

**BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: Wednesday, January 8, 2020 **CONVENE:** 11:30 a.m.
PLACE: Wadsworth High School Media Center **ADJOURN:** 1:00 p.m.

ATTENDEES: Erik Allwood, Julie Batey, Doug Beeman, Kathy Breitenbucher, Dan Chase, T.J. DeAngelis, Andy Hill, Linda Kramer, Jim Lawrence, Steve Moore, Bill Neiser, Brian Pinkerton, Mike Wagar

ABSENT: Paula Alic, Tim Manion, Robert Patrick, Glen Rutherford, Daniel Slife, Jason Venner

1. Approval of November BAC Minutes

a. Minutes were approved pending the following corrections:

- i. The job fair date (Item 5b) was corrected to read March 25.
- ii. Eric Allwood was listed as an attendee.

2. Review of December 9 Board of Education Meeting

- a. December agenda included the employment of Erica Motz. Ms. Motz has replaced Debbie Miller, our transportation supervisor for the past 30 years.

3. Review of January 9 Board of Education Meetings

- a. The first meeting will be an organizational meeting which includes the swearing in of new board members and new officers for 2020. The board meeting dates will be set for 2020 and other procedural items will be handled.

b. Highlights of the regular stated meeting include:

- i. Approval is being sought to move forward with the construction of a new Central Intermediate School. Assuming the board approves, a RFP will be sent, and we will secure counsel and A&E. The projected completion date is set for the fall of 2025.
- ii. Approval is being sought for the Student Success and Wellness Funding Plan for the 2019-2020 school year. Money that the district received from the state this year (approximately \$200K) was used to pay a portion of the salaries and benefits of our elementary school counselors.
- iii. Rick Kortekaas is moving and submitted his resignation as a member of the Business Advisory Council, effective January 1.

- iv. The Koorsen Fire & Security agreement being recommended for approval would eliminate POTS lines, which will lead to a savings in the district's fire alarm and security monitoring services.
- v. D. Beeman presented information on his board items which included the tax budget to be submitted to Medina County. He noted that the total assessed valuation, which is the total of all taxable value in the school district, went up \$15M, or 15.4%. This is primarily due to the Medina County reappraisal for 2019 and the implementation of the Nexus pipeline. There was also a 10.5% decrease in the effective millage rate on the district's voted millage.

4. Review of November 13 BAC Meeting with Area Business Leaders

- a. A. Hill will send a follow-up email to the business owners and share the information with BAC members.
- b. Overall, the consensus was that this was a productive and beneficial meeting. Key takeaways from the meeting include:
 - i. "Soft skill" education needs to be included in the student curriculum.
 - ii. Pathways other than college should also be encouraged. Seek ways to educate parents about those options.
 - iii. Consider combining a college and career night for students and parents. Include representatives from the Career-Tech Program.
 - iv. Consider adding a career planning class and a social media class to the high school curriculum. Does the district need to revisit its graduation requirements?
 - v. Current career-tech students are provided exposure to the business world. Our teachers and students not enrolled in career-tech have a much more limited exposure; it would be nice if we could increase it. The question is how we get the information out to the masses.

In the past, we have had manufacturing visits (these rotate throughout the county), and attempts are being made to set up an engineering exposition. Currently, we have Reality Day at WMS, mock interviews for our marketing students, the WHS Job Fair, and other "pockets" of beneficial skills being taught. Our high school Career Day consists of area businesses providing a 30-minute presentation to approximately 20-25 students per session. Students are permitted to choose two sessions (Is there a way to encourage

students to choose sessions that may not be “obvious choices?”). Freshman students hear from Roger Wright about the Four Cities Compact programs.

- vi. Is there anything we can provide to the students who come in at the regularly scheduled time during the two-hour delay days?
- vii. Consider surveying students, parents, and teachers for their input about the relationship between school and workforce preparation.

5. Around-the-Table

a. Suggestions for future BAC meetings include:

- i. Update on the English/Language Arts adoption
- ii. School counselor role in student’s career path options