



The New Bremen Local Board of Education met in regular session at 7:00 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 were Superintendent Jason Schrader, K-6 Principal Diane Kramer, 7-12 Principal Marcus Overman, and Treasurer Jill Ahlers.

Public Hearing:

Community members who would like to provide comment on the use of Federal Special Education IDEA Part B funds are welcome to do so now.

Presentations:

The New Bremen High School Choir performed the song “Stopping By Woods on Snowy Evening”.

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

1. Continuous improvement

- The elementary math teachers are continuing to preview various math textbooks series for implementation for the 2021-2022 school year. A few teachers will be visiting schools that are utilizing a couple of the series. We are able to continue our current series in grades K-4 for one more school year if that is what the team decides.

2. Instruction

- The end of the third nine weeks will be Wednesday, March 24th. Report cards will be sent home Wednesday, March 31st.
- Teachers and students are busy preparing for upcoming State tests. Schedule of testing is listed below.

3. School Operations, Resources and Learning Environment

- Round one of COVID vaccinations for staff was held February 26th and round two will be held March 26th.
- We currently have 60 students registered for kindergarten screening which will be held on April 13-14th in the Komminsk Center.
- Severe Weather Awareness week is being recognized the week of March 22nd. We will be participating in the statewide tornado drill the morning of March 24th.
- The annual spring book fair is being held this week. The theme this year is *Go for Gold, Be a Champion Reader!* The book fair was open to the families during Open House on March 15th. The money earned from the book fair is used to purchase books for the elementary library.
- The weekend of March 26th, the drama club will be presenting four shows of “Into the Woods Junior” under the direction of Miss Holly Smith in the high school auditorium. This year’s cast includes both elementary and high school students.

4. Collaboration

- I am finalizing schedules with teachers for 2021-2022 school year. We are looking at having a common start of the day and end of day times for the elementary and the high school.
- Last week, staff members recognized Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week in honor of two staff members who have been diagnosed with MS. Below is a picture of staff members wearing their shirts to show our support.



5. Parent and Community Engagement

- The middle school mid-winter band concert was held the evening of Thursday, February 25th.
- Miss Smith and the fourth-grade class presented the musical “The Oregon Trail”. Three performances were held at 9:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m., and 7:00 p.m. on March 11th. The video of the evening performance is available on Miss Smith’s school webpage. The students did a wonderful job!
- Open House was held March 15th from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Classroom and art projects were on display throughout the building. We received many complements on the new building at the both the community open house and the family open house!

Elementary spring testing schedule

- April 20-21 Grades 3,5 English Language Arts
- April 22-23 Grades 4,6 English Language Arts
- May 4-5 Grades 3,5 Math
- May 6-7 Grades 4,6 Math
- May 5 Grade 8 Math





7-12 Principal, Marcus Overman, submitted the following report:

Continuous Improvement

- Tomorrow, we will be touring Waynesfield-Goshen's makerspace with several teachers from the district. We hope this will continue to give us all ideas of ways that we can incorporate our great space into our curriculum.
- Mr. Lauterbach and I are currently working with Edison to see if we can increase the number of CCP courses that we offer. Edison is looking through teacher transcripts and will provide feedback on what we can and cannot offer as well as what teachers can do in order to offer certain classes.

Instruction

- An ELA meeting was held for grades 7-12 at the end of February. The meeting was to discuss the best progression of course offerings as we move forward. Looking into the possibility of adding another CCP course.
- Last Tuesday, we had a Webinar with McGraw-Hill to have a demonstration on their math series called Reveal. It is a K-12 series that includes both physical textbooks and online textbooks and resources.
- I want to thank Mrs. Steinemann for all of her work on the STEM Fair that was held last week. I want to congratulate Pierce Whitlatch, Trevor Topp and Ryan Dwenger for winning the competition for their design called 'The Building Buddy.'

School Operations, Resources & Learning Environment

- I want to thank Mrs. Homan for all of her work during FFA Week. She had various activities for students of all grades. Additionally, she lined up Leah Fullenkamp to come in to share her story titled, 'In the Blink of a Fly.'
- Congratulations to Emma Bambauer, Rachel Brown, Emma Homan, Katie Howell, Abigail Sniegowski, Eli Tangeman, Jared Weigandt, Jordan Weigandt, and Jarred Underwood on earning their FFA degrees.
- Congratulations to Max Homan for being named a state finalist in Dairy Production Placement, Forage Production, and Diversified Agricultural Production.
- Congratulations to Liam Homan for being named a state finalist in Agricultural Repair and Maintenance Entrepreneurship and Diversified Agricultural Production.
- Congratulations to Emma Homan for being named a state finalist in Agricultural Sales Placement.
- Congratulations to the TechnoBirds for winning the Compass Award, finishing second in the Connect Award, and Qualifying for State.

Collaboration

- At our most recent collaboration meeting, we focused on the upcoming state testing format and groupings as well as beginning discussions for the 2021-22 school year.
- I have been communicating often with area principals from Auglaize and Mercer County as we continue to put plans together for Prom. Prom and Promenade will be held at the Pavilion this year. All guests will be required to attend the catered dinner prior to Promenade. More details will be communicated to students in the near future and tickets will be on sale soon so meal numbers can be communicated with Speedway Lanes.

Parent & Community Involvement

- Congratulations to all of our winter sports teams on great seasons. What a run by our boys basketball team! We look forward to a good spring sports season as well.
- Our high school band/choir performed on February 21st followed by our middle school band/choir on February 25th. The events were well attended by family and friends and the students did a great job. Congrats to the students as well as Mrs. Ruckman, Ms. Smith and Ms. Wrobbel.



- I wish the best of luck to Holly Smith and the drama club as they will present, “Into the Woods” next weekend.
- It was great to see so many community members and parents in attendance at the two Open House events that were held recently.

Upcoming Events

March 18th

- Waynesfield Goshen Tech Tour

March 19th

- Blood Drive

March 22nd

- Winner’s Meats Pick-up

March 24th

- End of 3rd Quarter
- Collaboration

March 26th

- Grades due 11:59pm
- Drama 7:00

March 27th

- Drama 2:00 & 7:00

March 28th

- Drama 2:00

March 29th

- Junior Vaccinations

April 1st

- Staff Workday

April 2nd

- NO SCHOOL

April 5th

- Cardinal Pride Meeting 7:00

April 7th

- Franklin B. Walter Ceremony

April 13th

- RE 1 Meeting 3:30

April 14th

- Collaboration

April 18th

- FFA Banquet

April 20th

- RE 2 Meeting 3:30

April 21st

- Board Meeting

April 22nd

- CareFlight Presentation (Juniors/Seniors)

April 27th

- RE 4 Meeting 3:30

April 28th

- Interims Due



Athletic Director, Chad Wells, Submitted the following report:

1. Congratulations all Winter Sport Athletes and Coaches.
 - a. Boys Basketball – Regional Runners – Up
 - i. MAC – 3rd Place 19-9 Overall (6-3 MAC)
 - b. Girls Basketball – Sectional Finals
 - i. MAC – 4th Place 13-10 Overall (5-4 MAC)
 - c. Boys Bowling – Sectionals
 - i. MAC – 3rd Place Overall
 - d. Girls Bowling – Sectionals
 - i. MAC – 6th Place Overall
 - e. Swimming –
 - i. Girls – MAC 3rd Place
 - ii. Boys – MAC 6th Place
2. State Recognition for Football and Volleyball on 3/15/2021
3. New Bremen Athletic Department – No Activities Week -7/4/21 – 7/11/21
4. Tentative Date for Track Surfacing work to be done. June 7th – Work will be done by Leslie Coatings, Inc.
5. Spring Sports have started practices and will begin scrimmaging this week.
 - a. Baseball – 27 players
 - b. Softball – 24 players
 - c. Track – 35 Boys and 31 Girls

Treasurer’s Recommendations:

1. Approve the Regular School Board Meeting minutes from February 17, 2021.
2. Approve the General Fund Paid Bills \$ 81,668.98
3. Approve the Lunchroom Fund Paid Bills . . . \$ 16,109.81
4. Increase anticipated revenues & appropriations for Title I (#572) by \$751.70 for a new total of \$42,620.13.
5. Increase anticipated revenues & appropriations for Title II-A (#590) by \$20.60 for a new total of \$9,054.00.
6. Increase anticipated revenues & appropriations for Title IV (#599) by \$35.31 for a new total of \$10,035.31.
7. Decrease anticipated revenues & appropriations for IDEA-B (#516) by \$6.53 for a new total of \$144,997.04.
8. Reactivate the records commission (a yearly requirement). The records commission consists of the Board President, Superintendent, Treasurer, and Administrative Secretary. We will meet sometime before the next board meeting, and report back at that time.
9. Acceptance of CY-2021 Tax Rates and Amounts by the Budget Commission of Auglaize County:

Fund	Inside Millage		Outside Millage		Effective Millage Rate	Total Amount
	Rate	Amount	Rate	Amount		
General Fund	5.00	687,110	37.85	2,305,220	20.00	2,992,330
Bond Retirement	0.00		7.46	1,024,899	7.46	1,024,899
Replacement Fund	0.00		1.00	117,311	1.00	117,311
Total	5.00		46.31		28.46	4,134,540



21-15 Motion by Bertke, second by Bambauer 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. Accept the resignation of William Evans, 7-12 Intervention Specialist Teacher, effective following the 2020-21 school year. Mr. Evans has been an employee of New Bremen Schools for 5 years.

2. Supplemental Employment Contracts

Employ the following individuals for the 2020-21 school year, as listed:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Type of Contract</u>
Brent Bertke	Reserve Baseball – 50% Shared Position	1	2020-21	1 Year
Spencer Elking	Reserve Baseball – 50% Shared Position	1	2020-21	1 Year
Randy Trentman	JH Track Facility Coordinator	N/A	2020-21	1 Year
Randy Trentman	HS Track Facility Coordinator	N/A	2020-21	1 Year

2. Out-of State Field Trip Request

Approve the request from the following group for an out-of-state field trip which requires overnight lodging:

Employee	Event	Destination	Dates	Estimated Number of NB Students
Patty Ruckman & Rachel Wrobbel	Cardinal Marching Band & Choir Disney Trip	Orlando, FL	November 14-19, 2021	55

21-16 Motion by Bambauer, second by Busse 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, Abstain; Busse, yes; Suchland, yes; Wells, yes; Bambauer, yes. Motion Carried.



Informational Items:

- A. Building Project/Open House: Last Sunday a Community Open House was held along with our yearly Student/Family Open House. We are thankful for so many community members joining us in this event.

- B. ESSER Funds:

ESSER I: \$42,580.51

Employed a permanent substitute teacher for FY21 due to the sub shortage resulting from COVID. Also employed a tutor to work with students who fell behind educationally due to the COVID shutdown.

ESSER II: Approximately \$144,000:

- 1. Permanent Sub & Tutor will continue for the FY22 school year
- 2. Additional Math Teacher/Additional Technology Assistance:
 - a) Additional help is needed in math for the Junior High years
 - b) Expand course offerings: Statistics & additional CCP courses
 - c) 5-12 1:1 technology for 21/22 school year

ESSER III: Possibly 2.4x ESSER II. More information will be known in the next few months

21-17 Motion by Suchland, second by Bertke to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

President

Treasurer