

BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES

DATE: March 13, 2024

CONVENE: 11:30 a.m.

PLACE: Charles R. Parsons Administration Building

ADJOURN: 12:40 p.m.

ATTENDEES: A. Anderson, J. Batey, D. Beeman, K. Breitenbucher, K. Elsass, J. Goff, Andy Hill, J. Lawrence, T. Manion, L. McDermitt, B. Neiser, G. Rutherford, D. Slife, L. Giermann

ABSENT: P. Alic, E. Allwood, A. Barton, J. Bilek, D. Chase, B. Pinkerton, M. Wagar, M. White

1. Approval of January 10 BAC Meeting Minutes

- a. The minutes were approved.

2. Presentation: [Senior Send-Off Day](#) (Vincent Suber, Sara Kopacko)

- a. The intent of senior send-off day is to give students an opportunity to learn about things to help them navigate through their next chapter in life, things they may not have necessarily been taught during their school years.
- b. The senior send-off day will be held on April 24, a delayed start day for Wadsworth High School students.
- c. Students will follow the bell schedule, which will allow for 30-minute sessions. Fifth period will be for lunch and fun activities.
- d. The first senior send-off day was held last year, and a decision has been made to scale back on the offerings for this year. Sessions will include:
  - i. Fire Safety (e.g, using a fire extinguisher, kitchen safety) - presentation by members of the Wadsworth Fire Department;
  - ii. Maintaining Healthy Relationships - presentation by community educators from Hope and Healing;
  - iii. Mental Health Support - presentation by the Medina Suicide Prevention Coalition;

- iv. Driving Under the Influence (RIDE Program) - presentation by members of the Ohio Army National Guard;
- v. Drug Addiction Risks/Becoming Smart Health Consumers - presentation by WCS Prevention Specialist, Alternative Paths staff, and an individual in recovery;
- vi. Responsible Interactions with Police - presentation by WCS School Resource Officers; and
- vii. Hiring Fair - Local business, college, and military representatives will be available to allow students to interview for jobs and learn more about opportunities available after high school.

### 3. Review of February 12 Board of Education Meeting

- a. The phaseout of the Programming, Design, and Robotics Four Cities Compact Program at Wadsworth High School was discussed. The current teacher will teach the senior level class next year as well as math classes. He will move to a full-time math teaching position in 2025-2026 when the Compact class is completely phased out.

Students will be surveyed to find out what type of program they would like to see offered, keeping in mind that the program should align with current/projected job demands.

- b. A decision has been made to close school on April 8, 2024, the day of the solar eclipse. It should be noted that concerns about large numbers of visitors from outside the area are not as great as once believed.

### 4. Review of February 19 Board of Education Meeting

- a. A presentation by members of the K-5 English/Language Arts Textbook Adoption Committee was made. New textbooks at the K-5 level are required in order to align with the new State science of reading requirements.

This adoption is occurring two years before the planned textbook adoption and is an unexpected expense for the district. The State will provide \$64M in funding to help districts offset the expense, but details about how much money we will receive have not yet been provided.

Professional development for English/Language Arts teachers at all grade levels is also being required by the State.

- b. Board of Education members also discussed the progress they have made toward the goals they set for themselves for the 2023-2024 school year.

- i. One of their goals was to participate in school building tours, which have been scheduled for April and May.
- ii. Another goal was to gather input from strategic partners and community groups. A meeting with PTO presidents has been scheduled for April 22.

5. Review of March 11 Board of Education Meeting

- a. Members of the Science Textbook Adoption Committee presented the following recommendations to Board members (materials available for viewing in the Department of Instruction):
  - i. K-4 adopted McGraw-Hill Inspire Science.
  - ii. Gr. 5-8 will extend their use of the current program (HMH Science Fusion).
  - iii. Depending on the subject (e.g., physical science, biology, chemistry), some high school science classes will extend their use of the current adoption; others will adopt a new textbook.
- b. Board members discussed BOE Policy 5223, *Released Time for Religious Instruction*.
  - i. Lincoln Elementary School students have the opportunity to receive religious instruction from LifeWise Academy during the school day. Those providing the instruction are members of a local chapter of a statewide organization.
  - ii. LifeWise provides the instruction off-site and provides transportation to and from the school.
  - iii. Students are dismissed from school during art, music, or physical education class. Dismissal is not from the same class each time the student attends the LifeWise program.
    - 1. There have been some concerns raised regarding the amount of time students are missing from their core classes. We are considering a revision to our current policy which would allow students to attend during their lunch/recess time.
  - iv. Thirty (30) students initially registered for the program, but it has now grown to seventy-four (74) students.
  - v. Representatives from LifeWise Academy have spoken with Dr. Hill about expanding the program to Franklin Elementary School, beginning with the second half of the current school year.

## 6. Around the Table

- a. A question was raised about plans for the current Central Intermediate School. Dr. Hill explained that we are considering a proposal from Tipping Point Management who would provide the district with a proposal for the best use of the building at the conclusion of their study.
  - i. Consideration is being given to a potential income stream from the building's new use.
  - ii. Should our current Grizzly Academy continue to expand, we could potentially relocate the Grizzly Academy to a portion of the current CIS building.
  - iii. There are three ways to sell the property:
    1. Government land swap; or
    2. Selling to an agency like the port authority; or
    3. Selling at auction.
  - iv. K. Breitenbucher mentioned that a land bank for Medina County was recently established. Should the district have questions, she suggested contacting Matt Springer or James Fox.
- b. K. Breitenbucher reported that work continues on the ["Who Are the Companies in Medina County?" webpage](#). Thirty (30) interviews have been completed.
- c. Please mark your calendar for May 8, the final BAC meeting of the year. Topics will include literacy and the whole child initiative.

## 7. Adjournment

- a. The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.