

The Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Board of Education met in regular session on March 9, 2023 at the Bellbrook Middle School.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Mr. Mike Kinsey.

ATTENDANCE:

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

**MOTION 23-44**                      **BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL**

Moved by Mrs. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Dorn to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 9, 2023.

Roll Call: Mr. Carpenter –aye, Mrs. Dorn – aye, Mrs. Anderson – aye, Mr. Kinsey – aye and Mr. Price - abstain. Motion carried.

**MOTION 23-45**                      **TREASURER’S REPORT**

Moved by Mrs. Dorn, seconded by Mr. Carpenter to approve Treasurer’s Report and approval of expenditures for the month of February 2023.

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

**MOTION 23-46**                      **ADVANCE**

Moved by Mr. Carpenter, seconded by Mrs. Dorn to approve an advance from the general fund to cover federal grant deficits:

\$2,344.06	Early Childhood Grant Fund 587 9123
\$2,033.28	ARP ESSER 3 Grant
\$67,090.90	ESSER 2 Grant 507 9123

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

**MOTION 23-47**                      **AMENDMENT TO PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS**

Moved by Mrs. Dorn, seconded by Mrs. Anderson to approve an amendment to permanent appropriations for FY 23 by \$85,145.21 to reflect changes in federal grant allocations.

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

**MOTION 23-48**                      **TAX RATES**

Moved by Mr. Carpenter, seconded by Mrs. Dorn to approve the tax rates as set by the Greene County Budget Commission as included with the agenda.

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

**PUBLIC INPUT on the Use of Federal Grant Funds**

The Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Local School District receives federal grants through the Ohio Department of Education, via the Consolidated Continuous Improvement Plan (CCIP). Monies received through IDEA-B (Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act) and ECSE (Early Childhood Special Education) are used to provide special education services to students with identified disabilities, ages 3-21. Title I funds are used for supplemental initiatives and teacher salaries for reading intervention. Title II-A funds are used for targeted professional development based upon district needs. Title IV-A funds are used for well-rounded education initiatives, health and safety of students, and effective use of technology. COVID relief ESSER funds are used to address academic learning loss, the health and safety of students and staff, and to maintain

operations. These details can be found on the district website under the Communications tab. All funds must align with the goals outlined in the district's CCIP. Public input regarding the use of these funds for the school year is welcomed until March 31, 2023. Comments can be sent to Dr. Doug Cozad, Superintendent, or Betsy Gann, Director of Curriculum, at 3757 Upper Bellbrook Rd., Bellbrook. You may also email input to doug.cozad@bss.k12.oh.us or betsy.gann@bss.k12.oh.us. This statement will also be posted on our district website.

**MOTION 23-49**                      **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Moved by Mr. Carpenter, seconded by Mrs. Anderson to approve the following:

**A. Certified/Licensed Employment/Resignation/Leave-of-Absence/Supplemental Duty:**

- 1.) Approved the following supplemental duty/pupil activity contracts for the 2022-2023 school year (stipend 100% unless indicated):

Michelle Barnhart	K-5 Grade Level Chairperson – I.S. @ BC
Paige Lewis	HS Suicide Prevention/Hope Squad, 50%
Sasha Taylor	K-5 Grade Level Chairperson – Specials @ BC

- 2.) Supplemental Duty/Pupil Activity – Other Be it resolved, the Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Board of Education has offered these supplemental duty/pupil activity positions, via posting, to licensed employees of the district. The board either had no qualified licensed employee applicants or no employees applied before these positions were offered to non-licensed (other) persons. The following individuals have met qualifications for the board posting of supplemental duty/pupil activity positions as noted below.

- 3.) Approved the following supplemental duty/pupil activity contracts for the 2022-203 school year (stipend 100% unless indicated, previous approval unless \*):

Trevor Adkins	HS Asst Baseball, 70%
Richard Anderson	HS Asst Baseball, 70%
Michael Baumer	HS Head Boys Track
Julie Bean	Girls Reserve Lacrosse, 20%
Chad Beck	HS Head Girls Track
Zachary Chew	Boys Asst Lacrosse, 75%
Christopher Crane	HS Asst Boys Track
Colin Culbertson	HS Asst Baseball, 50%
John Goodpaster	HS Asst Baseball, 50%
Rob Hessinger	Boys Asst Lacrosse, 75%
Donald Kunz	Boys Asst Lacrosse, 75%
Vincent Molseed	Boys Head Lacrosse
Todd Raker	HS Asst Baseball, 80%
Michael Reagan	HS Asst Girls Track
Gerald Reeder	HS Asst Baseball, 40%
Joshua Rogers *	HS Asst Baseball, 40%
Barth Shenk	Boys Asst Lacrosse, 75%
Tyler Stewart	Girls Asst Lacrosse
	Girls Reserve Lacrosse, 20%
Nicodemus Taylor	HS Asst Boys Track, 30%
Jonathan Venters	HS Head Baseball
Christian Williams	HS Asst Boys Track, 70%
William Wilson	HS Asst Girls Track
Sarah Woll	Girls Reserve Lacrosse, 50%

- 4.) Approved the following supplemental duty/pupil activity volunteer for the 2022-2023 school year (previous approval unless \*):  

John Buck *	HS Asst Volleyball
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- 5.) Approved the following substitute teachers for the second semester of the 2022-2023 school year (previous approval unless \*):  

Nicholas Baker *	Madison Jansen *
Lucas Beckerink *	Jeanne Johnson
Misty Colfack *	Rebecca Scherrer *
  
- 6.) Approved a two-year administrative contract for Jenna Hill as Middle School Principal effective with the 2023-2024 school year, MA+30, 220 days, Step 3.

**B. Support Staff Employment/Resignation/Leave-of-Absence:**

- 1.) Approved the following support staff employment contracts for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year (previous approval unless \*):  

Trang Cannon *, MS Special Needs Asst, 6.75 hrs, Step 4, Classification #6, 189 days (reg. sch yr), eff 2/27/2023
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- 2.) Approved the following substitute support staff for the second semester of the 2022-2023 school year (previous approval unless \*):  

James Horobin *	Bus Driver, Transportation Asst
Rebecca Scherrer *	Secretary, Special Nds Asst, Library Spec.
  
- 3.) Approved the resignation from Secretary Cheryl Frost for the purpose of full Ohio SERS retirement effective end-of-day May 26, 2023.
  
- 4.) Approved resignation from Library Specialist Stephanie Vukovich effective end-of-day May 26, 2023.

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

**MOTION 23-50**                      **LEGAL COUNSEL**

Moved by Mr. Carpenter, seconded by Mrs. Dorn to approve the firm of Bricker & Eckler LLP as additional board/school district legal counsel.

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

**MOTION 23-51**                      **ESC SERVICE AGREEMENT 2023-2024**

Moved by Mr. Carpenter, seconded by Mrs. Dorn to approve the service agreement with Greene County Educational Service Center for supplemental services during the 2023-2024 school year at \$2,300,000.

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

**MOTION 23-52**                      **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING - SUGARCREEK TOWNSHIP**

Moved by Mr. Carpenter, seconded by Mrs. Dorn to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Sugarcreek Township regarding School Resource Officer (SRO) services for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026.

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

**MOTION 23-53**                      **2024-2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

Moved by Mr. Carpenter, seconded by Mrs. Dorn to approve the 2024-2025 district wide calendar (Draft B).

Roll Call: Mr. Carpenter –aye, Mrs. Dorn – aye, Mrs. Anderson – nay, Mr. Kinsey – aye and Mr. Price - aye. Motion carried

**MOTION 23-54**                      **DONATIONS**

Moved by Mr. Carpenter, seconded by Mrs. Anderson to approve the following donations *with gratitude*:

Beavercreek VFW	\$2,000 cash donation toward repairs/ upgrade to stadium High Jump Pit
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Roll Call: ayes-five, nays-none, Motion carried.

**MOTION 23-55**                      **OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL**

Moved by Mrs. Dorn, seconded by Mrs. Anderson to approve the following out-of-state travel:

- 1.) HS teacher Rob Schultz to New Orleans, LA, March 23-24, 2023 to participate on the AP Computer National Advisory Board (cost to district is substitute teacher x 2 days)
- 2.) Grades 6-7 Math Pentathlon team to Indianapolis, IN, April 15-16, 2023 to participate in National MP Tournament (no cost to district, advisor – Nancy Mangin)
- 3.) Eighth graders to Washington DC, May 14-17, 2024 for cultural enrichment (est. cost to district includes up to 7 substitute teachers x 4 days)

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

**MOTION 23-56**                      **ACTIVE SHOOTER RESPONSE TEAM  
IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE**

Moved by Mr. Kinsey, seconded by Mrs. Anderson to approve to name the following individuals to the Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Active Shooter Response Team Implementation Committee:

- David Hann – High School Principal
- Jenness Sigman – Manager of Business
- Captain Dan Funk – Greene County Sheriff’s Office / Head of Greene County Active Threat Committee

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

**MOTION 23-57**                      **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Moved by Mr. Kinsey, seconded by Mrs. Dorn to approve going into Executive session for the purpose of considering the employment and/or discipline of a public employee, per R.C. 121.22 (G)(1). Executive Session was held from 9:03 p.m. - 10:24 p.m.

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

**MOTION 23-58**                      **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Mrs. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Kinsey to adjourn the March 9, 2023 regular meeting of the Bellbrook- Sugarcreek Board of Education.

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

The regular March 9, 2023 meeting of the Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Board of Education adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

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President

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Treasurer

**REPORTS AND ITEMS OF INFORMATION**

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. Mr. Liming read a statement about public input on the use of Federal grant funds. Please contact [doug.cozad@bss.k12.oh.us](mailto:doug.cozad@bss.k12.oh.us) or [betsy.gann@bss.k12.oh.us](mailto:betsy.gann@bss.k12.oh.us) to provide input. Additional information is on our website.
6. 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).