

**Business Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes**

DATE: Wednesday, March 13, 2019

CONVENE: 11:30 a.m.

PLACE: Charles R. Parsons Administration Bldg.

ADJOURN: 1:00 p.m.

Attendees: Andy Hill, Doug Beeman, Julie Batey, Kathy Breitenbucher, Dan Chase, Linda Kramer, Jim Lawrence, Tim Manion, Bill Neiser, Liz O'Grady, Robert Patrick, Jason Venner, Michael Wagar, Laura Giermann (Absent: Paul Alic, Erik Allwood, Rick Kortekaas, Brian Pinkerton, Glen Rutherford, Daniel Slife)

1. Review January BAC Minutes
 - a. Minutes approved.
2. Wadsworth High School Spring Musical (Pam Csaky)
 - a. *The Little Mermaid* will be presented March 21 and 22 (7:30 p.m.) and March 23 (2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.). Tickets are available online or at the door.
 - b. We will have 32 performers, 18 working in the "pit," and 9 who will assist with the technology required.
3. Review February and March Board of Education Agendas
 - a. 2019-2020 staffing recommendations:
 - i. The equivalent of a 61 percent position will be added to the following elementary (K-4) areas: art, music, and physical education.
 - ii. We will increase the middle school choir position to a full-time equivalent
 - iii. Addition of the following supplemental contracts: (1) STEM/Science Club per building; (1) Chess Club per building; (1) Drama Club for grades K-6; (1) Drama Dept. chair; CIS and middle school band and choir concerts; (1) strength and conditioning coach
 - iv. Mental Health Committee recommendations are not yet finalized and could change, but we have built in the addition of (2) licensed staff members and (1) clerical support position. The Mental Health Committee would like to remove some jobs that counselors are currently completing (e.g., testing, work on 504 plans) that would free time for counseling services. We are fortunate to have several outside agencies that work with our students as well.
 - v. Special education: Addition of a K-4 multiple disabilities teacher due to an increase in student numbers. We currently have two units at Valley View Elementary School and would like to add a third unit there.
 - vi. Other extracurricular activities: Add (2) boys and (2) girls lacrosse supplemental positions at the high school level. Beginning in 2020, high school lacrosse teams will be fully funded by the district and move to a varsity level status.
 - vii. Funding for staffing recommendations: Textbook purchase will be moved from the General Fund to the Sales Tax Fund, which will allow the district to add staff without a change to the five-year forecast.

MCDAC (Medina County Drug Abuse Commission): Changes are being made to the way in which money is permitted to be spent; money may be spent for law enforcement services only. Our student resource officers will be funded through MCDAC. Our (2) prevention specialists, which were previously funded through MCDAC, will now be funded from the General Fund.

- viii. Job descriptions for the new positions will be sent to the Board of Education in April for approval. MOUs will also be sent to the WEA for approval.
 - b. The status of CIS was discussed at the February board meeting. A decision will need to be made whether or not we want to pursue legal action against the OFCC. It should be noted that the OFCC currently has no money available.
 - c. Wadsworth Grizzly Community Foundation: The foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization that provides grant money to our teachers. A May 17 reverse raffle fundraiser will be held at the Galaxy Restaurant.
 - d. A guideline was approved by the Board of Education in regards to recognition of a deceased student.
 - e. A calendar for the 2021-2022 school year was approved.
 - f. A revised calendar for next school year was approved. The calendar now lists the delayed start days for the high school and middle school, the conference dates for the year, and a revised kindergarten start date. The professional development day in January was also revised (moved from January 31 to January 17).
 - g. Kindergarten registration is available online. The earlier that a registration is received, the greater likelihood that a student will be placed in his/her "home base" school.
 - h. The Lewis Land Professionals, Inc. proposal submitted to the Board on March 11 will allow for the preparation of site drawings for the Grandview property. These site drawings are required by the City of Wadsworth Planning Commission. Improvements would include a parking lot and Park Drive turn lane, stormwater detention, and parking lot improvements. Our goal is to complete the improvements by the beginning of August.
4. Social Studies Textbook Adoption Process (Michele Evans)
- a. We are on a 6-year rotation cycle to review textbooks. Our current social studies books are 8-15 years old, depending on the course/grade level.
 - b. Review team members included a group of teachers, grades K-12, and some of our building principals, elementary through high school.
 - c. Adoption process timeline:
 - i. December: Review team volunteers are requested, and the committee is formed. ODE-approved vendors are contacted, and textbook samples are secured.
 - ii. January: Committee members create a review instrument, standards are reviewed, and a determination of how well the materials align with the standards is made.

- iii. February: The top two vendors for each grade band/course are invited to present to the committee.
 - iv. March: The top programs are identified, and a recommendation is presented to the Board of Education members.
 - v. April: A request for approval of the textbook adoption is made to the Board of Education.
- d. Social studies standards were adopted by Ohio in 2018.
- e. District's technology device initiative (1:1) will play an important role as many components of the textbook selections are available electronically. Note: Students in grades 7-12 will be permitted to take their Chromebook home (optional insurance is available for purchase).
- f. Selections made (available to view at the administration building):
- i. Gr. K-4: *Studies Weekly (Ohio)* - newspaper format, promotes literacy, has tech components
 - ii. Gr. 5-8: McGraw-Hill - Class set of textbooks will be purchased and extra textbooks will be kept in the school library. The student electronic textbook will allow the teacher to change the reading level of text for the student. There are many interactive maps, videos and lessons available.
 - iii. World History (WHS): McGraw-Hill
 - iv. U.S. History (WHS): Pearson
 - v. Government (WHS): Pearson
 - vi. Geography (WHS): HMH
 - vii. AP U.S. History (WHS): Cengage/National Geographic
 - viii. AP Government (WHS): Bedford, Freeman & Worth
 - ix. AP Economics (WHS): Cengage/National Geographic
 - x. Sociology (WHS): McGraw-Hill
 - xi. Psychology (WHS): McGraw-Hill
 - xii. Economics (WHS): HMH
- g. Budget is approximately \$500K

5. Around the Room

- a. Open Enrollment: Interdistrict open enrollment is permitted from those school districts whose boundaries touch ours. Historically, we have not been able to grant open enrollment to students in grades K-6 due to class size. We have been able to offer, on a limited basis, open enrollment to some middle school students; but the majority of our open enrollment is for high school students. Parents must complete the application process yearly.

- b. The Business Advisory Council Joint Statement has been prepared and placed on the BAC web page.
- c. School calendar thoughts (dates for beginning/ending of school year, spring break dates):
 - i. We do try to closely align with the school calendars of the Compact schools (Barberton, Norton, Copley-Fairlawn).
 - ii. Fall athletic practices begin in August, so for all practical purposes, July is the last month of summer vacation for students who participate in fall sports.
 - iii. When scheduling spring break, consideration must be given to the spring testing schedule.