

BELLBROOK – SUGARCREEK SCHOOLS

BOARD BITS

A Review of the Regular Board Meeting / Work Session

January 28, 2023

8:00 a.m.

Bellbrook Middle School

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by President Michael Kinsey.

Roll Call was taken with board members Heidi Anderson, David Carpenter, Audra Dorn, Mike Kinsey, and Kevin Price in attendance.

The Board heard a report or acted upon the following:

- Dr. Cozad presented certificates to each member of the board in honor of *OSBA School Board Recognition Month*.
- Approved 2023 membership in the Ohio School Boards Association and appointed the following members as follows: OSBA Legislative Liaison – Mike Kinsey, OSBA Student Achievement Liaison – Heidi Anderson, OSBA delegate to Capital Conference – David Carpenter, OSBA alternate to Capital Conference – Heidi Anderson, Representative to BSEF – Audra Dorn & David Carpenter, Financial Advisory Committee – Audra Dorn, Safety Committee – Kevin Price, Greene County Educational Service Center Business Advisory – Mike Kinsey and Active Shooter Response Team, Implementation Committee – Kevin Price and Mike Kinsey.
- Approved employment of Dean Diaz as Helpdesk Technician effective February 6, 2023 through June 30, 2024.
- Approved the firm of Frost, Todd, Brown as additional board/school district legal counsel.
- A discussion was held with member of the Sugarcreek Education Association Executive Committee - topics included methods of increased communication between board and union representation.
- Board of Education goals were discussed including increased communications and visibility within the community – building open houses, Town Hall meetings (public community meetings); advocating for reduction in non-funded State mandates (burdensome educational practices/policies); financial accountability and alternative funding supports.
- Board of Education policy is reviewed twice during the school year based on recommendations from NEOLA (policy advisors) for updates in state and federal law/mandates. Discussion was held whether or not to review current policy by section to determine if additional changes are needed at the local level.

- District Strategic Plan – Dr. Cozad addressed the issue of whether the board wants to update the Strategic Plan, a timeline for laying the groundwork, and whether an outside advisory group would be consulted for recommendations. It was suggested to start the steps of moving forward with a new strategic plan. As a part of the process, this includes, but is not limited to, what areas the district still needs to focus on, reviewing the current Mission and Vision Statements, and reviewing the accomplishments of the last plan. The use of outside consultants will also be considered.
- Mr. Carpenter discussed the November Ohio Schools Boards Association Capital Conference. He suggested that one of the board policies that should be reviewed is “Open Communications” – addressing time limitations, individuals who can address the board in addition to residents/parents. Mrs. Anderson indicated that the OSBA Student Achievement Fair that was held at Capital Conference showcased *Supportive Peers* at the high school. Mrs. Dorn discussed increased security presence through unconventional methods such as police building walk-through, parking lot assistance, professional development focusing on safety/security for transportation personnel.

Adjournment at 1:29 p.m.

MEETING

Thursday, February 9, 2023
7:00 p.m.
at Bellbrook Middle School
Group Meeting Room
3600 Feedwire Rd
Bellbrook