

**BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** Wednesday, April 13, 2022  
**PLACE:** C.R. Parsons Administration Building

**CONVENE:** 11:30 a.m.  
**ADJOURN:** 12:32 p.m.

**ATTENDEES:** Paul Alic, Ayten Anderson, Kathy Breitenbucher, Dan Chase, T.J. DeAngelis, Karl Elsass, Andy Hill, L. Kramer, Jim Lawrence, Bill Neiser, Brian Pinkerton, Glen Rutherford, Daniel Slife, Matthew Springer, L. Giermann

**ABSENT:** Erik Allwood, Adam Barton, Julie Batey, D. Beeman, Tim Manion, Laura McDermitt, Jason Venner

1. Approval of February 16 BAC Meeting Minutes

- a. The meeting minutes were approved.

2. Career Exploration Program (Kathy Breitenbucher)

- a. There is a Scouts program that is geared to middle school students which promotes job exploration.
- b. K. Breitenbucher asked if the BAC would be interested in helping with a similar after-school program, but gear it to high school students and include onsite visits.
- c. K. Shipley, WHS teacher, is willing to serve as an advisor.
- d. Perhaps the BAC could become involved (e.g., organize which companies students would visit, determine how many students would be permitted to participate, work through the transportation logistics, etc.).
- e. Onsite visits would not last more than an hour.
- f. It was felt that it is a worthwhile idea, but concerns were raised about students being on the manufacturing floor.
- g. Students would meet once a month, perhaps once per quarter.
- h. A. Hill will create a Google survey to determine the interest of BAC members in participating. K. Breitenbucher will send a brief description of the program to include in the survey.

3. Review of March and April Board of Education Meetings

a. March 14 Meeting

- i. The Math Textbook Adoption Committee presented information about their recommended textbook selections.
- ii. The online learning option will be discontinued for the 2022-2023 school year. This year, working with the Medina County ESC and our high school online program, we have had (57) students participate. We have found that we do

not have the human resources available to support our online students.  
Parents/Guardians of our current online students have been notified.

- iii. A Strategic Plan update was provided at the March meeting.
- iv. The Zonar contract was approved which provides for GPS units on our buses. Parents will be able to see in real time the location of their child's school bus or receive notifications when the bus is in their area. The program will communicate mechanical problems to mechanics as well, and it has the ability to provide verbal directions to drivers.
- v. A fifteen-year abatement and a revenue sharing plan were approved for ESC Tuning.
- vi. Hammond Construction was approved as the Construction Manager at Risk for the new Central Intermediate School. The first meeting with Hammond and the architects will be tomorrow.

b. March 31 Special BOE Meeting

- i. The board members reviewed the progress on their goals for the 2021-2022 school year.
- ii. Sara Kopacko was hired as the Mental Well-being/Mental Health Coordinator for the 2022-2023 school year. She has previously served as a Prevention Specialist for the district.
- iii. Amanda Reid was hired as the Diversified Medical Technologies teacher, a new program for the Compact next year.
- iv. Bus purchases were approved, including three (3) regular buses and a bus for the transport of handicapped students.
- v. Approval was granted by the board that allows our classified employees who work more than one position to "stack" their jobs, allowing some of these employees to qualify for insurance. This MOU will remain in effect for the remainder of the WESPA negotiated agreement. As well as helping these employees, it also helps to fill job vacancies that have been difficult to fill.

c. April 11 Meeting

- i. The math textbooks recommended for adoption were approved.
- ii. A reduction in the 2021-2022 school year instructional hours was approved, which accounts for the calamity days that the district has had during the 2021-2022 school year.

4. Around the Table

a. Kathy Breitenbucher

- i. The Job Fair had 350 students and 30 companies participate.
- ii. Classes will be held May 3 and 4 which will help seniors to graduate by meeting the career path graduation requirements.

- iii. The Rules to Work curriculum prepares students on what to expect, how to ask questions in a work setting, etc. Ten other modules will be introduced which will provide real-world information that should prove useful to students.
- iv. A career coach will be available for scheduling through the school guidance counselors and will assist students with work-related questions.
- v. Eight (8) scholarships will be available for students who choose to move directly into careers following graduation.

b. WHS Tennis Courts (A. Hill)

- i. We have worked with Holabird and Root to find a long-term solution to water that is bubbling up from beneath the courts.
- ii. The solution comes at a cost of \$600-\$800K to tear up and replace the courts. We are hesitant to rebuild the courts in the same location and are examining the possibility of moving the courts. It is felt that the best location would be north of Wadsworth Middle School.

c. Update on WHS Incident on April 12, 2022 (A. Hill)

- i. Classes were canceled on April 12. A specialty trash can used for combustible materials in the Woods classroom began smoking yesterday. Much of the first floor of the high school, especially our Technology Department, had problems with a smoke smell. We are working through a process to determine damage, items to clean, etc. Contents of the trash can are to be emptied daily, but it has raised a question about where the contents should be disposed of.

5. Adjournment

- a. The meeting adjourned at 12:32 p.m.