

Northwest Ohio ESC Business Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

9:00 – 10:00 AM

Stryker Local Schools – 400 South Defiance Street, Stryker, OH

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	Richie Peters, Superintendent	Liberty Center Local
	Erika Willitzer, Executive Director	Defiance County Economic Development	X	James Wyse, Superintendent	Millcreek-West Unity Local
	Matt Gilroy, Executive Director	Fulton County Economic Development		Jamison Grime, Superintendent	Montpelier Exempted Village
X	Jennifer Arps, Executive Director	Henry County Community Improvement Corporation		Erik Belcher, Superintendent	Napoleon Area City
	Megan Hausch, Executive Director	Williams County Economic Development	X	Michael Bute, Superintendent	North Central Local
	Todd Hernandez, President	Northwest State Community College	X	Nicole Wells, Superintendent	Northeastern Local
	Tim Meister, Superintendent	Four County Career Center		Josh Biederstedt, Superintendent	Patrick Henry Local
X	John Mansel-Pleydell, Supervisor	NWOCA Professional Learning Group/STEAM/AMC	X	Josh Clark, Superintendent	Pettisville Local
	Chad Rex, Director	NWOESC Technology /STEAM		Ted Haselman, Superintendent	Pike-Delta-York Local
X	Andy Hunter, Director	NWOESC Curriculum/STEAM	X	Nate Johnson, Superintendent	Stryker Local
X	Jayson Selgo, Superintendent	Archbold Area Local		Chris Lake, Superintendent	Swanton Local
	Beth Hensch, Superintendent	Ayersville Local	X	Troy Armstrong, Superintendent	Wauseon Exempted Village
X	Mark Rairigh, Superintendent	Bryan City	X	LuAnn Cooke, NW Ohio Regional Liaison	Lt. Governor's Office
X	Steve Arnold, Superintendent	Central Local	X	Hannah Waterman, Workforce & Marketing	Defiance County Economic Development
X	Bob Morton, Superintendent	Defiance City	X	Paige Johnson, Business Development & Operations	Defiance County Economic Development
X	Kermit Riehle, Superintendent	Edgerton Local	X	Kylie Ziegler, Administrative Assistant	Henry County Community Improvement Corporation
	Anthony Stevens, Superintendent	Edon-Northwest Local	X	Keira Christman, Assistant Director	Williams County Economic Development
	Eric Smola, Superintendent	Evergreen Local	X	Tori Atkinson, Executive Director	Advanced Manufacturing Consortium (AMC)/NSCC
	Angela Belcher, Superintendent	Fayette Local	X	Nate Huffman	Highland Local Schools
X	Keith Countryman, Superintendent	Hicksville Exempted Village	X	Chad Russell	Highland Local Schools
X	Kelly Meyers, Superintendent	Holgate Local	X	Wendi Huntley	Connecting Kids to Meals-Lucas County

**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 September 13, 2022 was made by Nate Johnson and second by Bob Morton. Motion passed.

3. 9:05 – 9:20 Business Spotlight – Gerken Companies; Kim Edwards - VP Human Resources and Renee Patterson - Workforce Development Coordinator
 - a. 600 employees for a family-owned business based in Napoleon with 11 subsidiaries.
 - b. Reviewed subsidiaries including asphalt, concrete, and building materials divisions.
 - c. Workforce Development Program started in 2019 to get younger workers.
 - d. Sponsor Teachers Rock Ohio Workshop in mid-June to share information regarding Ohio's geology and potential careers.
 - e. Truck driver training program for students right out of high school.
 - f. Looking to get into schools starting in elementary and build identification with their company.

4. 9:20 – 10:00 Stryker School Tours
 - a. Panther Technology (K-6)
 - i. Toured technology lab and work areas including watching student use various equipment.
 - ii. Viewed examples of student work.
 - iii. Shared how it builds a foundation for further education and eventually the workforce.
 - b. Ag Tech Program (High School)
 - i. Toured ag tech lab.
 - ii. Students discussed the various pieces of equipment and how they are used.
 - iii. Reviewed how the equipment relates to real world work opportunities and skill development.

5. 10:00 – 10:15 Member Updates as applicable:
 - a. Henry County Community Improvement Corporation Director Updates and Information Sharing:
 - Introduced Wendi Huntley from Connecting Kids to Meals in Lucas County. They provide meals through a federal program for before and after school programs.

 - b. Williams County Economic Development Director Updates and Information Sharing:
 - The new WEDCO executive director is Ashley Epling.

6. Next Meeting:
 - a. Tuesday, March 14, 2023
 - b. Reach out to Mike Remer at MRemer@nwoesc.org to volunteer for a spotlight

7. *Adjourn: A motion to adjourn the meeting of the NwoESC Business Advisory Council was made by Kermit Riehle and second by Richie Peters. Meeting adjourned at 10:20 am.