

BELLBROOK – SUGARCREEK SCHOOLS

BOARD BITS

A Review of the Regular Board Meeting

April 27, 2023

7:00 p.m.

**Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Board of Education
Bellbrook High School**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Michael Kinsey.

Roll Call was taken with board members Heidi Anderson, David Carpenter, Audra Dorn, Michael Kinsey, and Kevin Price present.

The Board heard a report or acted upon the following:

- Representative Adam Remaly updated the board on GCCC activities. STEM Engineering programs will be expanded in cooperation with Wright Patterson Air Force Base.

An elementary curriculum was developed with the help of a grant from the State of Ohio in the hopes of attracting future students at a younger level.

Senior Recognition for the Class of 2023 will take place on May 23, 7:00 p.m., at the EJ Nutter Center at Wright State.

- BHS Principal David Hann discussed the “State of BHS”. He explained there will be an expanded AP course offering for the 2023-2024 school year. BHS partners with the Greene County Career Center, to offer an array of programs some of which are housed in our buildings (Engineering, Biomedical, and Family and Consumer Science).

Over 200 BHS students took advantage College Credit Plus (CCP) offerings to earn both high school and college credits including Spanish, French, and Supply Chain Management. Mr. Hann credited the staff for their expertise in allowing the district to offer various challenging opportunities for students.

Class of 2023 graduation is scheduled for Saturday, May 20, at the stadium.

- Transportation Coordinator Lori Smith updated the board on the outlook for student transportation services for 2023-2024.

The current three tier system of routing has improved traffic flow along Upper Bellbrook Road; however, many of the routes currently are not meeting building time schedules.

The district continues to struggle with recruiting bus drivers. In addition, changes to start times for the Greene County Career for the current school year does not permit our district enough time to get students to that building on time. A proposal to adjust start times at the middle school and high school (10 minutes earlier) will help eliminate many of the tight time constraints and reduce student time on-bus for the next school year.

- Betsy Gann, Director of Curriculum & Gifted Services, presented information regarding the six-year Science curriculum adoption. During the 2019-2020 school year, a review of the science curriculum was initiated. She shared the items for recommended adoption.
- Mrs. Dorn shared that the Bellbrook Sugarcreek Education Foundation approved five teacher grant applications and that the district *ColorRun* has been postponed and will be rescheduled at a different date.
- Mr. Kinsey discussed the GCESC Business Advisory Committee updates. The Virtual Job Shadow Program permits students to view different job career options and has become increasingly popular. The Disconnect-to-Connect Program encourages students and families to put aside electronic devices to order to garner healthier relationship with technology.
- Approved one-year teaching contracts for the 2023-2024 school year for Stephanie Caro, Lindsay Caupp, Madison Jansen, and Danielle Schaaf.
- Approved an unpaid leave-of-absence for Lynzee Allen effective October 18-November 15, 2023.
- Approved an employment contract for Mark Shatto as Custodian through the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year.
- Approved a one-year employment contract for Jessica Wheeler as Library Media Specialist for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Approved resignations from Special Needs Assistant Molly Hofacker and Custodian Joseph Kenney.
- Approved changes/revisions to current board policy.
- Adopted a motion to further clarify the board's intention regarding Policy #5517.
- Adopted a new science curriculum effective with the 2023-2024 school year.
- Approved the 2023 Summer Advantage reading program for students in grades K-3, July 17-August 3 and instructors.
- Authorized advertising and to receive bids for the purchase of four (4) school buses.
- Approved out-of-state travel for HS senior music students to travel to New York City in May 2023.
- Mr. Kinsey gave an update on the status of the School Resource Officer program. Sugarcreek Township has informed the district that if their levy on the November 2 ballot passes, there will be enough money in the budget to include one-half of an additional officer to serve in the district for the upcoming school year.

Adjournment at 11:50 p.m.

MEETING

May 11, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.
 Bellbrook Middle School
 Group Meeting Room
 3600 Feedwire Rd, Bellbrook