

Arcanum-Butler Local School District
REGULAR
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING UPDATE
August 14, 2025

All present

APPROVED:

- Minutes of the regular board meeting held July 10, 2025, and the agenda for the August 14, 2025, meeting. (vote – all yea)
- Financial report, as presented by the Treasurer. (vote – all yea)
- Reimbursement in lieu of transportation to parents/guardians of students in the Arcanum-Butler School District enrolled in non-public schools, attending other county schools for special ed services, or attending Alternative Education (ACES) for school year 2025-2026. (vote – all yea)
- Transportation services contract with Spirit Transport for the 2025-2026 school year for special education students. (vote – all yea)
- Donation of \$3,742.72 from the Arcanum Kindergarten Parents Club for the purpose of purchasing touchscreen devices. (vote – all yea)
- Contract for the 2025-2026 school year with Maxim Healthcare Services, to provide a 1:1 nurse for a preschool student. (vote – all yea)
- Contracts with Thomas Hartle and Amanda Denlinger for crossing guard services for the 2025-2026 school year. (vote – all yea)
- Amanda Denlinger and Susanna Knaus as substitute crossing guards for the 2025-2026 school year. (vote – all yea)
- Chad Bruner as the Special Ed. Van driver for the 2025-2026 school year.
- All certified/licensed substitutes for the 2025-2026 school year, as presented by the Darke County ESC throughout the school year. (vote – all yea)
- Resolution to expand employment of substitute teachers, who do not hold a post-secondary degree, through the 2025-2026 school year. (vote – all yea)
- Use agreement with Arcanum Youth Football for use of the stadium for contests for school year 2025-2026. (vote – all yea)
- 2025-2026 bus routes. (vote – all yea)
- Resignation of Chelsea Dickensheets from the café.
- Contract with William Myers to provide cleaning services after home volleyball, basketball, and wrestling events for the 2025-2026 school year. (vote – all yea)
- Supplemental contracts for the 2025-2026 school year; Jessica Pothast – Gymnastics; Randy Baker – HS boys baseball; Mike Morris – HS girls softball; Jeff Rademachir – HS track. (vote – all yea)
- Kathryn Carey as a café classified sub. (vote – all yea)
- Janell Claudy as a café, secretary and MD aide, classified sub. (vote – all yea)
- Contract and Memorandum of Understanding with the Village of Arcanum to provide a uniformed police officer to be a full-time SRO for a term of three years including the school years: 2025-2026, 2026-2027, and 2027-2028. (vote – all yea)
- Addendum to the Treasurer's contract. (vote – all yea)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Tracy Fout and Kayla Morrison, representing the Give Thanks Foundation, addressed the Board regarding potential partnerships with additional school-affiliated groups, including student and parent organizations. They reported on the recent success of the Brick Street Block Party and the Brick Street Super Raffle. The Board discussed the possibility of expanding event offerings at the Brick Street Block Party as a means to reduce the number of separate fundraisers conducted by the district.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Accolades and Announcements
 - ◆ 2025-2026 School Year will soon kick off. This year staff will focus on being “Connected by Trust, Committed to Growth” as well look to getting to know our kids better, working collaboratively with our peers, and being creative in our teaching approach.
 - ◆ Fall Sports Season is underway! Good luck to all of our student athletes and coaches. Thank you to AD Abbey Moore and JH AD Matt Macy for all of their work to prepare for the season.
 - ◆ District Opening Day will be Friday, August 22, to include a welcome back for the staff, building staff meetings, and general updates. Doug Surber and Arcanum café staff will provide breakfast and lunch for staff.
 - ◆ Teacher Work Day – August 25 will start with a breakfast, Supt. Updates, building-level meetings and will finish in the afternoon with activities planned by our District Leadership Team that will be based on our theme for the year.
- School Operations and Updates
 - ◆ Booster Stadium Update
 - ◆ Staffing Update
 - ◆ Project Updates

Adjourned at 8:19 p.m.