

**BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: Wednesday, February 16, 2022
PLACE: C.R. Parsons Administration Building

CONVENE: 11:30 a.m.
ADJOURN: 12:45 p.m.

ATTENDEES: Paul Alic, Ayten Anderson, Julie Batey, Doug Beeman, Dan Chase, Andy Hill, Jim Lawrence, Laura McDermitt, Bill Neiser, Brian Pinkerton, Daniel Slife, Jason Venner, L. Giermann, M. Evans

ABSENT: Erik Allwood, Adam Barton, Kathy Breitenbucher, T.J. DeAngelis, Karl Elsass, Linda Kramer, Tim Manion, Glen Rutherford, Jason Venner

1. Presentation by Dr. Christina Collins (Pre-Apprenticeship Program & Career Counselor Program)
 - a. There are 180 high school Juniors in Medina County who will only graduate if they complete a pre-apprenticeship program or join the military.
 - b. The Medina County Economic Development Corp. is currently seeking sponsors as they continue development of a Workforce Academy. The Workforce Academy will be a 10-week program for students.
 - c. A career counselor (someone with a business background) will be added to the staff.
 - d. Reminders:
 - i. The Engineering Expo will be held February 23.
 - ii. The Career Fair will be held March 30.
2. Approval of November 17 and January 12 BAC Meeting Minutes
 - a. The November 17 and January 12 BAC meeting minutes were approved.
3. Review of February 14 Board of Education Meeting (Highlights)
 - a. The board of education will discontinue remote meeting opportunities for the public. As of late, there have been very few, if any, online participants.
 - b. Once HB 51 is signed by the Governor, board members will be permitted to participate in board meetings remotely, if needed. This will extend through June of 2022.
 - c. COVID Building Thresholds: A threshold of 15% was set at WHS and WMS before mask mandates were being enforced; 20% was set as the threshold at all other buildings. We never came close to meeting those numbers.
 - d. Posting to the district's COVID dashboard has been discontinued.
 - e. An overseas trip to Italy, France, and Spain for some of our high school students was approved.

- f. Several College Credit Plus agreements were approved.
- g. A first reading of several policy revisions was included on the agenda. The revisions are as a result of changes in law.
- h. A WEA MOU was approved which would allow one of our intervention specialists who will be transitioning to a new job as an English Language (EL) teacher to extend her day. The teacher has been unable to leave her intervention specialist position as we are unable to fill the position mid-way through the school year. The MOU also allows another one of our teachers to be paid to teach a class during her scheduled planning time.
- i. A WESPA MOU was also approved which allows those classified employees within a certain classification who hold a substitute teaching license to substitute teach within the classroom. This MOU will remain in effect through the end of the current school year.
- j. The district has received a \$135,000 grant which will help offset the purchase of three (3) new school buses (each bus costs approximately \$90,000). Our goal is to begin replacing three (3) buses per school year, rather than two (2), which would mean the entire fleet is replaced approximately every ten (10) years. The current practice of purchasing two (2) buses per year equates to a 16- to 17-year fleet turnover, which can become quite costly with the number of repairs to older buses.
- k. The purchase of new cameras for our buses was also approved at the board meeting. The current cameras are outdated and unable to be repaired when they break.
- l. Two additional items were approved on the board meeting agenda addendum:
 - i. Approve the advertising of bids for the Transportation Dept. intel project
 - ii. Approve the advertising of bids for the WHS tennis court project (water seeping to the court surface)
- m. A decision was made to reconvene the Mental Health Committee, and a meeting was set for March 10.
- n. Treasurer's Items
 - i. Announce that the Wadsworth City School District refunded approximately \$20,000,000 in outstanding debt associated with the Wadsworth High School and Overlook Elementary School, saving over \$1,800,000 in interest paid over the next 15 years
 - ii. Accept CY 2021 credit cards rewards report
 - iii. Accept December and January financial reports
- o. There was a lengthy executive session to discuss the possible tax abatement being considered for ECS Tuning. Several city officials joined in the discussion.

4. Approval of November 17 and January 12 BAC Meeting Minutes

- a. The minutes from both meetings were approved.

5. Around the Table

- a. Kirk Kresowaty, the District Attendance Officer, is resigning at the end of the school year. A decision has been made to redesignate some duties rather than fill the vacancy.
- b. An additional assistant principal will be hired at the high school.
- c. While we have added counselors at our buildings within the last several years, some of our elementary buildings are not staffed with a counselor full-time. We will be hiring another full-time counselor. We will also hire a part-time counselor who, when added to the current part-time counseling positions, will provide each of our elementary buildings with the equivalent of a full-time counselor.
- d. A question was raised about utilizing volunteers. We are currently utilizing volunteers who are helping with the educational needs of students.
- e. College Credit Plus admittance was discussed and the fact that testing (ACT, etc.) is no longer required for admission to the program. Many of those who are entering the CCP Program without testing are not scoring well on the placement tests.

6. Adjournment

- a. The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.