

- v. The new Carpentry house is being built at 515 Durling Drive.
- vi. R. Wright presented an overview of some of the success stories of previous Compact students. Many have entered straight into the workplace from high school while some have entered the workplace while continuing their education at the college level. Some students have been fortunate enough to have their college-level coursework paid for by their employer.
- vii. The previous four years has seen a big upswing in Compact program enrollment. This year, we've lost about 40 students. We partially attribute the loss to the current pandemic and concerns that parents/students have about leaving their home base school.
- viii. We will work hard to promote the Compact, but the current situation presents challenges. The inability to recruit in-person and the need to recruit virtually is not ideal, but we will work hard to do what we can to educate students about the opportunities the Compact program offers.
- ix. Plans are to add a pharmacy tech program next year.
- x. When asked about the most and least popular programs, R. Wright indicated that Cosmetology, Nursing, and Criminal Science are the most popular and are always full classes. The Marketing program at Wadsworth is being phased out due to a lack of enrollment. The Machine Tech program is not one of the more popular programs, but is a source of many job opportunities. Things are being done, including revamping the Machine Tech lab, to promote the program.

3. Review of October 12 Board of Education Meeting

- a. A special meeting was set for October 26 to work on drafting the new Strategic Plan. The goal is to have the draft out in early November to allow feedback from the community, staff, and students and submit to the board for approval in December.
- b. A thematic content analysis of the strategic plan survey was provided to the board. There were 108 responses received.
- c. A Diversity and Inclusion Committee meeting was set for the evening of October 26 at 4 p.m. The board agenda includes directions/links to access the meeting.
- d. A request for proposal for architect/engineering services resulted in (16) submissions. Of the (16), we narrowed the list down to (4). We interviewed the (4) and ranked them for board consideration at the meeting. Hollabird & Root/bshm Architects, Inc. were ranked first, and we will enter into contract negotiations with them. Hopes are that we will have a contract to submit to the board of education at the November meeting.
- e. Our intentions were to have a possible funding issue on the ballot in November 2021. We are keeping an eye on things as far as the economic implications of the current pandemic and whether that is still feasible.
- f. D. Beeman reported that (2) settlement agreements were approved at the board meeting. The agreements set a new agreed-upon fair market value of each property and provide for a one-time cash payment to the board of education for the 2019 tax year.

4. Around the Room

- a. D. Beeman reported that Wadsworth Township was awarded \$235,580 from the CARES Act, but opted to sub-grant the money to Wadsworth City Schools. While there are limitations as to how the money can be spent, we will put it to good use. Some money will be used to pay employee leave associated with the pandemic, for software and hardware costs associated with Wadsworth Wired, and for a new compressor at Lincoln Elementary School (qualifies because we have to control humidity levels and air circulation). While there is work associated with the donation, we are very grateful for the generosity of Wadsworth Township.
- b. K. Breitenbucher reported that the county purchased seven (7) foggers for the district. She also indicated that plans are being made to hold virtual career programs in the evenings. Each evening would feature a different career (e.g., one night would be manufacturing, one night would be engineering, etc.).
- c. A. Hill reported that there were three (3) announcements sent last week related to COVID. When asked about “presumed positive” language that is used, Dr. Hill indicated that these decisions are not coming from the district, but are being made by the Medina County Health Department. We have had two (2) individuals who have tested positive. Isolation (10 days) is for those individuals who are experiencing symptoms after having been in close proximity to someone who has tested positive or they themselves have tested positive. Quarantine (14 days) is for those individuals who have had prolonged contact with someone who has tested positive. Overall, we have not seen much of a dip in attendance thus far.
- d. Dr. Hill also reported about the challenges of tracking Wadsworth Wired attendance in hours, as required. We are not certain of the type of documentation the state would be looking for in an audit, but we want to be able to defend whatever information we are reporting. Wadsworth Wired teachers have been asked for their feedback, and a meeting is planned for tomorrow for further discussion.
- e. Sixty-three (63) students in grades 6-12 will be returning to the buildings on October 26.
- f. Congratulations to Dr. Hill. He was recognized at the October 12 board of education meeting by the Buckeye Association of School Administrators (BASA) for his exemplary educational leadership.
- g. Congratulations to Kathy Breitenbucher who has been named the Medina County Advisory Council Member of the Year.
- h. The meeting topic for November will be about looking at economic data from the community and how it relates to school funding (presented by D. Beeman).