

BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES

DATE: January 11, 2023  
PLACE: Charles R. Parsons Administration Building

CONVENE: 11:30 a.m.  
ADJOURN: 12:20 p.m.

ATTENDEES: P. Alic, A. Anderson, J. Batey, D. Beeman, K. Breitenbucher, D. Chase,  
A. Hill, A. Kline, J. Lawrence, T. Manion, L. McDermitt, B. Neiser, B. Pinkerton,  
G. Rutherford, D. Slife, M. Springer, M. Wagar, L. Giermann

ABSENT: E. Allwood, A. Barton, K. Elsass, M. George, L. Kramer, J. Veneer, M. White

1. Approval of November 23 BAC Meeting Minutes

a. Minutes were approved.

2. Review of December Board of Education Meeting (A. Hill)

a. Holabird & Root presented information regarding construction of the new intermediate school. Permits are being requested from the City of Wadsworth in order to break ground in early June. Plans are to open the school in time for the start of the 2025-2026 school year. Final anticipated costs are being reviewed based on design changes that have been made.

b. The board approved new course offerings for the high school, beginning with the 2023-2024 school year:

- i. Applied Algebra
- ii. Introduction to Broadcasting
- iii. Musical Theatre
- iv. Introduction to Sports Officiating

1. We are experiencing shortages in staffing athletic events with officials. Students are permitted to officiate certain events, so the class would hopefully help to alleviate some of these shortages.

3. Review of January Board of Education Meeting (A. Hill)

a. The organizational meeting was held prior to the regular stated meeting.

- i. Jill Stevens was named President and Julie Batey was named Vice President.
- ii. The 2023 meeting dates were set for the second Monday of each month, with the exception of November (to be held the third Monday). No meeting is scheduled for July.

4. World Languages (A. Kline, WHS Spanish Teacher, and A. Hill)

- a. We have been working through the District Academic Council to look at similar districts' world language programs.
- b. Our current world language course offerings include Spanish, French, and Latin.
- c. Enrollment in our world language classes typically declines after two years, so students are generally not proficient enough to effectively communicate in the language.
- d. As a district, we would like to better prepare our students for jobs that would utilize multi-language skills.
  - i. We are exploring the possibility of creating a fifth year option so students could get to the immersion level (600 hrs. or more of instruction) by offering a full-year language class at the middle school.
  - ii. Consideration is also being given to expanding the world language program below the middle school level, adding another language to our world language courses offerings, and adding options within the current world language program (e.g., advanced placement courses).
- e. Final recommendations will be made to our school board this spring.
- f. Staffing for world language classes at the college level is difficult.
- g. When asked, some BAC members expressed that their businesses are in need of Spanish and/or Japanese speakers.
- h. In Ohio, the most critical foreign language needs for business, employment, and social services are Japanese, French, and German (ranked in order of need).

5. Adjournment

- a. The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.