

BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES

DATE: September 14, 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, D. Chase, A. Hill, L. Kramer, T. Manion, L. McDermitt, B. Neiser, B. Pinkerton, D. Slife, M. White, R. Wright, J. McInnes, L. Giermann

ABSENT: E. Allwood, A. Anderson, A. Barton, T.J. DeAngelis, K. Elsass, J. Lawrence, G. Rutherford, M. Springer, J. Veneer, M. Wagar

1. Approval of May 11 BAC Meeting Minutes

- a. Minutes were approved.

2. Review of Board of Education Meetings

- a. The carpentry house auction was held in June. The house sold for \$335K, a record sales price for a carpentry house.
- b. CIS Project
 - i. The summer was spent finishing the schematic design phase.
 - ii. The last two months have focused on revisions to remain within budget (includes reducing square footage by approximately 10,000 sq. feet). Some of the reductions will be kept as “add” alternates. If the bids come in under budget, some items may be able to be added back in. The target is to break ground some time in May and complete the project within 24 months, hopefully in August 2025.
- c. Tennis Court Project
 - i. Construction will begin on the north side of the middle school shortly.
 - ii. Mr. Excavator was the winning bidder.
 - iii. The soil has been sampled at the new site to ensure we will not have similar problems as what occurred at the old tennis court site.
- d. Wheelchair Basketball Team

- i. A team is being established in the district and is the seventh team established in Ohio.
 - ii. J. Walker, Director of Student Services, is heading up the effort.
 - iii. The team is intended for students with disabilities, but a set number of typical peers may also participate (all must use wheelchairs).
 - e. Mental Health Committee
 - i. The committee will meet September 15 at 4 p.m. in the WHS Media Center. S. Kopacko will provide information regarding “Be Kind Wadsworth.”
 - f. Special Meeting Scheduled
 - i. A special Board of Education meeting will be held September 29 to consider financial items. Board members will review past goals and set new goals for the new year.
 - g. A Library renewal levy was approved in June (Wadsworth BOE must approve since the public library is considered a school library).
- 3. Update: Introducing Students to Businesses (Roger Wright & Jodie McInnes)
 - a. The Four Cities Compact consists of 670 students enrolled in 22 different programs (12 career pathways).
 - b. The Compact has the ability to provide instruction to 1,000 students.
 - c. We have two new programs this year, Teacher Academy (Norton) and Medical Technology (Wadsworth).
 - d. Manufacturing Night will be held October 7.
 - e. Job shadowing opportunities exist for Compact students.
 - f. R. Wright will be doing a WCTV show, *Pathways to Success*.
 - g. Connecting Students with Businesses
 - i. R. Wright & J. McInnes met with Kip Shipley.
 - ii. STEM-related Skill Careers (Exploration Nights):
 - 1. Four dates will be scheduled at the Wadsworth High School library for students in grades 5-12.

2. Companies (perhaps more than one per night) will provide an overview of their work.
3. Handouts will be provided.
4. A flier with a QR code containing company information will be provided as well.
5. This program will be in lieu of the monthly visits to companies that were discussed in the spring.
6. The Career Coach from Medina County will be provided with a table.

4. BAC Meeting Schedule (2022-2023 School Year) & Meeting Topics

a. Proposed topics were discussed for the following dates:

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| i. | Sept. 14 | Update on New Club to Visit Local Businesses (R. Wright/J. McInnes) |
| ii. | Oct. 12 | HS Pathway for Those Not Planning to Attend College or Not in CT Education (V. Suber) |
| iii. | Nov. 23 | Strategic Plan |
| iv. | Jan. 11 | Foreign Language Program |
| v. | March 15 | Social & Emotional Learning |
| vi. | May 10 | Update on New Intermediate school (Holabird & Root/Hammond Construction) |

5. BAC PPlan

a. Add career coach and pre-apprenticeship information to the plan.

- i. The program will help approximately 120 Medina County students who are struggling to graduate. The program covers 11 soft skill modules and includes business involvement. A career coach will supplement what the counselors are already doing; he is scheduled to speak with English classes about identifying a career path.

b. The BAC plan will be submitted by Sept. 30.

6. Around the Room

- a. Kathy Breitenbucher reported that Career Day will be held October 25.
- b. HB 99 modified language regarding the authority of schools to name those employees who may carry guns. Our board has decided that no staff will be permitted to carry guns.
- c. A question was raised regarding discipline. The majority of incidents involve vaping, but there are also physical altercations and other discipline issues that are dealt with.
 - i. The boundaries of imposing an expulsion are spelled out in the law. In most cases, expulsion cannot exceed an 80 additional days to the suspension. If weapons, drugs, or serious bodily injury is involved, expulsions may be imposed for up to one year.
 - ii. Students are either expelled, or, in most circumstances, offered an abeyance plan, provided the student and parents/guardians agree to the terms of the plan. If terms of an abeyance plan are violated, expulsion may be imposed.
 - iii. There are times when students are assigned to work from home in APEX or are placed in a program (e.g., LEAP) rather than returned to the building.