

**Business Advisory Council  
Meeting Minutes**

DATE: Wednesday, October 10, 2018

CONVENE: 11:30 a.m.

PLACE: Lincoln Elementary

ADJOURN: 1 p.m.

Roll Call: Andy Hill, Doug Beeman, Bill Niser, Brian Pinkerton, Dan Chase, Daniel Slife, Jason Venner, Jim Lawrence, Liz O'Grady, Paul Alic, Rick Kortekaas, Tim Manion, Sandy Hall. Absent: Erik Allwood, Glen Rutherford, Kathy Breitenbucher, Mike Wagar, Robert Patrick

- 1) Call to Order
  - a) Dan Chase was introduced as our new BAC member. Dan is a mechanical engineer at Parker Hannifin. He lives in Wadsworth with his wife, Christine, and two daughters. Welcome, Dan!
  
- 2) Review September BAC Minutes
  - a) Approved.
  
- 3) Review October Board of Education agendas
  - a) There was a Special Board Meeting on September 25 and a Regular Board Meeting on October 8. Our Board uses the September meeting to evaluate themselves and set new goals.
  - b) We purchased property on Grandview Avenue at the south entrance to Art Wright Stadium. The family approached us that they were interested in selling it. We will look at using the property for parking.
  - c) The Board approved an enrollment projection study to give the OFCC for the CIS project.
  - d) We had a presentation on the State Report Card with Michele Evans. The district received an overall B. Our Quality Profile was put out at the same time and can be found on the district homepage.
  - e) Doug gave his five-year forecast presentation.
  - f) The Board added goals to take a look at the social emotional needs of students as well as the CIS project. Three representatives are coming from Columbus to meet with the Board to review the CIS Committee findings.
  - g) Our Wadsworth Grizzly Foundation is re energized and gearing up for a big publicity push in November.
  - h) We put up yield and stop signs in the high school student parking lot because the rows and isles ran together with no signage. At the beginning of the school year, two cars hit and one student ended up in the hospital.
  - i) Doug said the five-year forecast shows a positive balance through 2022. In 2023, we go into negative status. Our revenue is relatively flat but we are a "guaranteed" district with the state formula. We have not had any increases in state aide because of our declining enrollment. We have to monitor our teaching staff and look for opportunities to decrease teachers but it is hard when declining

- enrollment is spread out over all grade levels. The Nexus Pipeline will bring in revenue in 2020 but not until it is completed. This money is not in the forecast and has to wait until it is on the tax duplicate. We do not know how much money it will bring in but we have heard it could be upwards of \$750,000 a year.
- j) We increased our staff by 5.6 teachers primarily to deal with special education. Three of the special education teachers are funded out of a federal grant this year only. We are hiring special education attendants for students and now have a sub shortage.
  - k) We are graduating around 380 students but have 302 enrollment in kindergarten.
  - l) Our second School Resource Officer, Dan Shonk, started last week.
  - m) HB 318 includes money for school safety. We are getting around \$25,000 for finish some of our safety enhancements for buildings.
- 4) Literacy Coaching
- a) BAC observed the Literacy Coaching program with Autumn Reeves, second grade teacher, and Tricia Claypool, Literacy Coach and second grade teacher, at Lincoln Elementary.
  - b) Lincoln is a school-wide title school which requires more than 40% of students to be on free lunch. It took a year of planning to move to this Literacy Coaching practice. All schools can now be school-wide title because they loosened the restrictions on requirements this year.
  - c) We are funding this program with the money we used to pay for two tutors. We are trying to figure out how to fund this type of program at other buildings.
  - d) We have an OASIS tutor program where retired people come and read with kids who may need extra help.

Our next BAC meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 21, at Wadsworth High School. Phil Luthman, Director of Technology, will be our guest speaker.