

BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES

DATE: October 12, 2022
PLACE: Charles R. Parsons Administration Building

CONVENE: 11:30 a.m.
ADJOURN: 12:35 p.m.

ATTENDEES: A. Anderson, J. Batey, D. Beeman, D. Chase, K. Elsass, A. Hill, L. Kramer,
J. Lawrence, L. McDermitt, B. Neiser, B. Pinkerton, G. Rutherford,
M. Springer, M. Wagar, L. Giermann

ABSENT: P. Alic, E. Allwood, A. Barton, K. Breitenbucher, T.J. DeAngelis, T. Manion,
D. Slife, J. Veneer

1. High School Pathway for Those Not Planning to Attend College or Not in CT Education
(V. Suber, WHS Principal, and Audrey Owens, Jobs for Ohio's Graduates)
 - a. These are students who want to work now and immediately after graduating high school and do not have plans to attend college and who are not enrolled in CT education.
 - b. There are currently five high school students participating, but work is being done to better promote and increase participation.
 - c. Students take morning classes at the high school and then leave for the remainder of the day to work. They are generally available for work by 11:00 a.m.
 - d. This high school pathway program differs from Opportunity School in that Opportunity School students are using their work experience to catch up on credits required for graduation; these students are not.
 - e. Students earn two high school credits for participation.
 - f. A. Owens provided a brief overview of Jobs for Ohio's Graduates (JOG) and its role within the school. The focus is on graduation, career development, and building career skills, but support is provided in many ways.
 - g. The City of Wadsworth would be interested in helping to connect students and area businesses seeking employees.
2. Approval of September 14 BAC Meeting Minutes
 - a. Minutes were approved.

3. Review of October 10 Board of Education Meeting

- a. A presentation on the Ohio School Report Card was made during the meeting.
 - i. A star rating system is now utilized rather than letter grades. An overall district star rating is not provided, but one will be assigned next year.
 - ii. The report card delves a bit deeper than it has in the past, which can cause a bit of confusion when reading/interpreting the district's results. People are encouraged to read the [Quality Profile](#), which is available online.
 - iii. The district does utilize the report card information to look at areas where we may be falling short and have room for improvement.
- b. An update on school transportation was provided.
 - i. We have seen many changes this year as it relates to transportation including moving the point of all elementary bus transfers to the middle school/high school area. While this involved challenges when first instituted, things seem to be running smoothly now.
 - ii. All bus routes have been updated.
 - iii. Most buses have reduced the time it takes to complete their bus route by ten minutes since the beginning of the school year.
 - iv. The district is using a new software system which will give parents/guardians the ability to see when their student's bus is in the pick-up/drop-off bus stop zone. Parents will be able to log into the system and track the bus in real time. A GPS trial parent group is providing feedback to our transportation supervisor; plans are to have the app available to all parents by December.
- c. The October 18 Academic Council meeting was announced. They will meet in the Charles R. Parsons Administration Building at 4:00 p.m. The focus of their discussions will be finding ways to expand the world languages curriculum.
- d. The October 12 Mental Health Committee meeting was announced. The committee will meet at 4:00 p.m. in the high school media center. The committee is working with the City of Wadsworth and Wadsworth Library on the rollout of the "Be Kind Wadsworth" initiative.
- e. Information about a group that is being led by M. Evans, Director of Instruction and Professional Development, and J. Walker, Director of Student Services was provided. The group's focus is on social/emotional learning, and they are reviewing available materials and programs that could support it.

- f. The 2024-2025 school year calendar was approved. Currently, construction of the new Central Intermediate School will be completed prior to the start of the 2025-2026 school year.

4. Review of September 29 Special Board of Education Meeting

- a. D. Beeman reported that the FY 2023 certificate of revenue (\$77.5M) and the FY 2023 permanent appropriations (\$76M) were both approved.
- b. The meeting time was also used for the Board of Education members to review their goals from 2021-2022 and set new goals for the 2022-2023 school year.

5. Around the Table

- a. The Business Advisory Council plan has been submitted.
- b. CIS Project
 - i. We are currently in the design detail phase and are still on schedule to break ground for the new intermediate school in May.
 - ii. We have made both material changes and square footage reductions (approximately 10,500 sq. feet) to stay within budget for the project.
 - iii. School district representatives will meet with City of Wadsworth officials on October 14 for preliminary discussions.
 - iv. CIS students have been active participants and have provided helpful input (e.g., selection of playground equipment) for the construction project.
- c. The next meeting of the BAC will be on November 23; the topic will be the district's Strategic Plan.