

Northwest Ohio ESC Business Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 14, 2023
9:00 – 10:00 AM
Northwest Ohio ESC - 205 Nolan Parkway, Archbold, OH

X	Kerri Weir, Superintendent	NwoESC Superintendent/BAC Co-Chair		Homer Hendricks, NwoESC CFO/Treasurer	Secretary
X	Mike Remer, Business-Education Liaison	NwoESC BAC Co-Chair	X	Richie Peters, Superintendent	Liberty Center Local
X	Erika Willitzer, Executive Director	Defiance County Economic Development	X	James Wyse, Superintendent	Millcreek-West Unity Local
X	Matt Gilroy, Executive Director	Fulton County Economic Development	X	Jamison Grime, Superintendent	Montpelier Exempted Village
X	Jennifer Arps, Executive Director	Henry County Community Improvement Corporation	X	Erik Belcher, Superintendent	Napoleon Area City
X	Ashley Epling, Executive Director	Williams County Economic Development	X	Michael Bute, Superintendent	North Central Local
X	Todd Hernandez, President	Northwest State Community College	X	Nicole Wells, Superintendent	Northeastern Local
X	Jeff Slattery, Superintendent	Four County Career Center	X	Josh Biederstedt, Superintendent	Patrick Henry Local
X	John Mansel-Pleydell, Supervisor	NwoCA Professional Learning Group/STEAM/AMC	X	Josh Clark, Superintendent	Pettisville Local
X	Chad Rex, Director	NwoESC Technology /STEAM	X	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	X	Chris Lake, Superintendent	Swanton Local
X	Beth Hensch, Superintendent	Ayersville Local	X	Troy Armstrong, Superintendent	Wauseon Exempted Village
X	Mark Rairigh, Superintendent	Bryan City		State Representative James Hoops	Ohio House District 81
X	Steve Arnold, Superintendent	Central Local		LuAnn Cooke, NW Ohio Regional Liaison	Lt. Governor's Office
X	Bob Morton, Superintendent	Defiance City	X	Hannah Waterman, Workforce & Marketing	Defiance County Economic Development
X	Kermit Riehle, Superintendent	Edgerton Local	X	Paige Johnson, Business Development & Operations	Defiance County Economic Development
X	Anthony Stevens, Superintendent	Edon-Northwest Local	X	Ruth Baumgartner, Guest Services	Fulton County Economic Development
X	Eric Smola, Superintendent	Evergreen Local	X	Kylie Ziegler, Administrative Assistant	Henry County Community Improvement Corporation
X	Angela Belcher, Superintendent	Fayette Local	X	Shailynn Bohner, Administrative Assistant	Williams County Economic Development
X	Keith Countryman, Superintendent	Hicksville Exempted Village	X	Tori Atkinson, Executive Director	Advanced Manufacturing Consortium (AMC)/NSCC
X	Kelly Meyers, Superintendent	Holgate Local	X	Guests	Chief Wilkins, Tyler Flory, Austin Serna, Jim Drewes

*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 December 13, 2022 was made by Richie Peters and second by Kelly Meyers. Motion Passed.
3. *NwOESC BAC Annual Report/Joint Statement March 1, 2023:
 - a. A motion to approve the Annual Report/Joint Statement of the NwOESC Business Advisory Council March 1, 2023 was made by Kermit Riehle and second by Nicole Wells. Motion Passed.
4. Business Spotlight – City of Defiance Fire Chief Bill Wilkins, Fire/EMT Tyler Flory and Austin Serna, Representatives from Congresswoman Marci Kaptur’s Office regarding proposed Fire Station Project
 - a. Chief Wilkins and Tyler Flory shared about a grant application being pursued with the City of Defiance regarding the construction of a new Fire/Police station complex that would also serve as a hub for education and training across the greater Northwest Ohio area. The grant is being made available through Congresswoman Marcie Kaptur’s Office. Completion of a project of this scope would have a tremendous impact on the students and adults who learn, work, and reside in a multi-county region. The project being proposed by Chief Wilkins would have a direct and positive impact on students attending the area schools as well as Four County Career Center. The new facility would be used to enhance and expand student programming at Four County Career Center in the areas of Fire and Rescue, Law Enforcement and Security Tactics, and Construction and Skilled Trades. The new facility would enable all interested school districts to enhance learning experiences provided to students in a multitude of ways and would increase student awareness of law enforcement and public safety careers. A letter of support from area superintendents was requested.
5. Education Spotlight – Northwest State Community College - Workforce Upskilling and Youth Opportunities – Jim Drewes, VP of Workforce Development
 - a. Jim Drewes shared information regarding Northwest State Community College and various programs impacting youth and workforce. The College has reorganized, with a mission to Reimagine, Restructure, and Realign programs to better serve our region and meet the student, community, and business needs. Custom Training Solutions (CTS) helps businesses contract for training as needed – anytime and anywhere. EDGE provides youth and adults with skills in resume writing and employability soft skills. CDL training has increased with 88 students projected for Fall 2023. Apprenticeships/Pre-Apprenticeships supports are available. Pre-Apprenticeships target HS Juniors and Seniors. The Intel and Honda projects in our state will impact all of Ohio, promising growth for our Career Tech and training centers.
6. Member Updates as applicable:
 - a. Defiance County Economic Development Director Updates and Information Sharing:
 - i. Bus tours are being conducted with schools and businesses (i.e., Promedica, Keller). These are a great way to share information and gain understanding of area business operations and careers.
 - b. Fulton County Economic Development Director Updates and Information Sharing:
 - i. Career Exploration Day was resurrected after COVID. Students participate in Mock interviews, and 8 students received job offers. Field trips for teachers in Grades 5, 6, and 7 are being planned.
 - c. Henry County Community Improvement Corporation Director Updates and Information Sharing:

- i. Innovative Jobs Day was held, with Liberty Center hosting this year. Boot Camp is being planned for June 6-9. Any Employer Roundtable Breakfast will be held in April.
- d. Williams County Economic Development Director Updates and Information Sharing:
 - i. New Executive Director, Ashley Epling is getting acclimated to the position. A pop-up job fair was held recently as a strategy to engage more workers in the workforce.
- e. Four County Career Center Updates and Information Sharing:
 - i. Superintendent Jeff Slattery has been immersed in gaining perspective on business mindset and the demand for skilled labor. Student applications for 2023-24 to attend 4CCC are in process. Roughly 792 applied so far, with more anticipated. There is space for 530 students at the Career Center.
- f. AMC Updates and Information Sharing:
 - i. A large grant (\$930,000) was awarded to the AMC as part of the Good Jobs Challenge Grant, to increase the talent pool of qualified manufacturing employees in our region. More to come. An event is being planned for 5 and 6 graders and MS counselors at NSCC at bring awareness of careers in advanced manufacturing.
- 7. Other:
 - a. Brief discussion on Senate Bill 1 – A historic overhaul and realignment of the responsibilities and duties of the Department of Education (ODE) is moving through the legislature and should be monitored, as passage would bring significant changes.
- 8. Next Meeting:
 - a. Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 9:00 AM
 - b. Reach out to Mike Remer at MRemer@nwoesc.org to volunteer for a spotlight
- 9. *Adjourn: A motion to adjourn the meeting of the NwoESC Business Advisory Council was made by Jim Wise and second by Jay Selgo. Meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.