

**BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: Wednesday, May 12, 2021
PLACE: Meeting Held Remotely via Google Meet

CONVENE: 11:30 a.m.
ADJOURN: 12:42 p.m.

ATTENDEES: Paul Alic, Doug Beeman, Julie Batey, Kathy Breitenbucher, Dan Chase, T.J. DeAngelis, Karl Elsass, Jim Gray, Andy Hill, Laura McDermitt, Linda Kramer, Jim Lawrence, Bill Neiser, Brian Pinkerton, Daniel Slife, Laura Giermann, Michelle Washington (ODE guest)

ABSENT: Erik Allwood, Adam Barton, Tim Manion, Glen Rutherford, Jason Venner, Michael Wagar

1. Review Minutes from April 14 BAC Meeting
 - a. Minutes were approved.

2. Review May 10 Board of Education Meeting
 - a. This was the first in-person meeting since the COVID-19 pandemic protocols were changed regarding meetings in groups. Groups of ten (10), spaced 6 feet apart were permitted.

 - b. D. Beeman's Five-Year Forecast
 - i. The board adopted an updated 5-year forecast which was last approved in November.

 - ii. Within the General Fund, we are projected to end the year with deficit spending of approximately \$1 million dollars. We do have a carryover from previous years that will help with current spending.

 - iii. Property taxes received were above the projection. We are up 1.4% of what was projected.

 - iv. Governor reinstated \$490K in state aid in January 2021 which had not been projected.

 - v. The Governor's 2021-2023 budget is seeking to return us to FY-2019 funding levels.

 - vi. The Fair School Funding Plan that has been introduced will address a funding formula that more accurately reflects the funding needs for students within the State of Ohio. Long-term, the plan may provide an answer to correct funding

that district's receive; for the time being, the Governor's funding formula is more beneficial to our district.

- vii. For the third year, we have received a 0% health insurance renewal premium. Working within a consortium, our health care plan revisions, and the district's Wellness Program have all benefited the district. This will account for approximately a \$1M savings in health costs per year.
 - viii. The Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund is not a part of the 5-year budget, but it does have an indirect, favorable impact on our budget.
 - ix. We anticipate a 2024 deficit of approximately \$494K.
 - x. The board will discuss possibly combining an operating levy (10 years since we had an operating levy on the ballot) with a bond levy. Paperwork will need to be submitted to the Medina County Board of Elections in early August for a November ballot issue.
- c. A special meeting has been set for May 26. Holabird & Root/BSHM Architects, Inc. will attend to present information about anticipated costs for the CIS project.
 - d. The CIS Committee will meet on May 27.
 - e. We continue to work on the purchase of property and hope to make a public announcement soon as it relates to the CIS project.
 - f. The Diversity and Inclusion Committee will meet tomorrow. The committee was formed to ensure that the district has an environment that makes all students feel welcome and accepted, regardless of their differences.
 - g. Food bags will be provided to students during the summer and will be distributed from the high school. The bags will include five days worth of meals. This is in addition to the Feeding Medina County program.
 - h. The State waiver will allow for free breakfast and lunch to all students next year.
 - i. Some resignations on the board agenda were made to allow employees to accept different positions within the district (M. Neumann will become a full-time counselor; L. Maslyk will move to Lincoln Elementary as the principal; J. McInnes will move from a high school counseling position to the Four Cities Compact.)
 - j. The purchase of property on Stratford Avenue was approved which will allow for the Four Cities Compact house construction project next school year.
 - k. The tentative graduation roster was approved.

- l. The Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) membership was approved for next year.
- m. Approval was granted to advertise for bids for the lintel project at the bus garage.

3. Update on Previous BAC Topics

- a. Our intention is to offer some type of online learning option for students next year. We have been working collaboratively with other districts within the county to offer an online option for students in grades K-8 next year. We received approximately 1,400 responses to our survey, and 9.7% (134 students) expressed an interest in an online option. An email will be sent from A. Hill to parents to collect more definitive information about interest in an online option based on what we know so far. We anticipate that we will need about 20 students per grade level in order to offer the online option. We are working with the Medina County Educational Service Center as they coordinate the effort and determine the associated costs. Each district will have to determine what the high school online option will look like. About half of those who responded to the first survey and expressed an interest in an online option are high school students.
- b. The summer school program has proven challenging because of staffing issues. Currently, we are only able to invite ninety (90) students total. We may need to target specific grade levels if we are unable to secure enough teachers. The high school program will continue as it has in past years, and we will also offer extended school year services for some of our special education students. We plan to make a decision regarding summer school by the end of this week.
- c. The high school continues to work on the pathway for students who are not planning on college or career-tech attendance. We continue to work on the course offerings and what an opportunity school may look like. Justin Todd, a current health/physical education teacher, has been selected as the Opportunity School Coordinator. He ran a similar program when he worked for the Mount Vernon School District. Justin will be invited to speak to the BAC about the Opportunity School in October.
- d. It was decided that the September BAC meeting topic should be about a potential levy initiative.
- e. Mental health update: S. Kopacko will become the sole prevention specialist (M. Neumann is moving to the counseling position). We will look at adding a mental health coordinator position for our families, most likely effective with the 2022-2023 school year.
- f. Prom is scheduled for this weekend, and graduation will be held at Art Wright Stadium May 30. If there is rain on the day of graduation and on the rain date, graduation will be held in the gym (with a reduced number of guests).

- g. COVID protocols (e.g., social distancing requirements, face coverings, etc.) for next year are unknown. Senate Bill 22 goes into effect June 23; this may impact the orders that will be in place for next school year.
- h. Kathy Breitenbucher reported that if a student is at a loss following graduation, they may contact “Everybody Works Medina County.”
- i. A question was raised regarding student vaccinations. The health department is willing to sponsor clinics for students, possibly one this month and one later in the summer. We could perhaps hold the clinic at our high school. As a note, there has not been any conversation regarding a requirement for vaccinations.
- j. A recommendation to move the September BAC meeting to the 15th was made. Committee members agreed.