

The Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Board of Education met in regular session on January 28, 2023 at the Bellbrook Middle School.

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

ATTENDANCE:

Roll Call: Mrs. Heidi Anderson, Mr. David Carpenter, Mrs. Audra Dorn, Mr. Michael Kinsey and Mr. Kevin Price.

**MOTION 23-25**                      **2023 OSBA MEMBERSHIP/COMMITTEES**

Moved by Mr. Carpenter, seconded by Mrs. Dorn to approve the 2023 membership to the Ohio School Board Association and appointment of board members to the following positions:

- 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
- Representatives to BSEF – Audra Dorn & David Carpenter
- Financial Advisory Committee – Audra Dorn
- Safety Committee – Kevin Price
- Greene County Educational Service Center Business Advisory – Mike Kinsey

Roll Call: ayes-five, nays-none, Motion carried.

**MOTION 23-26**                      **ACTIVE SHOOTER RESPONSE TEAM COMMITTEE**

Moved by Mr. Kinsey, seconded by Mrs. Dorn to approve the vote on the Active Shooter Response Team committee members. The Roll Call vote for the Active Shooter Response Team Committee went as follows: Mrs. Dorn - Mr. Kinsey and Mr. Carpenter; Mr. Carpenter - Mr. Kinsey and Mr. Price; Mr. Kinsey - Mr. Kinsey and Mr. Price; Mrs. Anderson - Mr. Kinsey and Mrs. Anderson; Mr. Price - Mr. Price and Mr. Kinsey.

Mr. Mike Kinsey and Mr. Kevin Price were named to the Active Shooter Response Team Implementation Committee.

Roll Call: ayes-five, nays-none, Motion carried.

**MOTION 23-27**                      **CENTRAL OFFICE EMPLOYMENT/  
RESIGNATION/LEAVE-OF-ABSENCE**

Moved by Mrs. Dorn, seconded by Mrs. Anderson to approve an employment contract for Dean Diaz\* as Helpdesk Technician effective February 6, 2023 through June 30, 2024 at 203 days (reg sch yr + 17 day extended service), Step 4, Class 1.

\*Pending satisfactory results of Ohio BCII & federal FBI background checks

Roll Call: ayes-five, nays-none, Motion carried.

**MOTION 23-28**                      **LEGAL COUNSEL**

Moved by Mr. Carpenter, seconded by Mrs. Dorn to approve of the firm Frost, Todd, Brown as additional board/school district legal counsel.

Roll Call: ayes - five, nays-none, Motion carried.

**MOTION 23-29**                      **RECESS**

Moved by Mr. Kinsey, seconded by Mrs. Anderson to approve a 10 minute recess at 9:30am.

Roll Call: ayes-five, nays-none, Motion carried.

The president declared the meeting back into session at 9:40.

**MOTION 23-30**                      **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Moved by Mr. Kinsey, seconded by Mrs. Dorn to approve going into Executive session for the purpose of considering the employment and compensation of a public employee, per R.C. 121.22 (G)(1). Executive Session was held from 11:31 a.m. - 1:28 p.m.

Roll Call: ayes-five, nays-none, Motion carried.

**MOTION 23-31**                      **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Mrs. Dorn, seconded by Mrs. Anderson to adjourn the January 28, 2023 regular meeting of the Bellbrook- Sugarcreek Board of Education.

Roll Call: ayes-five, nays-none, Motion carried.

The regular January 28, 2023 meeting of the Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Board of Education adjourned at 1:29 p.m.

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President

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Treasurer

**REPORTS AND ITEMS OF INFORMATION**

1. Dr. Cozad presented certificates to each member of the board in honor of OSBA School Board Recognition Month.
2. A discussion was held with members of the Sugarcreek Education Association Executive Committee - topics included methods of increased communication between board and union representation.
3. 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 support.
4. 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.
5. 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.

6. 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.