

# BELLBROOK – SUGARCREEK SCHOOLS

## *BOARD BITS*

### **A Review of the Regular Board Meeting December 10, 2020 7:00 p.m. Bell Creek Intermediate via livestream**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President David Carpenter.

Roll Call was taken with board members David Carpenter, Karen Long, Kevin Price, and Virginia Slouffman present.

#### **The Board heard a report or acted upon the following:**

- During Good News Recognition, Board President David Carpenter presented a plaque to retiring Transportation Coordinator Beverly Wetzel with appreciation for her 30 years of service.
- Approved the minutes from the regular meeting of November 12, 2020.
- Approved the Treasurer’s Report and approved expenditures for the month of November 2020.
- Approved setting the bond rate for 2021 at 4.31 mills for the retirement of bond principal and interest payments, based on Greene County Budget Commission recommendation.
- Approved to set the Superintendent’s Advisory Council as the districtwide Financial Advisory Committee for the purpose of reviewing audit findings, five-year forecast, and other financial district documents.
- Approved the addition of two federal grants and amended the final appropriations for FY21 to allow for said grants: Title III English Language Learners and Expanding Opportunities for Each Child.
- Board member Kevin Price presented a resolution to *reject the Fair School Funding Plan* set for a vote before Ohio lawmakers. The board voted to support the resolution rejecting the bill since it does not provide for additional state funding support for Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Schools. A copy of the signed resolution will be forwarded to local Congressional representatives.
- Bell Creek Principal Jill Adams presented information on the return to school for students. “Behind the Mask” activities included *Spirit Week*, learning the new social aspects of returning to the classroom during the pandemic, and the many good deeds that are students are involved in.

- The District Records Commission informed the board of the revised schedule of record(s) disposal. The committee met prior to the board meeting to update/review recommendations from the Ohio History Connection.
- Superintendent Cozad presented a second semester update on the Bellbrook Online Academy. We have 200 students returning to in-person learning in January. The district will continue to utilize the Edmentum curriculum for our online BOA students.
- Dr. Cozad gave an update on the COVID-19 pandemic and our district dashboard. The district will continue to evaluate on a week-by-week basis if/when we will continue the hybrid style of learning or return to full in-person learning based on the number of positive cases and recommendations from the county health district.
- Due to the most recent election results, the board discussed the options for placement of various types of operating levies on the ballot. Mr. Liming will request certification from the Greene County Auditor in order to present a recommendation to the board for approval to place 5.1-5.7 mill emergency levy on the May 4, 2021 ballot. (Exact length of time and millage to be determined by the amount of monies estimated that passage of the levy will generate for the district.)
- Approved supplemental duty coaches and district volunteers for the 2020-2021 school year.
- Approved an increase in daily hours for bus driver Dena Harper.
- Accepted a resignation from custodian Gary Baker effective December 4, 2020.
- Approved a modification to the resignation date for current Transportation Coordinator Beverly Wetzel from December 31, 2020 to January 31, 2021.
- Approved limited contracts for Richard Erbaugh as building custodian effective December 7, 2020 and Jacob Wilhite as Transportation Coordinator effective December 17, 2020.
- Approved a voluntary transfer for special needs assistant Kimberly Hanson to the position of Library Specialist effective February 1, 2021.
- Approved teacher and support staff substitutes for the first and second semester of the 2020-2021 school year.
- Approved the 2021 meeting calendar for the board of education.
- The board scheduled a special meeting for the purpose of a board retreat/workshop with Ohio School Boards Association and to vote on passage of an operating levy resolution. It will be held on Saturday, January 23, 2021 @ Bellbrook Middle School, time (TBC with Ohio Schools Boards Association).
- With the passing of board member Mary Frantz, the board will need to fill the vacancy of the district representative to the Greene County Career Center and the Financial Advisory Committee. Committee assignments will be made at the re-organizational meeting in January 2021.

- An executive session was held for the purpose of considering employment and compensation of a licensed public employee and appointment of a public official.
- The board approved the appointment of Audra Dorn to fill the unexpired term of Mary Frantz for the period of December 11, 2020 through December 31, 2021. Mrs. Dorn will be sworn in at the January 14, 2021 re-organizational/regular meeting.

**Adjournment at 10:05 p.m.**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**Thursday, January 14, 2021**

6:30 p.m. – Budget Hearing

7:00 p.m.

Bellbrook High School

Cafeteria

3737 Upper Bellbrook Rd