

BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES

DATE: January 10, 2024

CONVENE: 11:30 a.m.

PLACE: Charles R. Parsons Administration Building

ADJOURN: 1:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT: E. Allwood, A. Barton, J. Bilek, D. Chase, M. George, A. Hill, M. Springer, M. White

1. Approval of November 22 BAC Meeting Minutes

- a. Minutes were approved.

2. Presentation: School Resource Officers/Physical Security (Dan Shonk, Ben Smith)

- a. Access control has been added to all buildings, with the exception of Central Intermediate School (new intermediate school to be equipped with the same access upon completion). Employees simply “swipe” their ID badge to gain entrance; keys are no longer used.
- b. The buildings also utilize a protective film on the glass located near doors to prevent shattering and to delay entry into the building.
- c. The district continues to add security cameras to our buildings.
- d. Barricades are available in every room within the district.
- e. Teachers are encouraged to close and lock the door during classroom instruction.
- f. An exterior safety check of the high school is completed every morning after students arrive.
- g. Lockdown drills are conducted annually. Part of this drill includes ensuring there aren’t any issues with safety equipment (e.g., barricades).
- h. Having School Resource Officers within the district is not only a distinct advantage in terms of security, but it also allows our Resource Officers to build relationships with our students.
- i. Our Resource Officers are actively involved with the summer Safety Town program and the Senior Send-off Day.
- j. All buildings utilize VisitU, a software program that monitors visits to the building. Those entering the building are required to present an ID for scanning, which in turn is run through a national sexual offender registry. The system allows us the ability to see who is in the building at any given time. While asking visitors to check into the building through VisitU may pose an inconvenience, it is well worth the safety it

- provides. It should be noted that VisitU is not used during large-scale events (e.g., Veterans Day programs), but during such events, entrance is limited to specific doors.
- k. The district also utilizes a system called Lightspeed, an early-warning threat detection software program. Based on alerts received, there are times when the Resource Officers become involved.

3. Review of January Board of Education Meeting

- a. At the organizational meeting, which precedes the regular stated meeting, Tim Beck was sworn in as a new Board of Education member.
- b. The district's Littlest Grizzlies Preschool Program was issued a 5-Star Award from the Ohio Department of Education, the highest rating a preschool program can receive.
- c. Brad Musgrave, our athletic director, will retire, effective 7/1/2024.
- d. The Guaranteed Maximum Price Amendment with Hammond Construction, Inc. was approved; it will cover the bulk of the construction costs for the new intermediate school.
- e. An agreement with Holabird & Root Architectural Consulting Services was approved which will provide for repair work to the window caulking and expansion joints of the middle school windows.
- f. Authorization for the Ohio Schools Council to advertise and receive bids on behalf of the district to purchase one (1) Type A gasoline bus (microbus) was approved.
- g. An \$18,000 anonymous donation was accepted.

4. Around the Table

- a. K. Breitenbucher reported that the website www.medinacountybusinesses.com is going to profile businesses, provide definitions of business terms, and provide information on careers. It is geared to supplement the curriculum for third graders but eventually will be intended for use at all grade levels. Companies are being interviewed now, and profiles are being built. There are three profiles posted currently, five awaiting company approval, and another five scheduled so far. Support for the project is being sought, and there is a need to raise about \$24,000 (currently have \$8,100) for the first half of the year.

5. Adjournment

- a. The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.