

BELLBROOK – SUGARCREEK SCHOOLS

BOARD BITS

A Review of the Regular Board Meeting

March 9, 2023

7:00 p.m.

**Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Board of Education
Bellbrook Middle 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:

- Approved minutes from the meetings of February 9, 2023.
- Approved the Treasurer’s Report for February 2023.
- Approved advances from general fund to ARP ESSER 3, ESSER 2 & Early Childhood Grant Funds.
- Approved an amendment to permanent appropriations for FY 23 by \$35,145.21 to reflect changes in federal grant allocations.
- Approved tax rates as set by the Greene County Budget Commission.
- During Good News Recognition, President Mike Kinsey presented certificates to members of the BHS Swim/Dive teams recognizing their participation in the 2023 OHSAA Swim/Dive State championships: Peter Guthrie – 100 Breaststroke, Teagan Melton – 50 & 100 Freestyle, & Mia Nazareus – Diving.
- Principal Jeff Eckley and Assistant Principal Jenna Hill reported that for the third time, Bellbrook Middle School received the Ohio School To Watch designation by the Ohio Department of Education. BMS was one of two schools in the state to receive this recognition. The building was recognized for academic excellence, student course offerings, instructional strategies, developmental responsiveness, peer tutoring, mastery learning program, “Be The Best”, community projects such as Eagle Outreach, university partnerships.
- Superintendent Doug Cozad gave an update on staffing for the 2023-2024 school year. This includes providing additional mental health services in the district and proposing additional psychologist and administrative help at BCI. The district is utilizing ESSER funds for the following (not an all-inclusive list) hiring additional teachers during the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school year in order to reduce class sizes, provide additional support with special needs aides, contracted transportation services, phonics program, and summer school.

- At the board request, Dr. Cozad has been investigating companies that offer Strategic Plan services. The board will need to determine what the final goal for the district will be in seeking revisions to the initiative. Consensus was that the plan needs to focus on a smaller, more manageable plan within the limits of human resources and district finances.
- Mr. Liming read a statement about public input on the use of Federal grant funds. Please contact doug.cozad@bss.k12.oh.us or betsy.gann@bss.k12.oh.us to provide input. Additional information is on our website.
- Approved supplemental duty/pupil activity contracts & volunteers for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Approved substitute teachers and support staff for the remainder of the current school year.
- Approved a two-year administrative contract for current AP Jenna Hill as BMS Principal effective with the 2023-2024 school year.
- Approved a short-term employment contract for Trang Cannon as Special Needs Assistant for the remainder of the current school year.
- Accepted a resignation from Library Specialist Stephanie Vukovich effective May 26, 2023.
- Accepted a resignation from Secretary Cheryl Frost for the purpose of full Ohio SERS retirement effective May 26, 2023.
- Approved the firm of Bricker & Eckler LLP as additional board/school district legal counsel.
- Approved the supplemental service agreement with Greene County ESC for the 2023-2024 school year.
- Approved a Memorandum of Understanding with Sugarcreek Township regarding School Resource Officer Services for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026.
- Approved the 2024-2025 districtwide school calendar.
- Accepted a \$2,000 cash donation *with gratitude* from Beavercreek VFW toward repairs/upgrade to the stadium high jump pit.
- Approved out-of-state travel for the following: HS teacher Rob Schultz – AP Computer National Advisory Board in March 2023; Grades 6-7 Math Pentathlon team to Indianapolis, Indiana in April 2023; 8th graders to Washington DC in May 2024; and elementary Physical Education teacher Sasha Taylor to the SHAPE America Conference in Seattle, Washington in March 2023.
- Named the following individuals to the districtwide Active Shooter Response Team Implementation Committee – High School Principal David Hann, Manager of Business Jenness Sigman, and Sheriff's Office Head of Greene County Active Threat Committee Captain Dan Funk.
- Dr. Cozad discussed recent legislative updates including just-introduced HB1 that proposes cutting income taxes to a flat rate of 2.75% for Ohio taxpayers and change property taxes by repealing tax roll back and reducing homestead exemption on real estate taxes. This could reduce local tax obligations unless HB920 takes effect which states that the district would not receive any less monies than what was previously voted in.

HB11 discusses school vouchers which could severely impact the finances we receive from the state.

Proposed SB1 reduces the Ohio Department of Education powers by organizing a governor-appointed Department of Education Workforce (DEW).

Adjournment at 10:25 p.m.

MEETING

April 13, 2023

7:00 p.m.

Bellbrook Middle School
Group Meeting Room
3600 Feedwire Rd
Bellbrook

April 27, 2023

7:00 p.m.

Bellbrook High School
Cafeteria
3737 Upper Bellbrook Rd
Bellbrook