



The New Bremen Local Board of Education met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. in the Dianne Komminsk Center for Innovative Thinking for the purpose of reorganizing.

President Pro Tem, Shelly Busse led the pledge of allegiance.

Shelley Busse nominated Suzanne Wells for President.

21-1 Motion by Bertke, second by Suchland to close nominations for President. Upon the call of the roll, the vote was as follows: Bambauer, yes; Bertke, yes; Busse, yes; Suchland, yes; Wells, yes. Motion Carried.

Upon the call of the role, the votes for President were as follows: Bambauer, Wells; Bertke, Wells; Busse, Wells; Suchland, Wells; Wells, Wells. Wells will be President.

Cory Suchland nominated Michele Bambauer for Vice-President.

21-2 Motion by Wells, second by Busse to close the nominations for Vice-President. Upon the call of the roll, the vote was as follows: Bertke, yes; Busse, yes; Suchland, yes; Wells, yes; Bambauer, yes. Motion Carried.

Upon the call of the role, the votes for Vice-President were as follows: Bertke, Bambauer; Busse, Bambauer; Suchland, Bambauer; Wells, Bambauer; Bambauer, Bambauer. Bambauer will be Vice-President.

VI. Consent Agenda Items

Following are recommendations that have been identified for approval as part of the consent agenda. If a member of the board would wish to remove any item(s) from this agenda for further discussion prior to taking action, please let either the superintendent or board president know.

A. Board Meeting Dates

The Superintendent recommends that the Board adopt the following dates, time, and place for the regular monthly school board meeting unless specifically changed by consensus of the Board:

Dates: The N-B School Board will normally meet on the third Wednesday of each month with the exception of January, which will be held on the second Wednesday of the month. Specific dates for regular school board meetings during the 2021 calendar year are recommended as follows:

January (2 nd Week)	13	May	19	September	15
February	17	June (4 th Week)	23	October	20
March	17	July	21	November	17
April	21	August	18	December	15
Time: 7:00 P.M. December 6:00 P.M.					
Place: The Dianne Komminsk Center for Innovative Thinking					



B. Appointment of Purchasing Agent for All Funds

The Board should appoint the Superintendent the Purchasing Agent for the New Bremen Local School District with the authority to expend money from the previously approved appropriations. This would include professional leaves as described in the NBTA Agreement with the exception of out-of-state requests which require overnight lodging.

C. Performance Bonds

Performance bonds have or will be purchased for selected positions in the N-B Schools through Ohio School Plan to protect N-B District Funds and comply with State Law Regulations.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Present Employee</u>	<u>Amount of Bond</u>
Treasurer	Jill Ahlers	\$25,000

D. Miscellaneous Business Items

The Board needs to approve numerous annual items of business related to meeting requirements of the Ohio Revised Code and/or administrative procedures for the ongoing smooth operations of the New Bremen Local Schools. The following school-related items are recommended for the Board's approval:

1. Designate the First National Bank as depository for all New Bremen Local School District Funds for five (5) years (January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2024). Designate US Bank as depository for the district's direct deposit payroll account. In addition, designate Huntington Bank, Multi-Bank Securities, Fifth Third Bank, and Red Tree Investments as our investment brokers, and approve all Ohio Depository Banks as acceptable depositories for certificates of deposit of less than \$250,000.
2. Authorize the Board President, Treasurer, and the Superintendent to sign the necessary certificates as required by H.B. 1285 to verify that sufficient funds are available when negotiated agreements are ratified.
3. Authorize the Treasurer to request advances on local taxes when obtainable from the Auglaize County Auditor and Treasurer.
4. Authorize the Treasurer to pay all bills within the limits of the Budget Appropriations after determined by the Superintendent and the Treasurer that merchandise or services received were satisfactory.
5. Authorize the Treasurer to modify the Annual Budget Appropriations as needed and report to the Board monthly.
6. Authorize the Board, Superintendent and Treasurer to attend those business and professional meetings necessary with expenses paid to properly conduct the business of the school. This includes the authorization of the Superintendent to attend a national convention or meeting the equivalent of one meeting every other year.



7. Authorize the Superintendent to employ temporary personnel to assist as needed in emergency situations. Such employment would be presented for Board approval at the next regularly scheduled school board meeting.
8. Designate the Superintendent as the New Bremen School District's representative for State and Federal Programs.
9. Appoint the Superintendent as the School District Special Education Officer with the Building Principals as Special Education Placement Committee Chairpersons for their respective buildings.
10. Designate the Superintendent as the representative for the current board for public records training.
11. Authorize the ongoing assistance from the Julian & Grube, Inc. to the New Bremen Schools for OCBOA Accounting assistance.
12. Appoint the HS Guidance Counselor as Records Control Officer (K-12) and Testing Coordinator (7-12). Appoint the Elementary Guidance Counselor as the Testing Coordinator (K-6).
13. Authorize the Superintendent and Treasurer to jointly decide to write off bad debts for the school fees of families who have moved from the district or who are experiencing extreme financial hardship when necessary.
14. Authorize the Treasurer to credit the interest earned on the investment of principal in the Replacement Fund (005), other fund 005's with balances totaling \$2,000 or more on a monthly basis, Lunchroom Fund (006), H.A. Schrage Trust (007), and the Student Activity Funds (200 and 300) having a balance of \$2,000 or more to each fund on a monthly basis.
15. Establish the following Petty Cash Funds to be used for supplies and postage:

<u>Petty Cash Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Elementary	\$50
High School	\$50
District Postage	\$50
16. Establish a service fund for the Board in the amount of \$15,000. The ORC 3315.15 allows for Boards to set aside \$2.00 per student or a total of \$20,000 whichever is greater. The sum is used to pay expenses of Board Members in the performance of their duties as Board Members. (001-2310-439)
17. Authorize the Superintendent, during periods when this Board is not in session, to make offers of employment directly to candidates for either teaching or non-teaching positions on behalf of this Board, and to acknowledge acceptance of such offers on behalf of this Board, subject to subsequent vote of ratification by this board; provided however, that upon ratification by this Board, the employment shall be deemed effective as of the date and time of the employee's acceptance of the Superintendent's offer.



18. Authorize the Superintendent, on behalf of this Board, to accept resignations which have been submitted by employees during times when this Board is not in session, subject to ratification by this Board, provided however, that upon ratification by this Board, such resignations shall be deemed effective as of the date and time of the Superintendent's acceptance.

21-3 Motion by Bertke, second by Bambauer that the board approve the motions contained in the Organizational Meeting as presented. Upon the call of the roll, the vote was as follows: Busse, yes; Suchland, yes; Wells, yes; Bambauer, yes; Bertke, yes. Motion Carried.

21-4 Motion by Busse, second to Suchland to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

President

Treasurer



The New Bremen Local Board of Education met in regular session at 7:10 p.m. in the Dianne Komminsk Center for Innovative Thinking.

Roll Call: Mrs. Michele Bambauer, Mr. Scott Bertke, Mrs. Shelly Busse, Mr. Cory Suchland, and Mrs. Suzanne Wells. Also attending the meeting were Superintendent Jason Schrader, K-6 Principal Diane Kramer, 7-12 Principal Marcus Overman, and Treasurer Jill Ahlers.

K-6 Principal, Diane Kramer, submitted the following report:

1. Continuous improvement

- In grades K-6, we are going from six students choosing virtual learning first semester down to two students for the second semester. We will continue to contract with Educere for these students.
- Starting second semester we will be looking at our math curriculum and previewing various math textbook series. Our current series will no longer be supported after this school year.

2. Instruction

- The end of the second nine weeks is Friday, January 15th with report cards going home January 26th.
- STAR Early Literacy, STAR Reading, and STAR Math winter benchmarking is taking place January 4-25th.
- Our second-grade students were assessed in the fall for gifted identification. Written Education Plans (WEPs) will be sent home with report cards for students who have been identified as gifted. Services will start second semester.

3. School Operations, Resources and Learning Environment

- We currently have 57 students (30 girls and 27 boys) registered for kindergarten screening which will be held April 13th and 14th. We will be utilizing the Komminsk Center for the screening.
- The annual sixth grade DARE graduation was held on December 22nd. Congratulations to our essay winners: Macy Fullenkamp, Sammie Manbeck, and Aaden Homan.
- Our district Virtual Spelling Bee for grades 4-8 will be held on Tuesday, February 2nd at 9:00 a.m. in junior high gym. The bee can be viewed on Facebook Live.

4. Collaboration

- We are currently partnering with Ohio State Lima and Wright State University to host students who are pursuing a degree in education. There are four students who will be observing and assisting teachers during the second semester.

5. Parent and Community Engagement

- A special thank you to Cardinal Pride for sponsoring the Santa Shop for our students in grades K-5. They also coordinated collecting money from parents for classroom Christmas gifts for teachers.
- The third kindergarten Project Ease was held Tuesday, January 12th at 6:30 p.m. Students and their guests worked together on activities relating to “kid” spelling.
- A community member in the district has approached us about wanting to fund a therapy dog if the district has any interest. I have been in contact with a few schools that have therapy dogs to



learn more about the process, requirements, and pros/cons. I do see the benefit for students, especially special education students and student with attention and anxiety concerns.

Upcoming Dates:

- January 18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – No School
- January 26 Report Cards Sent Home
- February 2 Grades 4-8 Virtual Spelling Bee
- February 5 Robotics Day for Grades 1-6 sponsored by the High School Robotics Team
- February 8 Cardinal Pride Meeting
- February 15 Presidents' Day – No School

7-12 Principal, Marcus Overman, submitted the following report:**1. Continuous Improvement**

- Yellow Belt Training will be provided to all junior students on January 20th and 21st. Trainings will be held in a half day format and will provide students an opportunity to earn their Yellow Belt Credential while learning more about the Green Belt process. We wanted to get this training done before students register for classes as it will be a class offered to seniors during the 2021-22 school year. Thanks to Mrs. Burden and Mrs. Heckman for being the trainers.
- Diane and I will be meeting later this week to discuss how OTES 2.0 will look in our district starting next school year. We will continue to put plans in place to make this roll out as smooth as possible for the teachers.

2. Instruction

- Scheduling is underway for next school year. Paperwork has been distributed to current 6th and 7th grade students so we can begin working on their schedules. Mr. Lauterbach will be meeting with students in grades 8-11 in the near future. Students in the 8th grade will receive more guidance and information during their Orientation on January 25th.
- I met with students on January 4th and 5th to provide them with their Exam Schedule for this year. We are utilizing a two-day schedule rather than our typical three days because of when exams happened to fall this year.
 - We will be offering COVID Exam Make-up Days on January 21st and 22nd for any student who was in quarantine. Due to this make-up period, grades will not be due until the 27th and report cards for grades 7-12 will not be released until the 29th.

3. School Operations, Resources & Learning Environment

- Mrs. Burden and I are working to put plans in place for Prom. We have decided that the safest route would be to host the event outside. Mrs. Burden has worked with the town to reserve the Pavilion for the dance. Plans are currently underway, but it looks as if promenade will be held outside as well with the student walking across the canal bridge.

4. Collaboration

- At the most recent principal meeting, distance learning models were discussed that may allow students to take classes online through another school that may not be offered in our district (i.e. Calc II, French, etc.). We will continue to brainstorm how this may work as there are many obstacles to overcome.
- At our staff meeting today we discussed the possibility of using an online assessment platform in future school years. We will be having a tutorial by Edulastic at our next staff meeting at the end of the month. Reasons for wanting to move forward with this include:
 - Data



- Questions tied to standards and state tests
- Question banks
- Question types
- Student familiarity with online tests
- Timely feedback

5. Parent & Community Involvement

- I want to congratulate the following students for winning our Cardinal Character Awards this year: Ben Zimpfer, Ben Blickle, Griffin Huber, and Catherine Langhals. I also want to thank them for the character they display on a regular basis!
- 8th Grade Orientation will be held on Monday, January 25th in the Auditorium.
- College Credit Plus Night will be held on Tuesday, January 26th in the Library.
- Our 7th grade students started their second Washington, D.C. fundraiser this week. We will have our first parent meeting on February 2nd.

Upcoming Events

January 18th

-No School

January 19th

-RE 1 Meeting 3:30

January 20th

-Yellow Belt Training (All Juniors)

January 21st

-COVID Exam Make-Up Date

-RE 4 Meeting 3:30

-Yellow Belt Training (All Juniors)

January 22nd

-COVID Exam Make-Up Date

January 25th

-RE 2 Meeting 3:30

-8th Grade Orientation 7:00

January 26th

-College Credit Plus Meeting 7:00

January 27th

-Collaboration

-Grades Due 11:59 pm

February 2nd

-Spelling Bee

-Washington D.C. Parent Meeting

February 5th

-Robotics Elementary Demonstration

8:30-9:30 5th & 6th Grade

9:30-10:30 1st & 2nd Grade

10:30-11:30 5th & 6th Grade



Athletic Director, Chad Wells, Submitted the following report:

Athletic Department Update January, 2021

1. Latest Report from OHSAA – All OHSAA Tournaments are a go for this Winter Season.
2. Streaming Swim Meet – We have an issue of no Wifi or Cell Reception in the Minster/New Bremen YMCA South Branch. As of right now we do not have the ability to stream our home swim meets.
3. Special Thank You to the Students that have volunteered to be Game Day Help. We have had one OHSAA Covid Observer so far this year and passed all areas observed.
 - a. Game Day Duties:
 - i. Gate Workers
 - ii. Disinfecting Handrails
 - iii. Disinfecting the Team Benches
 - iv. Sweeping the Competition Floor
 - v. Post-Game Clean Up
 - vi. Breaking Down the Gym
4. New Home Course for Boys and Girls Golf Next Year. We have reached an agreement with the Mercer County Elks to be our home course.

Treasurer’s Recommendations:

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| 1. Approve the Regular School Board Meeting minutes on December 16, 2020. | |
| 2. Approve the General Fund Paid Bills | <u>\$ 71,419.91</u> |
| 3. Approve the Lunchroom Fund Paid Bills . . . | <u>\$ 19,072.89</u> |

21-5 Motion by Busse, second by Wells that the board approve the motions contained in the Treasurer’s recommendations as presented. Upon the call of the roll, the vote was as follows: Bambauer, yes; Bertke, yes; Busse, yes; Suchland, yes; Wells, yes. Motion Carried.

Superintendent’s Recommendations:

1. Approve the calendar for FY2021-2022 as presented in the agenda packet.

21-6 Motion by Bertke, second by Bambauer that the board approve the motions contained in the Superintendent’s recommendations as presented. Upon the call of the roll, the vote was as follows: Bertke, yes; Busse, yes; Suchland, yes; Wells, yes; Bambauer, yes. Motion Carried.



Other New Business Items:

A. Annual Appropriation Resolution

Now that we have received the Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources from the County Auditor’s Office, permanent appropriations can be adopted. The following changes from the Whole-Year Temporary Appropriations were as follows:

Account Code	Fund/Account Title	Amount	Increase/Decrease
004-917A	K-6 Bldg Project Construction – LFI	19,300.00	Increase
005	Replacement (PI) Fund	28,000.00	Increase
010-917S	K-6 Bldg Project Construction – State Share	1,507,368.50	Increase
034	Maintenance Fund for K-6 Building	602.42	Increase
300	Student Activity Funds (300-Athletic/Music/Yearbook)	17,700.00	Increase
461	Agricultural 5 th Quarter Grant	4,511.27	Increase
510-9VIL	CARES Act – New Bremen Village	15,000	Increase
Total Adjustments		1,592,482.19	

Estimated Revenues are as follows:

Estimated Revenues FY2020-2021		
Fund	Fund Name	Amount
001	General	8,211,330.05
002-917A	K-8 Bond Retirement	924,850.00
004-917A	K-8 Building Project - LFI	25,000.00
005	Replacement (PI)	215,542.60
006	Lunchroom	324,585.00
007	HA Schrage Trust	155.00
009	School Supply (USS)	62,400.00
010-917E	Construction Fund - Gilbane Escrow Account	57,300.00
010-917L	Construction Fund - Local (54%)	60,000.00
010-917S	Construction Fund - OFCC (46%)	1,507,368.50
018	Public School Support	21,500.00
019	Donations	71,500.00
022-900A	Trust	1,025.00
022-900B	OHSAA Tournaments	-
034	Maintenance Fund (PI K-8 Building .5 mill)	58,655.00
200	Student Activities	176,735.00
300	Student Activities	261,095.00
451	OneNET	3,600.00
461	5th Quarter Grant	7,620.07
467	Student Wellness & Success Funds	63,590.54
499	Safety Grant and BWC Grant	-
499-9021	Bus Purchasing Grant	36,161.68
507	CARES Act - ESSER	42,580.51
510-0000	CARES Act - OH CRF	32,077.43
510-9021	CARES Act - Broadband Connectivity Grant	83,801.78
510-9VIL	CARES Act - Village of New Bremen	15,000.00
516	IDEA-B	141,509.26
551	Title III - LEP	-
572	Title I	41,868.43
572-9021	Expanding Opportunities for Each Child Grant	907.36
590	Title II-A (Class Size Reduction)	9,033.40
599	Title IV - (Student Support & Acad Achievement)	10,000.00
599-9021	CARES Actd - Library Mini Grant	3,000.00
Total Estimated Revenues		12,469,791.61



BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the New Bremen Local School District, Auglaize County, Ohio that to provide for the current expenses and other expenditures of said Board of Education, during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the following sums be and the same are hereby set aside and appropriated for the several purposes for which expenditures are to be made and during said fiscal year, as follows:

**New Bremen Local School District
FY2021 Appropriations**

Object	001 GENERAL FUND	Temporary Appropriations	Adjustments +/-	Final Appropriations
100 Personnel Services		5,186,597.43	-	5,186,597.43
200 Fringe Benefits		2,254,934.00	-	2,254,934.00
400 Purchased Services		1,316,995.00	-	1,316,995.00
500 Materials & Supplies		298,200.00	-	298,200.00
600 Equipment		245,800.00	-	245,800.00
800 Other Objects		147,269.00	-	147,269.00
900 Other Financing Uses		32,000.00	-	32,000.00
	Total 001 General Fund	9,481,795.43	-	9,481,795.43
	002 - DEBT SERVICE			
Fund				
002 Total Debt Service		728,168.76	-	728,168.76
	CAPITAL PROJECT			
004 K-8 Building Fund - LFI		2,980,383.79	19,300.00	2,999,683.79
005 Replacement Fund		507,565.00	28,000.00	535,565.00
010 Contruction Fund		4,288,161.11	1,507,368.50	5,795,529.61
	Total Capital Project Fund	7,776,109.90	1,554,668.50	9,330,778.40
	ENTERPRISE FUND			
006 Food Service		295,900.00		295,900.00
009 Uniform School Supply		50,500.00	-	50,500.00
	Total Enterprise Fund	346,400.00	-	346,400.00
	SPECIAL REVENUE FUND			
018 Public School Support		23,500.00		23,500.00
019 Local Donations		1,450,925.62		1,450,925.62
034 Maintenance Fund for K-6 Building		30,213.57	602.42	30,815.99
300 Student Activity-Athletic/Music Yearbook		241,540.00	17,700.00	259,240.00
451 OneNet		3,600.00	-	3,600.00
461 Agriculture Education 5th Quarter Grant		3,108.80	4,511.27	7,620.07
467 Student Wllness & Success Funds		94,390.90		94,390.90
499 Bus Grant		36,161.68		36,161.68
507 CARES Act - ESSER		42,580.51		42,580.51
510 CARES Act - OH CRF, Broadband, NB Villagr		115,879.21	15,000.00	130,879.21
516 IDEA Part B		141,509.26	-	141,509.26
572 Title I		42,775.79		42,775.79
590 Title II-A Eisenhower & Class Size Reduction		9,033.40		9,033.40
599 Title IV-Student Support & Library Grant		13,000.00		13,000.00
	Total Special Revenue Fund	2,248,218.74	37,813.69	2,286,032.43
	FIDUCIARY FUND			
007 HA Schrage Fund		150.00	-	150.00
022 Trust Fund - Lounge/Flowers		1,500.00		1,500.00
200 Student Activities		167,818.00	-	167,818.00
	Total Agency Fund	169,468.00	-	169,468.00
	GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS	20,750,160.83	1,592,482.19	22,342,643.02



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Motion by Bertke, second by Busse that the board approve the other old business items as presented/amended. Upon the call of the roll, the vote was as follows: Bertke, yes; Busse, yes; Suchland, yes; Wells, yes; Bambauer, yes. Motion Carried.

Informational Items:

A. School Board Recognition

January is School Board Recognition month. Our school children benefit every day from the dedication and commitment to public education of school board members. They all make personal sacrifices and spend countless hours tending to board business. It is often a thankless job, so we would like to say "Thank You" to the individuals who serve on New Bremen's and all of Ohio's Boards of Education.

Proclamation

WHEREAS, it shall be the mission of the New Bremen Local School District to provide all students with the best possible education; and

WHEREAS, the school board sets the direction for our community's public schools by envisioning the community's education future; and

WHEREAS, the school board sets policies and procedures to govern all aspects of school district operation; and

WHEREAS, the school board keeps attention focused on progress toward the school district's goals and maintains a two-way communications loop with all segments of the community; and

WHEREAS, serving on a school board requires an unselfish devotion of time and service to carry on the mission and business of the school district; and

WHEREAS, the school board must respond on behalf of the community to the educational needs of students; and

WHEREAS, the school board voluntarily accepts the above-mentioned responsibilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Mr. Jason Schrader do hereby proclaim January 2021 as School Board Recognition Month in New Bremen. I encourage all citizens to publicly and privately thank the school board members from all school districts serving this community for their dedicated service to our children.

B. Contracts Expiring

Personnel whose employment contracts will be expiring at the conclusion of the 2020-21 school year are being evaluated and will be recommended to the Board for employment action during the next few months. A total of 21 employees have employment contracts that expire at the end of this school year.



C. Superintendent Committee Appointments for 2021 -

Superintendent Committee Appointments for 2021	
Tri Star Career Compact Advisory	Bertke
Cardinal Pride Representative	Bambauer
Athletic Council Representatives (2)	Suchland/Busse
OSBA Legislative Liaison/Delegate:	Bertke
NBTA Negotiations Committee (2)	Wells/Busse
Village Annex/Abatement/CIC member	Bertke
Finance Committee Representative	Suchland
Buildings/Grounds Committee Rep (2)	Bertke/Wells
Student Achievement Liaison (OSBA)	Suchland
Technology Committee Rep	Busse
Ag Advisory Committee Rep	Bambauer
New Bremen Education Foundation	Busse
Music Department Representative	Bambauer

- C. Building Project Update-Contractors were in over Christmas break working on the punch list. A few items remain due to supply chain interruption. 49 Degrees finished up the entrance to the Komminsk Center.
- D. COVID-19 Update- If students are exposed during school day, they do not need to be quarantined as long as they had proper PPE & Social Distancing.
- E. Therapy Dog- Administration will continue with research on the process of implementation of a therapy dog.
- F. Residential Tax Rate Increase – 21.09%
 Ag Values Decrease -21.23%
 Overall Increase Ag/Res – 12.51%
- G. Open House – March 15, 2021- Allow Community to come and visit new building on Sunday, March 14 from 1-3 p.m. and Monday, March 15, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- H. CBC- Not seeing a huge uptick in cases; plan to open the CBC to the public starting February 1. New hours will be posted on the website.

21-8 Motion by Suchland, second by Bambauer to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

President

Treasurer