

BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES

DATE: May 11, 2022  
PLACE: Charles R. Parsons Administration Building

CONVENE: 11:30 a.m.  
ADJOURN: 1:00 p.m.

ATTENDEES: P. Alic, J. Batey, D. Beeman, K. Breitenbucher, A. Hill, L. Kramer, T. Manion,  
L. McDermitt, B. Neiser, B. Pinkerton, M. Springer, J. Veneer, M. Wagar,  
L. Giermann

ABSENT: E. Allwood, A. Anderson, A. Barton, D. Chase, T.J. DeAngelis, K. Elsass,  
J. Lawrence, G. Rutherford, D. Slife

1. Approval of April 13 BAC Meeting Minutes

- a. Minutes were approved.

2. Update on Career Exploration Program

- a. Eighteen (18) responses have been received thus far.
- b. Survey was sent to Wadsworth companies.
- c. Various companies have expressed interest in program participation. We have more than enough companies to cover visits for the entire school year.
- d. Dr. Hill spoke with Kip Shipley. Mr. Shipley is interested in running the program, beginning next year and would like to include middle school students.
- e. K. Shipley is hoping those participating in the program may be interested in the CT program at the high school.
- f. A. Hill will work with K. Shipley to create a draft schedule of monthly visits.
- g. Group will meet outside of traditional school hours.
- h. There may be other staff members interested.
- i. We are open to including businesses that are not located in Wadsworth.

3. Review of May Board of Education Meeting

- a. 5;-Year Financial Forecast (D. Beeman)
  - i. Little has changed since November.
  - ii. Property taxes are up slightly.
  - iii. The 6.7 operating levy provides \$5,674,00 in new revenue per year.
  - iv. The Nexus pipeline continues to be valued lower than anticipated.
  - v. 1-3% increase in future years after levy is fully phased in.
  - vi. State funding formula has been revised.
  - vii. New formula will fund districts for students attending within their district.
  - viii. The state aid we will receive is roughly the same as what we received under the old formula.

- ix. Local capacity is a reflection of the capacity to generate money. Low income areas will have a higher percentage for the local capacity percentage.
- x. The Fair School Funding Plan has moved some funding from unrestricted to restricted.
- xi. Special education funding - 10% held back from every school district to fund catastrophic cost reimbursements.
- xii. Expenditures - Average increase of 6.19%
  - 1. We currently fund 3 teachers under IDEA-b grant.
  - 2. We are adding 7 teaching positions next year (3 general fund; 4 from the ESSER fund).
  - 3. We had a 1.6% health care insurance renewal. Our low renewal can be attributed to being a member of a health care consortium, our active wellness program, and a bit of luck.
  - 4. Escalators are built into the forecast to account for inflation.
- xiii. Mission statement of the WCS District was revised:
  - 1. WCS, in cooperation with families, school personnel, and community, is committed to providing a quality education that will empower students to reach their highest potential while promoting a culture of mutual respect and acceptance of all.
- b. Several employment contracts were approved, including the hiring of another assistant high school principal (restructuring following the retirement of Kirk Kresowaty, our current attendance officer). K. Kresowaty's position is not being replaced, and his duties will be assumed by the building administrators.
- c. A virtual walkthrough of the new intermediate school was presented during the board meeting. Plans are to have the building open for the 2025-2026 school year. Several meetings have been held with the architect and Hammond Construction. Building will accommodate up to 800 students.
- d. Final design is still being developed.

#### 4. Set BAC Meeting Dates for 2022-2023

- a. A suggestion was made that the BAC meet in September-November and then again in the spring.
- b. We will skip December, February, and April.
- c. We will continue to offer meeting participation via the virtual option.