

**Northwest Ohio ESC Business Advisory Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**September 14, 2021**  
**9:00 – 10:00 AM**  
**Northwest Ohio ESC – 205 Nolan Parkway, Archbold OH**  
**\*breakfast available at 8:45**

X	Kerri Weir, Superintendent	NwOESC Superintendent/BAC Co-Chair	X	Homer Hendricks, NwOESC CFO/Treasurer	Secretary
X	Mike Remer, Business-Education Liaison	NwOESC BAC Co-Chair	X	Angela Belcher, Superintendent	Fayette Local
	Erika Willitzer, Director	Defiance County Economic Development	X	Keith Countryman, Superintendent	Hicksville Exempted Village
X	Matt Gilroy, Director	Fulton County Economic Development	X	Kelly Meyers, Superintendent	Holgate Local
X	Jennifer Arps, Director	Henry County Economic Development	X	Richie Peters, Superintendent	Liberty Center Local
X	Megan Hausch, Director	Williams County Economic Development		James Wyse, Superintendent	Millcreek-West Unity Local
X	Todd Hernandez, President	Northwest State Community College		Jamison Grime, Superintendent	Montpelier Exempted Village
X	Tim Meister, Superintendent	Four County Career Center	X	Erik Belcher, Superintendent	Napoleon Area City
X	John Mansel-Pleydell, Supervisor	NWOCA Instructional Services/STEAM	X	William Hanak, Superintendent	North Central Local
X	Chad Rex, Director	NwOESC Technology /STEAM	X	Nicole Wells, Superintendent	Northeastern Local
X	Andy Hunter, Director	NwOESC Curriculum/STEAM	X	Josh Biederstedt, Superintendent	Patrick Henry Local
X	Jayson Selgo, Superintendent	Archbold Area Local	X	Josh Clark, Superintendent	Pettisville Local
X	Beth Hensch, Superintendent	Ayersville Local	X	Ted Haselman, Superintendent	Pike-Delta-York Local
X	Mark Rairigh, Superintendent	Bryan City	X	Nate Johnson, Superintendent	Stryker Local
X	Steve Arnold, Superintendent	Central Local	X	Chris Lake, Superintendent	Swanton Local
X	Bob Morton, Superintendent	Defiance City	X	Troy Armstrong, Superintendent	Wauseon Exempted Village
	Kermit Riehle, Superintendent	Edgerton Local		State Representative James Hoops	Ohio House District 81
X	Anthony Stevens, Superintendent	Edon-Northwest Local	X	Keira Grandey, Assistant Director	Williams County Economic Development
X	Eric Smola, Superintendent	Evergreen Local	X	Tod Hug, Executive Director	NBEC/NWOCA

\*denotes item for membership vote

1. Call to Order and Introductions:
2. \*NwOESC BAC Meeting Minutes Review and Approval
  - a. A motion to approve the minutes of the NwOESC Business Advisory Council meeting held on May 11, 2021 was made by *Nate Johnson* and second by *Bob Morton*. Motion passed.

3. \*NWOESC BAC Guidelines/Plan FY22 – Review and Approval
  - a. Overview of proposed changes
  - b. A motion to approve the NWOESC Business Advisory Council Plan for FY22 was made by *Tim Meister* and second by *Anthony Stevens*. Motion passed.
  - c.
4. Business and Education Spotlights – Coordinated by Mike Remer.
  - a. Business Spotlight
    - i. John Mansel-Pleydell – M.ED NWOCA - Professional Learning Group Supervisor
      - *Discussed involvement with the STEAM Coalition, and Career Champions List*
      - *Focused on the Advanced Manufacturing Consortium, its programs, and future direction.*
      - *Reviewed the Consortium’s priorities for 2021-22 and shared it is considering reorganizing under 501c3 or 501c6 and applying for the Ohio Industry Sector Partnership Grant.*
  - b. Education Spotlight:
    - i. Dr. Todd Hernandez - President/ CEO at Northwest State Community College
      - *Reviewed the College’s mission and strategic plan.*
      - *Discussed new programs in Agribusiness, Skilled Trades, and Entrepreneurial and Marketing certificates.*
      - *Shared new services such as TRIO for student support and non-academic advising and Achieving the Dream focusing on diversity, equity, and inclusion.*
      - *Presented scholarship information and the College’s economic impact.*
5. Fulton County Economic Development Director Updates and Information Sharing:
  - *The business community is thankful for the school’s efforts to open as normal.*
  - *Demand for employees is high and is expected to last for at least three years.*
  - *Discussed broadband efforts and solar field development.*
6. Henry County Economic Development Director Updates and Information Sharing:
  - *AP Alternatives is involved with racking for solar projects in the area.*
  - *Looking at creative approaches to get manufacturing in schools to increase their exposure.*
7. Williams County Economic Development Director Updates and Information Sharing:
  - *Workforce demand is high with concerns for attraction and retention.*
  - *What is manufacturing willing to do to work with schools.*
  - *Discussed Altenloh Brinck expansion, AquaBounty, and housing needs.*

8. Four County Career Center Updates and Information Sharing:

- *Bridge Program had 16 students participate, biggest group in several years.*
- *Will likely lead to job placement.*

9. Other Items or Issues for Discussion:

- *Shared the need for business and education spotlights at future meetings this year.*

10. Next Meeting:

- a. *Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. at NwOESC (8:45 breakfast)*

11. \*Adjourn: A motion to adjourn the meeting of the NwOESC Business Advisory Council was made by *Megan Hausch* and second by *Chris Lake*. Meeting adjourned at 10:03 am.