

**Business Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes**

DATE: Wednesday, May 15, 2019
PLACE: Charles R. Parsons Administration Bldg.

CONVENE: 11:30 a.m.
ADJOURN: 1:00 p.m.

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

1. Review April BAC Minutes
 - a. Minutes approved
2. Special Education, 504 Plans, Health Services (Joyce Walker and Lynn Decker)
 - a. District Healthcare Staffing
 - i. SUMMA employees originally filled our healthcare positions, followed by PSI. For the past five years, the district has hired healthcare staff as employees of Wadsworth City Schools.
 - ii. One district RN
 - iii. Two "floating" LPNs, one at CIS
 - iv. Medical assistant at Wadsworth Middle School
 - v. Health aides at Franklin, Lincoln, Overlook, Isham, Valley View, and WHS
 - vi. One LPN working one-on-one with student
 - b. Lynn Decker, District Nurse - Responsibilities
 - i. Oversee the health aide/nursing schedules
 - ii. Monitor safety issue adherence by the district
 - iii. Review district policies as they relate to health
 - iv. Provide professional development (i.e., CPR training)
 - v. Assist with work in the building clinics (visit 2-3 clinics/day)
 - c. Clinic Staff Responsibilities
 - i. Meet daily needs of students visiting the clinic
 - ii. Ensure proper distribution of paperwork
 - iii. Monitor immunization records of students
 - iv. Assist with vision/hearing screenings
 - d. 504 Plans
 - i. The purpose of a 504 plan is to help students with medical disabilities succeed academically by providing accommodations. The effect of medication must be discounted when considering the needs of the student.
 - ii. The process is overseen by school principals, counselors, and school nurses.

1. Plans are to utilize the services of a part-time administrator at WHS next year to assist with the 504 process. This will free some time for high school counselors to spend additional time on their primary job responsibilities.
 - iii. The number of 504 plans has increased dramatically (154 plans at the end of 2015-2016; currently there are 264 plans). Mental health issues and a “push” by physicians for parents to pursue accommodations for their student are playing a big role in the increased numbers.
 - iv. Private schools are not required to write 504 plans.
 - e. Individual Education Programs (IEPs)
 - i. We currently have 726 students on IEPs, an increase of 100 students over the past 10 years. The greatest increase has been in the past 3 years.
 - ii. Special education staffing needs have also greatly increased. In 2009-2010, we employed 24 special education teachers; we currently employ 42.
 - iii. Plans are to add one multiple disabilities teacher at Valley View and two intervention specialists at the elementary level next year. Last year we added two intervention specialists at the high school level.
3. Review May Board of Education Agenda (Doug Beeman)
- a. Mr. Beeman provided a presentation of the five-year financial forecast. Some of the highlights from the presentation include:
 - i. There has been a 4.4% increase in collected property taxes (greater than the 3.2% which had been projected).
 - ii. There was a 0% increase in our health insurance renewal. Participating in a consortium with other school districts has helped to defray health insurance cost increases.
 - iii. Costs to increase staff are being offset by paying for new textbooks from the Medina County Sales Tax Fund rather than the General Fund.
 - b. Work on revisions to the district’s administrative guidelines continues.
 - c. The Wadsworth Grizzlies Community Foundation will hold its fundraiser on May 17.
 - d. An information session for potential board of education members has been set for Tuesday, June 4, at 6:30 p.m., in the Charles R. Parsons Administration Building.
 - e. Several employment, supplemental, and third-party contracts were approved.
 - f. The recommendation to increase high school athletic event ticket prices, effective for the 2019-2020 school year, was approved.
 - g. A revised 2019-2020 school calendar was approved. April 13, previously listed as a day off for grades K-6 students was removed. This day off was scheduled when all parent conferences were taking place in the evening. Two days are now set aside (no school for K-6 students), one

in October and one in November, to allow for daytime conferences. The April 13 day off is no longer required.

- h. The high school boys and girls lacrosse teams will become district-funded varsity level programs, beginning in the 2019-2020 school year.

4. BAC Membership

- a. Many thanks to Liz O'Grady, a long-standing member of the Business Advisory Council, for the many contribution she has made. We wish her the best on her retirement.
- b. T.J. DeAngelis, Chief Nursing Officer for Summa Health System, is being recommended to fill Liz's position on the Business Advisory Council. His name will be recommended to the Wadsworth City School Board of Education for approval at the June meeting.

5. Around-the-Room

- a. Questions were asked about the students who are asked to undergo random drug testing. The district is only permitted to drug-test those students, grades 7-12, who have indicated they will be purchasing a parking pass, participating in athletics, or participating in extracurricular activities that are not tied to an academic grade.
- b. A discussion followed about medicinal marijuana use at school. While this is still uncharted territory for the district, it was mentioned that Ohio doctors are not permitted to prescribe marijuana, and use of medical marijuana by students at school would require a prescription.
- c. Linda Kramer reported on her visit to the Lebron James I Promise School in Akron and passed along some facts she learned about during her visit:
 - i. There are 240 students, third- and fourth-graders, in attendance.
 - ii. The school day is 8 hours long.
 - iii. School includes many opportunities for family support, including a food pantry.
 - iv. Each student is guaranteed attendance at the University of Akron upon graduation, provided he/she is able to maintain a 3.0 GPA.
 - v. Current plans are to add a gymnasium to the school.