resources and manage school operations in order to ensure a safe and productive learning environment.
 - ◆ Congratulations to the September Students of the Month – Austen Cutarelli and Alison Knaus
 - ◆ I would like to thank the Darke County Center for the Arts for the excellent Arts in Education assembly this fall! The Fitzgerald's provided our students with amazing Celtic music and also taught our students about Celtic dancing!
- Goal #4 – Principals establish and sustain collaborative learning and shared leadership to promote learning and achievement of all students.
 - ◆ During September, we have organized our Serve Arcanum and Senior Citizen's Christmas Luncheon for the 2019-20 school year.
 - ◆ During the two hour release professional development opportunity, we were able to work with Mrs. Vicky Warner on WEPS. Thank you for allowing us to have this opportunity.
 - ◆ This year our Arcanum High School Leadership students are working with our 4th grade students to develop leadership skills in each of them. Throughout the school year, they will be meeting twice per month with our students to provide a lesson in leadership and a follow-up activity.
- 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 also like to commend Head Coach Mr. Jason Schondelmyer and the high school football team for their outstanding effort with the Military Appreciation Night. Thanks to Sergeant John Keller and the National Guard for his support of the evening.

- ◆ Congrats to our boys golf team for winning the sectional tournament and qualifying for the district golf tournament.
- ◆ Congrats to Mrs. Heather Marsh and the Arcanum High School Marching Band for their outstanding start to the competition season! The band has taken home numerous awards from both the Tipp City and New Bremen band contests. The marching band has also already qualified for state! Great Job Band!
- ◆ I want to thank our students and community members that participated in Molly's Mile. This is a fundraiser that supports AHS Spanish teacher Sarah Murphy and her family's foundation.

Adjourned at 9:07 p.m.