

BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES

DATE: March 12, 2025

CONVENE: 11:30 a.m.

PLACE: Charles R. Parsons Administration Building

ADJOURN: 12:45 p.m.

ATTENDEES: J. Batey, D. Beeman, K. Breitenbucher, K. Elsass, A. Hill, B. Neiser,  
B. Pinkerton, L. Giermann

ABSENT: P. Alic, E. Allwood, A. Anderson, A. Barton, J. Bilek, D. Chase, J. Goff,  
J. Lawrence, T. Manion, L. McDermitt, G. Rutherford, D. Slife, M. Wagar,  
M. White

1. Approval of January 8, 2025 BAC Meeting Minutes

- a. The minutes were approved.

2. Presentation: High School Pathways to Graduation (Dr. Vincent Suber)

- a. Listed below are the credits (21 total) required in order to graduate:

|       |                     |                                                                      |
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| i.    | English:            | 4                                                                    |
| ii.   | Math:               | 4                                                                    |
| iii.  | Science:            | 3                                                                    |
| iv.   | Soc. Studies:       | 3                                                                    |
| v.    | Health:             | ½                                                                    |
| vi.   | Phys. Education:    | ½ (or PE exemption must be replaced with ½ credit in another course) |
| vii.  | Financial Literacy: | ½                                                                    |
| viii. | Electives:          | 5.5 (one must be fine arts)                                          |

- b. Graduates are also required to earn two (2) diploma seals, one from the State of Ohio and one earned locally. Most seniors earn the local seal through community service.
- c. Both juniors and seniors have various English options.
- d. College Credit Plus classes are available, the majority of which are taught by WHS teachers.
- e. AP classes are available as well. Based on an optional end-of-course exam, students may be able to test out of certain college courses.

- f. The high school utilizes a 4-point grading system and a 5-point grading system for advanced placement. A 4.5-point grading system is used for honors classes.
- g. Other options for earning credits towards a diploma include a pre-apprenticeship program, a work study program, opportunity school, and the Jobs for Ohio Graduates (JOG) program.
  - i. The pre-apprenticeship program enables students to complete checklists and demonstrate proficiency in skills that enable them to receive the Ohio Means Jobs Readiness seal.
  - ii. To participate in the work study program, the student must be on track to graduate and have a strong attendance record. Students who participate in work study typically plan to enter a 2-year tech school, enter the military, or enter the workforce immediately after graduation.
  - iii. Opportunity School is taught by Justin Todd and provides an alternative educational setting to students who have not been successful in a traditional classroom setting. The program is geared towards those students who may have credit deficiencies, attendance issues, or behavioral issues.
  - iv. Jobs for Ohio Graduates (JOG) is a year-round program. It is a free program based on income eligibility, but JOG will also take recommendations from WHS staff. The program provides many financial incentives for students to complete tasks.

### 3. Review of Board of Education Meetings Since January 8, 2025

- a. January 13 Special Board of Education Meeting
  - i. The Board considered proposals that were submitted for the sale of Central Intermediate School.
- b. January 23 Special Board of Education Meeting
  - i. A discussion was held regarding capital items that may be included in the next District Strategic Plan.
  - ii. An executive session was held to review the proposals that were submitted for the sale of Central Intermediate School. A decision was made to work with One Central Commons and the Port Authority. Draft agreements are being written.
  - iii. It should be noted that following the move to the new intermediate school, some time will be needed to clear the old Central Intermediate School building.

- iv. A community event (open house) will be held when the new building is completed.
- c. February 10 Board of Education Meeting
  - i. D. Beeman provided a financial update on the proposed biennial budget and federal funding. House Bill 96 would phase out the current funding guarantee based on declining enrollment, potentially \$2.4 million.
- d. March 4 Special Board of Education Meeting
  - i. Part of the meeting time was utilized by Board members to provide an update on the progress they have made toward the goals they set for themselves for the 2024-2025 school year. Principals and assistant principals joined in on the discussion to talk about how bullying is addressed within each of their buildings.
- e. March 10 Board of Education Meeting
  - i. Members of the Social Studies Textbook Adoption Committee presented information on their recommendations for the 2025-2026 school year. Final recommendations will be made at the April Board of Education meeting.
  - ii. Interdistrict open enrollment was a discussion topic. We do not bring in students that would cost the district additional money and have not been able to accept any students below grade 6.

#### 4. Around the Table/Screen

- a. A special Board meeting is set for April 17 to provide tours of Wadsworth High School and the Copley Compact programs.
- b. The final BAC meeting will be held on May 14; Eric Jackson, Director of Instruction and Professional Development, will present information on the district's literacy program.

#### 5. Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.