

BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES

DATE: January 8, 2025

CONVENE: 11:30 a.m.

PLACE: Charles R. Parsons Administration Building

ADJOURN: 12:21 p.m.

ATTENDEES: A. Anderson, J. Batey, D. Beeman, K. Breitenbucher, D. Chase, A. Hill,
T. Manion, L. McDermitt, B. Neiser, B. Pinkerton, D. Slife, L. Giermann

ABSENT: P. Alic, E. Allwood, A. Barton, J. Bilek, K. Elsass, J. Goff, J. Lawrence,
G. Rutherford, M. Wagar, M. White

1. Approval of November 20, 2024 BAC Meeting Minutes
 - a. The minutes were approved.
2. Presentation: Business Initiatives (Kathy Breitenbucher, Educational Service Center of Medina County)
 - a. The Educational Service Center of Medina County provides services to school districts that make sense to outsource. They have a wide range of options schools can choose from to make sure the needs of the students are being met while managing the business side of school efficiently.
 - b. For Wadsworth, the ESC provides everything from staff for specialized programs to training opportunities, to programs such as Teacher of Excellence and Inkspot, which is a student literacy and art publication.
 - c. On August 1, 2024, the Workforce Development and HR Director position was created.
 - i. The goal is to ensure that every student in every Medina County school can answer the question, "What are you doing after high school?"
 - d. The ESC works to provide meaningful career experiences for students by providing support for the programs that the schools want to do:
 - i. Career Events
 - ii. Guest Speakers
 - iii. Internships/Shadow Experiences
 - iv. Mock Interviews
 - v. Soft Skills Classes
 - vi. Coordination of Tours

- e. The Medina County ESC serves as the BAC for six districts within the county. Wadsworth has had its own BAC since its inception.

3. Review of December and January Board of Education Meetings

a. December 9 Meeting

- i. Two special Board of Education meetings were scheduled. One will be held on January 13 at 6:00 p.m.; the time will be spent reviewing proposals for the purchase of the current Central Intermediate School. A decision is expected to be made, and those who submitted proposals, notified, by the end of January. Current plans are to work through the Medina County Port Authority.

The second special Board of Education meeting is scheduled for January 23. Discussions will center around capital items, in particular, the WHS/WMS athletic complex and the land across the street from the high school that was recently cleared. The land sits in front of Overlook Elementary School, and we would like to use the land to construct a better traffic flow and additional parking spaces for Overlook.

- ii. Two change orders for construction of the new intermediate school were also approved. One was for doors and hardware; the other was for the orchestra shell. Any time a change is required that exceeds \$50,000, approval by the Board of Education is required. Construction remains on schedule.
- iii. Several new high school courses were approved for the 2025-2026 school year, including a class on home and car maintenance.

b. January 6 Meeting

- i. At the organizational meeting, Amanda Gordon was named Board president, and Tim Beck will serve as vice president. Tim will also serve as the legislative liaison to the Ohio School Board Association.
- ii. Board meeting dates for 2025 were also set. Meetings will be held on the second Monday of each month, with the exception of July (no meeting) and November (third Monday).
- iii. The estimated revenue and expenses for FY26 were also approved.

4. Around the Table

- a. No additional questions/topics were raised.

5. Adjournment

a. The meeting adjourned at 12:21 p.m.