

# **BELLBROOK – SUGARCREEK SCHOOLS**

## ***BOARD BITS***

**A Review of the Re-Organizational/Regular Board Meeting  
January 13, 2022  
6:45 p.m. – Budget Hearing; 7:00 p.m. - Meeting  
Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Board of Education  
Bellbrook High School**

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

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

- Current President David Carpenter administered the oath of office to newly-elected board member Heidi Anderson and re-elected members Audra Dorn and Michael Kinsey.
- The annual budget hearing was conducted at 6:45 p.m.
- Roll Call was taken with board members David Carpenter, Audra Dorn, Michael Kinsey and Heidi Anderson present; absent Kevin Price.
- Nominations were received for 2022 President and Vice President of the board; David Carpenter continues as Board President, Audra Dorn will serve as Board Vice President.
- During *Good News Recognition*, Mr. Carpenter presented certificates to Cadet Ethan Bui attending the 2022 AFJROTC Summer Flight Academy; BHS Football team members recognized by the Ohio Associated Press include Seth Borondy (1<sup>st</sup> team All State Offense), Ashton Ault (1<sup>st</sup> team All State Defense), Ashton Kooken (2<sup>nd</sup> team All State Defense), & Sam Vine (3<sup>rd</sup> team All State Offense); Trace Terry was named as High School All-American in Boys Soccer by the United Soccer Coaches Association; Brent Palmer was named 2021 State (Boys) Assistant Coach of the Year by the Ohio Scholastic Soccer Coaches Association; and the Miami Valley Football Coaches Association named Brian Woll as Division III Assistant Football Coach of the Year and Jeff Jenkins as Division III Head Football Coach of the Year.

Superintendent Doug Cozad presented the board members with certificates in honor of Ohio School Boards Association *Board Member Appreciation Month, January 2022*.

- Approved a service fund for FY23 in the amount of \$4,000.00.
- Approved appointment of the Superintendent as representative for Federal Programs and Educational Grants.
- Approved standing authorizations for the Superintendent, Treasurer, and President of the Board.
- Established the incumbent President to serve as President Pro Tem at the January 2023 annual organizational meeting until reappointed or replaced.

- Approved membership in the Ohio School Boards Association for calendar year 2022 and appointed board members to the following committees:
  - OSBA Student Achievement Liaison – Mrs. Anderson
  - OSBA Legislative Liaison – Mr. Kinsey
  - OSBA Capital Conference delegate – Mr. Carpenter
  - OSBA Capital Conference alternate – Mrs. Anderson
  - Representative to Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Education Foundation – Mrs. Dorn
  - Representative to the Financial Advisory Committee – Mrs. Dorn
  - Representative to the BSS Safety Committee – Mr. Price
  - Representative to GCESC Business Advisory Committee – Mr. Kinsey
- Approved the use of facsimile signature of the Treasurer on all checks.
- Adopted a resolution to waive the reading of the record(s) of proceedings of previous meeting(s) in accordance with Section 3313.26 ORC.
- Approved continued membership in the SW Ohio Educational Purchasing Cooperative and Ohio Purchasing Cooperative for 2022-2023.
- Approved the minutes from the special meetings of December 9, 2021.
- Approved the Treasurer’s Report and approved expenditures for the month of December 2021.
- Approved the 2022-2023 Tax Budget as presented at the pre-meeting Budget Hearing.
- Approved an advance to the Network Connectivity Grant until state funding arrives.
- Dr. Cozad presented pre-planning information for the 2022-2023 school year. After previous reductions including staff and course offerings, projected enrollment figures for the upcoming school year indicate a need for additional staff to reduce student/teacher ratios and reinstate some course offerings. It is projected that nine classroom teachers, art at the elementary level and middle school, and digital literacy reinstated at Stephen Bell and Bell Creek Intermediate will be added. Additional transportation will be reinstated in the fall, expanding the eligibility zones for riders which will include high school busing, and adjusting school start times. Supplemental duty positions (coaches, club advisors, and academic advisors) will be restored to previous 2018 levels.
- In order for the district to receive federal ESSR funds, a plan was established for the Safe Return to School and Continuity of Services. Initially presented in August 2021, a six-month review is required. Information is available on the district webpage (COVID-19). Requirements for inclusion in the plan include face-to-face instruction, health & safety guidelines, an instructional plan and academic gap-filling, social & emotional needs, which includes a periodic review.
- Dr. Cozad shared information regarding an update on the district COVID-19 dashboard.
- Approved an employment contract for Ronda George as RTI teacher for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year.

- Approved an unpaid family medical leave-of-absence for Ellen Guthrie during the second semester of the 2021-2022 school year.
- Approved substitute teachers/support staff, supplemental duty contracts and extra-curricular volunteers for 2021-2022.
- Accepted a resignation for the purpose of full STRS retirement from elementary teacher MaryAnn Rice effective May 31, 2022.
- Approved a motion amending the date of voluntary transfer for Christopher Murderer to August 16, 2021.
- Approved an employment contract for Douglas Beltz as district custodian for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year.
- Accepted a resignation for the purpose of full SERS retirement from Special Needs Assistant Shanda Cridlin effective March 31, 2022.
- Approved revisions to the 2022 board meeting calendar.
- Approved out-of-state travel for Sasha Taylor to attend the 2022 SHAPE America Convention in April 2022.
- Dr. Cozad shared the 1<sup>st</sup> semester bullying/harassment report.
- Approved a resolution in support of the Ohio School Boards Association Legal Assistance Fund.

**Adjournment at 8:24 p.m.**