

Arcanum-Butler Local School District
REGULAR
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING UPDATE
November 13, 2025

Present: Mr. Norris, Mr. Trask, Mr. Fearon, Mr. Moore, Mr. LeMaster

Absent:

APPROVED:

- Minutes from the regular meeting held October 9, 2025, and the agenda for the November 13, 2025 meeting. (vote – all yea)
- Financial Report, including the first reading of a Post-Issuance Policy, as presented by the Treasurer. (vote – all yea)
- Amended FY26 appropriations and estimated resources. (vote – all yea)
- FY26 Student Wellness and Success Plan, as presented by the Treasurer. (vote – all yea)
- General Fund transfer to Preschool (020-9603) in the amount of \$35,000. (vote – all yea)
- Donation from the Arcanum Athletic Boosters in the amount of \$6,000 – Each team that worked the concession in the fall will receive a \$500 donation. (vote – all yea)
- Lease-purchase resolution authorizing the Board of Education to enter into a base lease of school district land and facilities, and a lease of the same back to the Board of Education of the school district, for the purpose of constructing, improving, furnishing, and equipping school facilities, including, without limitation the Booster Stadium. (vote – all yea)
- FJM quote for the purchase of new band uniforms in the amount of \$11,088. (vote – all yea)
- Hire Ashley Means as a classified substitute, effective November 3, 2025. (vote – all yea)
- Leave of absence for Cristina Engle as permitted under ORC 3319.13. (vote – all yea)
- Hire Ashleigh Riggs as a classified substitute, effective November 12, 2025. (vote – all yea)
- Roger McEldowney as a volunteer coach for the JH Basketball 2025-2026, school year. (vote – all yea)
- Usage agreement with Arcanum youth Wrestling Association for the 2025-2026 school year. (vote – all yea)
- Resolution for senior's last day. (vote – all yea)
- Resolution reducing a school year for excessive calamity days for students if blizzard bags are needed. (vote – all yea)
- Brian Pohlman to take four FFA members to the Ohio FFA Ag Technology and Mechanical Systems state finals December 10-11, 2025, at The Ohio State University ATI in Wooster OH. (vote – all yea)
- Policies: 1422 – Nondiscrimination, Equal Employment Opportunity, and Anti-Harassment; 1623 – Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Disability Discrimination in Employment; 2260 – Nondiscrimination and Access to Equal Educational Opportunity; 2260.01 – Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Discrimination Based on Disability; 3122 – Nondiscrimination, Equal Employment Opportunity, and Anti—Harassment; 3123 – Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Disability Discrimination in Employment; 4122 - Nondiscrimination, Equal Employment Opportunity, and Anti-Harassment; 4123 – Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Disability Discrimination in Employment; 2266 – Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education; 2430.02 – Participation of Community/Home-Educated School Students in Extra-Curricular Activities; 2431 – Interscholastic Athletics; 3130 – Assignment and Transfer; 5130 – Withdrawal from School; 5136 – Personal Communication Devices; 5223 – Released Time for Religious Instruction; 6109 – Acceptance of Payment by Credit Card; 6152 – Student Fees, Fines and Charges; 6830 – Audit; 7540.02 – Digital Content and Accessibility; 8300 – Continuity of Organizational Operations Plan; 8305 – Information Security; 8400 – School Safety; 8462 – Student Abuse and Neglect; 8640 – Transportation for Non-Routine Trips; 9270 – Equivalent Education Outside the Schools & Participation in Extracurricular for Students not Enrolled in the District. (vote – all yea)
- Rachel Fearon as a volunteer coach for the HS Girls Basketball, 2025-2026 school year. (vote – all yea)

PROGRAMS

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Accolades and Announcements
 - ◆ Congratulations to all of our Trojan Fall athletes, band members, and coaches. Thank you to AD Abbey Moore and our Fall coaches for all of their efforts, and to all of our event workers for their countless hours.
 - ◆ Great job to our MS and HS with the canned food drive! The drive is the main source of food for the year for our local pantry and is sponsored by the NHS.
 - ◆ The Fall District Newsletter is being finalized with plans to distribute before or right after Thanksgiving.
- School Operations and Updates
 - ◆ Booster Stadium Update – Concession Stand Phase and Bleacher Phase.
 - ◆ 2026-2027 Calendar Draft and Review.
 - ◆ Attorney General Safety Grant – Two grants were submitted requesting costs to cover staff training associated with annual Emergency Operations Programs. The cover staff training associated with annual Emergency Operations Programs. The other grant would cover the cost for The Pohl Group to provide safety training for HS Students to include: Situational Awareness, Travel Safety, Online Threats/Safety, Party Safety & Contaminated Drinks, and Emergency Response Tools to Stay Safe During Dangerous Events.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORTS:

- **Elementary**
 - Continuous Improvement and Vision (CIP Goal #1)
 - ◆ The teachers and staff participated in sessions focusing on behavior strategies, modifications in the classroom, and the new reading series during the October 24 Professional Development Day.
 - ◆ Thank you to Emily Kappel who spent two days with elementary math teachers to provide support and resources to use in their classrooms to enhance instruction.
 - ◆ Teachers have spent time planning and preparing for parent teacher conferences held on November 11 and 13. Teachers provide feedback on student growth and resources for parents to use at home.
 - ◆ I was able to attend a two-day CCIP conference on October 27-28 to learn federal and state updates and attend sessions geared towards improving students' academic success.
 - Instruction (CIP Goal #2)
 - ◆ AELC students have been cooking up creativity through an interactive area where students follow picture steps to create different food items with play food and then pay for the item with play money.
 - ◆ Kindergarten students put on a parade for the elementary students to show off their letter vest to wrap up their alphabet boot camp. They are now working on number bootcamp.
 - ◆ First grade teachers and students walked to the Arcanum Public Library where all students received a library card if they did not have one and toured the library to learn about all the resources and programs they have.
 - ◆ Second grade students have participated in daily number talk routines to improve their number sense and math reasoning skills.
 - ◆ Third grade students have been working hard on their opinion and informational writing as they prepared for the state ELA assessment.

- ◆ Fourth grade students have been working on hands on math projects to learn how math is used in our everyday lives through a Million Dollar Project.
- School Operations, Resources, and Learning Environment (CIP Goal #3)
 - ◆ The elementary joined the middle school in celebrating Red Ribbon Week to promote drug awareness by completing different activities. All students enjoyed wearing their costumes to celebrate Halloween with the theme “Drugs are Scary.”
 - ◆ The first quarter PBIS assembly will be held October 31, with the students celebrating the end of a successful first quarter by having a costume parade, reviewing character traits, and playing circus themed games with their teachers and classmates.
 - ◆ The elementary students did a fantastic job following district protocol and expectations during this month’s fire and lockdown drills.
 - ◆ Congratulations to the October Trojans of the Month for showing respect and responsibility: Rosalie Ingle, Tinlee Humpolak, Renley Means, Talon Phipps, Braxton Parlett, Evelyn Fourman, Preslee Emrick, Isaac Quigney, Scott Anderson, Mila Cox, Carter Richardson, Adelynn Hoop, Oakley Schwartz, Grace Schwieterman, Leland Batten, Jayce Bruner, Jaxson Binkley, Parker James, Teagann Riggs, Jase Pohlman. Students celebrated their reward with breakfast and games.
- Collaboration (CIP Goal #4) and Parent and Community Engagement (CIP Goal #5)
 - ◆ Thank you to the Ohio State Extension Office for talking with our 3rd grade students about soil and plants and providing the students the opportunity to grow their own plants in the classroom.
 - ◆ Mr. McElDowney’s Leadership class continues to work with our students on foundational reading skills and building positive relationships.
 - ◆ Thank you to the Arcanum Fire Department who spoke to our kindergarten, 2nd, and 4th grade students about fire safety and prevention.
 - ◆ Parents joined us to celebrate the end of the quarter for our annual Harvest Parties on October 31. The staff dressed up to a circus theme.
- **Middle School**
 - Standard 1: Continuous Improvement – Principals help create a shared vision and clear goals for their schools and ensure continuous progress toward achieving the goals.
 - ◆ Congratulations to our October Students of the Month! 5th gr – Charlotte Howell & Reed Wagner; 6th gr – Victoria Hutchinson & Zander Cano; 7th gr – Danielle Dillman & Colton Holliday; and 8th gr – Charlotte Shuff & Beau Barga.
 - ◆ Congratulations to our October/November T-Shirt Tuesday Winners! Savannah Denlinger, Destin Powers, Cate Kessler, Ivan Rausch, Elexie Fout.
 - ◆ Congratulations to our newly selected class officers: 8th gr – Lilly Moore, Kelsey Dillman, Laci Dillman; 7th gr – Sarah Hartman, Kendall Hobbs, Kinley Leeper, Bryn Baker.
 - ◆ On October 31, students celebrated Q1 achievements during our Q1 assembly. Student groups were recognized, staff announced Q1 Growth Mindset Winners, merit roll and honor roll students were acknowledged, and students competed in two Halloween themed relay races.
 - ◆ Congratulations to all of our fall athletes for an entertaining fall sports season. Team results are: Volleyball – 7th grade 10-7 (10-1)/8th grade 9-8 (9-1); Football – 4-4/finished 5th in the WOAC; XC – Nathan Johnson 4th team – 3rd place; Lilly Moore 4th Team – 2nd place; Cheerleaders – Several first and second place finishes throughout the fall season.
 - Standard 2: Instruction – Principals support the implementation of high-quality standards-based instruction that results in higher levels of achievement for all students.
 - ◆ Heather Whittaker and Emilie Rice kicked off our after school tutoring program on Monday, October 13. We currently have seven students registered in the math and ELA tutoring program.
 - ◆ The MS Hope Squad, which is made up of peer elected student leaders in grades 6 through 8, had the opportunity to visit the University of Dayton Arena for a mental health pep rally on October 21. The Hope Squad heard from the men’s basketball head coach of UD as well as his wife about the loss of their daughter in 2021 to suicide. Students were educated on the basics of mental health and how to take care of themselves during times of trial and to always remember feelings are temporary. Brandon Saho led the pep

rally and students heard from top doctors from Dayton Children's as well as students who have dealt with thoughts and feelings of suicide personally and what techniques and coping skills work for them.

- ◆ Thank you to our creative staff for keeping students engaged during a hectic Halloween week! Our Science Department never fails and students had a lot of fun learning about various scientific reactions.
- ◆ Red Ribbon Week was the week of October 27. Students dressed up to different themes and staff shared various anti-drug and anti-alcohol information with students each day. Thanks to Megan Smith and Ashley Matheson for organizing this year's event.
- ◆ We kicked off a new gifted education program on Tuesday, November 4. TAG (Talented and Gifted) Tuesday takes place the first Tuesday of every month for 7th and 8th graders and the second Tuesday of every month for 5th and 6th grade students. Mrs. Painting will be providing intentional gifted lessons during each meeting.
- Standard 3: School Operations, Resources, and Learning Environment – Principals allocate resources and manage school operations in order to ensure a safe and productive learning environment.
 - ◆ All 5th graders completed IOWA/CogAt testing the week of October 6. This testing provides us with information that helps us identify new gifted students. Thanks to David Baker, Ashley Matheson, and our 5th grade staff for assisting with this fall testing requirement.
 - ◆ The week of October 20 was School Bus Safety Week. Safety information and reminders were posted on the Middle School Facebook page. A special shout out to all of our drivers who go above and beyond to ensure the safe arrival and return home for all of our students.
 - ◆ Picture retake day took place on October 21. Thanks to Handshoe Photography for being very efficient with this process.
 - ◆ Students and staff completed our monthly fire and soft lockdown drill with no issues reported. Thanks to John Wilt for assisting with the drills.
 - ◆ Congratulations to Jaimee Garbig who earned a grant for Reflex Math which allowed her to purchase the program. Reflex Math is an adaptive, game-based online program designed to help students in grades 2–6 improve their fluency with basic math facts, including addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. This program is very beneficial for the students in our resource room.
- Standard 4: Collaboration – Principals establish and sustain collaborative learning and shared leadership to promote learning and achievement of all students.
 - ◆ Staff completed professional development training on October 24. Teachers had an opportunity to receive additional training and support with the new K-5 reading series, behavior management strategies, the IEP process, and check point assessments via the testing portal.
 - ◆ Emily Kappel from Kappel Consulting observed and met with the district's math department on October 7-9. During this time, staff shared ideas and received feedback from Emily regarding their instructional strategies. The time was well received and our staff has already begun to implement a few new teaching strategies.
 - ◆ Our Special Education Department met on October 17 to write and update IEPs. This day also involved important collaboration time that our Special Education staff rarely gets. I want to give a special thanks to Jaimee Garbig, Erin Tegtmeyer, and Mandy Flatter for their commitment and dedication to our students who are on IEPs.
- Standard 5: Parents and Community Engagement – Principals engage parents and community members in the educational process and create an environment where community resources support student learning, achievement and well-being.
 - ◆ The Canned Food Drive kicked off on the week of October 27. This year Arcanum-Butler MS students and families brought over 1,700 items which were donated to the United Methodist Church. A huge thank you to Nicki Bowser and the MS Student Council members for helping in the organization of this event and the delivery of the items.

- ◆ 8th grade went to IU East and Ivy Tech Community College in Richmond, IN, on October 18. Students learned what these two post-secondary campuses have to offer as well as a tour of both locations. We would also like to thank IU East for lunch and both colleges for some free merchandise!
- ◆ 8th graders attended University of Dayton on October 28 and had a great day. They learned what UD has to offer as well as a campus tour and complimentary lunch. Thanks to Mrs. Matheson for organizing this trip and all of her work with our college and career readiness initiative. This was the final fall college and career readiness event for our 8th graders.
- ◆ Thanks to Mr. Pfahler for completing all of our Written Acceleration Plans for 8th-grade students who are enrolled in Algebra 1. These were shared with parents via SameGoal and a letter was sent home with Q1 report card explaining the enrollment and signing process.
- ◆ November 11 and 13 were parent teacher conferences for Arcanum-Butler MS. November 11 included grades 5 and 6 while November 13 included the entire middle school. I'd like to thank all the parents and staff for their time and collaboration on these important meeting dates. In addition, a special thank you to Doug Surber and the kitchen staff for preparing dinner each night.

• High School

- Goal #1 – Principals help create a shared vision and clear goals for their schools and ensure continuous progress toward achieving the goals.
 - ◆ I want to thank Mrs. Kessler for organizing the PSAT test for juniors, giving them the opportunity to qualify for the National Merit program. Micah Arbogast, Robert Arling, and Gabrielah Dumas were identified as scoring in the top 10% amongst those students nationally and earned a National Recognition Program Award. Congratulations to Will Beisner on being recognized as a Commended Student, scoring in the top 3% of students in the nation!
 - ◆ I want to thank Mrs. Kessler and Mrs. Bennett for their work in organizing and proctoring the ACT.
 - ◆ I want to thank Jason Vince, Joni Pechie, Kip Gray, Liz Griesdorn, and the DLT Crew for our recent professional development day.
- Goal #2 – Principals support the implementation of high-quality standards based instruction that results in higher levels of achievement for all students.
 - ◆ During November, Mrs. Kessler and I will meet with seniors to ensure they have a clear plan for Enroll, Enlist, or Employ after graduation and to confirm they have sufficient credits for graduation.
 - ◆ Our Academic Team has begun competitions. The Varsity team is in first place, and the JV team is tied for first place
 - ◆ Congratulations to the Farm & Agribusiness Management Team for receiving a GOLD Rating at the National FFA Contest! Top 12 in the USA! Great Job Katelynne, Charlie, Ethan, and Landon. Shout out to Katelynne for being a Gold Rated Individual.
- Goal #3 – Principals allocate resources and manage school operations in order to ensure a safe and productive learning environment.
 - ◆ As a high school staff, we will be focusing on promoting the values of accountability, honesty, and service to our students throughout the school year. The staff will be promoting these activities in a variety of ways throughout the school year.
 - ◆ Our October Students of the Month for recognized for Respect, are Freshman Rylee Judy, Sophomore Landry Rhodehamel, Junior Helena Kissinger and Senior Cheyenne Swisher.
 - ◆ I want to thank Mrs. Maggie Wright, Miss Kaitlyn Zell and the Arcanum SADD Club for organizing Red Ribbon Week, promoting safe and positive choices to help our students stay drug-free!
- Goal #4 – Principals establish and sustain collaborative learning and shared leadership to promote learning and achievement of all students.

- ◆ On October 10, we held our annual National Honor Society Induction Ceremony, welcoming 22 new student members and one teacher, Mr. James. I want to commend Mrs. Arling and the National Honor Society for a special ceremony.
- ◆ I would like to congratulate our marching band and Mr. Hopwood for making it to the state competition and earning a “2” Excellent rating!
- Goal #5 – Principals engage parents and community members in the educational process and create an environment where community resources support student learning, achievement and well-being.
 - ◆ I want to commend Mrs. Arling and the National Honor Society, along with the entire student body, staff of Arcanum High School, and the Arcanum community for their outstanding efforts with our NHS Canned Food Drive. Through everyone’s hard work, we achieved our goal of providing food for those in need in Arcanum!
 - ◆ We have just started planning for our annual Senior Citizens Christmas Luncheon on December 3. Advertisements will be distributed in the coming weeks.
 - ◆ I want to congratulate our fall athletes and the band on a successful fall sports season. I’d like to thank our coaches, advisors, students, and parents for their hard work and dedication. A special thanks goes to Mrs. Abbey Moore, Mr. Chey Kramer, Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Kramer, the Arcanum Athletic Boosters, and the A# Music Boosters for ensuring that each event runs smoothly. Congratulations to our seniors and their parents on their achievements over the past four years. A big shout-out to our WOAC Champions in Girls Volleyball and Co-Champions in Boys Golf.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR’S REPORT

- **Girls Golf**
 - ◆ Record 11-2 (10-1)
 - ◆ WOAC 2nd place
 - ◆ Adalyn Paul 2nd | Sadie Waldo 7th | Ella Warren
- **Boys Golf**
 - ◆ Record 11-1 (10-1)
 - ◆ **WOAC CO-CHAMPIONS**
 - ◆ Won the WOAC Tournament to earn a share of the WOAC title with NT
 - ◆ Luke Stephens **STATE QUALIFIER**
 - ◆ - Sectional: 8th Place (79) @ Windy Knoll
 - ◆ - District: 5th Place (75) @ PipeStone
 - ◆ - State: 4th Place (77) @ NCR South *HOLE IN ONE*
 - ◆ - First Team All-State
- **HS Volleyball**
 - ◆ Varsity Overall 20-6 (11-0) / JV 19-3 (9-1)
 - ◆ **2025 WOAC VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONS**
 - ◆ **2025 OHSAA SW D6 DISTRICT CHAMPIONS**
 - ◆ JV Greenville Federal Volleyball Invitational CHAMPIONS
 - ◆ Varsity Greenville Federal Volleyball Invitational CHAMPIONS
 - ◆ Grace Fry reached 1,000 assists
 - ◆ **NEW VOLLEYBALL RECORD**
 - ◆ - Kamryn Beisner | Most Aces in a Season
- **Varsity Football**
 - ◆ Overall 7-4; WOAC 6-3
 - ◆ OHSAA PLAYOFFS @ Preble Shawnee
- **Boys Cross Country Highlights**
 - ◆ Boys team finished in 4th place at the WOAC meet
 - ◆ WOAC Top 10 Finishers
 - ◆ - Leland Neumaier | 9th Place 1st place at the Dixie Tune-Up Meet / Malachi Wright 3rd
 - ◆ Boys team finished 10th at the District Meet REGIONAL QUALIFIER Blackhawk
- **Girls Cross Country Highlights**
 - ◆ Girls team finished in 2nd place at the WOAC meet

- ◆ WOAC Top 10 Finishers
- ◆ - Sadie Waldo | 5th Place
- ◆ - Ella Warren | 8th Place
- ◆ **REGIONAL QUALIFIERS**
- ◆ - Sadie Waldo
- ◆ - Ella Warren
- ◆ - Brynn Byers
- ◆ - Rylee Judy
- ◆ **JH Football**
- ◆ Overall record 4-4
- ◆ Finished 5th in the WOAC
- ◆ Wins vs Dixie, NT, TVS, MV
- **JH Volleyball**
 - ◆ 7th grade: Overall 10-7; WOAC 10-1
 - ◆ 8th grade: Overall 9-8; WOAC 9-1
 - ◆ 7th grade earned the 1st seed in the WOAC Tournament
 - ◆ 8th grade earned the 2nd seed in the WOAC Tournament
 - ◆ **2024 WOAC 8TH GRADE VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONS**
- **JH Boys Cross Country Highlights**
 - ◆ WOAC Championship Highlights / Nathan Johnson 4th
 - ◆ Team – 3rd place
- **JH Girls Cross Country Highlights**
 - ◆ WOAC Championship Highlights / Lilly Moore 4th
 - ◆ Team – 2nd place (only two schools had enough numbers to compete as a team)
- **HS/JH Cheerleading Competition Highlights**
 - ◆ WOAC Cheer Competition is Sunday, December 7, 1:00 p.m. at Preble Shawnee
 - ◆ Top HS performance: HS Pom Grand Champion @ Arcanum Booster Competition & MV Competition
 - ◆ Top JH performance: JH Gameday 2nd place at the Arcanum Booster Competition
- **WOAC Post-Season Awards**
 - ◆ Football
 - - 1st Team RB | MJ Macy
 - - 1st Team OL | Marcus Rayburn
 - - 1st Team OL | Isaiah Frazee
 - - 1st Team DB | Bishop Cartwright
 - - 1st Team LB | Kolten Quigney
 - - 2nd Team OL | Brayden Freeman
 - - 2nd Team OL | Connor Rogers
 - - 2nd Team WR | Raysean Miles
 - - 2nd Team WR | Talan Stone
 - - 2nd Team DL | Avery Bowser
 - - 2nd Team DB | Ross Wagner
 - - 2nd Team LB | Hudson Knaus
 - - Special Mention | Remington Hatfield
 - - Special Mention | Cody Werling
 - ◆ Volleyball
 - 1st Team / Kamryn Beisner
 - 1st Team / Grace Fry
 - 1st Team / Caroline Long
 - 2nd Team / Cameron Garbig
 - 2nd Team / Grace Psczulkoski
 - Special Mention / Avery Leeper
 - Coach of the Year / Jacie Holman
 - ◆ Boys Golf
 - Co-Player of the Year / Luke Stephens

- Special Mention / Daniel Kerns
- Coach of the Year / Kip Gray
- ◆ Girls Golf
 - 1st Team / Adalyn Paul
 - 1st Team / Sadie Waldo
 - 1st Team / Ella Warren
 - Special Mention / Brooklynne Eley
- ◆ Boys Cross Country
 - 1st Team / Leland Neumaier
 - Special Mention / Malachi Wright
- ◆ Girls Cross Country
 - 1st Team / Ella Warren
 - 1st Team / Sadie Waldo
 - Special Mention / Rylee Judy

Adjourned at 8:34 p.m.