

Arcanum-Butler Local School District
REGULAR
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING UPDATE
January 8, 2026

Present: Mr. Fearon, Mr. Moore, Mr. Norris, Mr. Trask, Mrs. Zimmer

Absent:

ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS:

- Officers for 2026: President – Mr. Norris; Vice-President – Mr. Trask. (vote – all yea)
- Established date, time, and place of regular monthly Board meetings for 2026. Meetings to be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Board office on the second Thursday of the month, with the exception of the June meeting which will be held the third Thursday, June 18. (vote – all yea)
- Authorization to waive reading of board minutes, in accordance with section 3313.26 of the Ohio Revised Code. The reading of the board proceedings shall be waived since the proceedings are distributed to Board members in advance of the regular meeting. (vote – all yea)
- Authorized Treasurer to invest any inactive funds during 2026. (vote – all yea)
- Authorized Treasurer to pay all bills for 2026, subject to limitations of appropriations. (vote – all yea)
- Authorized Board President and Treasurer to make advance draws against real estate tax collections for 2026. (vote – all yea)
- Authorized Superintendent and Treasurer to attend those business and professional meetings deemed necessary during 2026, with expenses paid, exclusive of out-of-state overnight trips and meetings, to promote education and to properly conduct the business of the school district. (vote – all yea)
- Appointed Superintendent as the purchasing agent for the District for 2026, subject to the limitations of appropriations and \$7500 per unit purchased from all funds. (vote – all yea)
- Appointed the Superintendent as the official representative of the District for all state or federal government Title projects for 2026. (vote – all yea)
- Appointed the Superintendent as the official representative of the District regarding the district's membership in the Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Cooperative for 2026. (vote – all yea)
- Authorized the Superintendent to employ and/or accept resignations of personnel on behalf of the Board during time when the Board is not in session, subject to ratification by the Board. Upon ratification by the Board, the employment and/or resignation shall be deemed effective as of the date and time of the Superintendent's offer and/or acceptance. (vote – all yea)
- Approved \$3500 for the Athletic Department checking account for game official fees and event fees. (vote – all yea)
- Authorized the Treasurer to make any necessary budget modifications, with said modifications presented to the Board for approval at the next regular meeting. (vote – all yea)
- Approved the Proper Public Purpose Resolution. (vote – all yea)
- Designated Matt Huffman, Treasurer, as the Board Member designee to attend the public records training as required by ORC 109.43 and be the District's Public Records Clerk for 2026. (vote – all yea)
- Authorized the Treasurer to authorize the payment of reasonable sales tax for approved purchases or expenses when a tax exemption certificate cannot be used or its use is impractical under the circumstances. (vote – all yea)
- Superintendent Committees for 2026: Buildings and Grounds – Mr. Moore and Mr. Trask; Negotiations and Finance – Mr. Fearon and Mrs. Zimmer.

APPROVED:

- Minutes from the regular board meeting held December 11, 2025, and agenda for the January 8, 2026, meeting. (vote – all yea)
- Financial report, as presented by the Treasurer. (vote – all yea)
- FY27 Tax Budget as presented by the Treasurer. (vote – all yea)
- Approved to purchase new batting cages from Batting Cages, Inc., in the amount of \$20,679.18. (vote -all yea)

- Approved purchase obligated prior to the certification of the purchase order: \$5,000 to the Pohl Group for Student Safety Training Program. (vote – all yea)
- Accept donation in the amount of \$1500 from Garbig, Schmidt and Pohlman LLC., for the boys' and girls' basketball programs. (vote – all yea)
- Calendar for the 2026-2027 school year. (vote – all yea)
- Usage agreement with Arcanum Youth Baseball. (vote – all yea)
- Approved all certified/licensed substitutes for the 2025-2026 school year as presented by the Darke County ESC throughout the school year. (vote – all yea)
- Approved updated language in the High School handbook due to the cell phone policy. (vote – all yea).
- Approved Peyton Garbig as a volunteer softball coach for the 2025-2026 school year. (vote: yea- Trask, Zimmer, Fearon, Norris; abstain - Moore)

PUBLIC HEARING:

- Proposed FY27 tax budget

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- Accolades and Announcements
 - ◆ With the first semester coming to an end soon, I would like to thank our teachers, staff, admin team and students for all of their efforts.
 - ◆ Our annual fire inspection occurred over the break and the report had no major violations and only a few minor things for Jeff Brown to address. I appreciate the job Jeff and the principals do to maintain a safe school building.
 - ◆ Board Picture – Feb. BOE meeting at 6:45 p.m. in the library.
- School Operations and Updates
 - ◆ Booster Stadium Project Update – Bleacher RFP and Concession Stand Single Prime Bid.
 - ◆ Staffing – The admin team and I will start reviewing staffing for the 2026-2027 school year.

Executive session for the purpose to discuss the employment of a public employee or official.

Adjourned at 9:04 p.m.