

Northwest Ohio ESC Business Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 12, 2023
9:00 – 10:15 AM
Northwest Ohio ESC – 205 Nolan Parkway, Archbold 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
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		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	Jon Burke, Superintendent	Pike-Delta-York Local
	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
	Beth Hench, 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	Paige Johnson, Business Development & Operations	Defiance County Economic Development
	Kermit Riehle, Superintendent	Edgerton Local	X	Kylie Ziegler, Administrative Assistant	Henry County Community Improvement Corporation
X	Anthony Stevens, Superintendent	Edon-Northwest Local	X	Jaclyn Lovejoy, Assistant Director	Williams County Economic Development
X	Eric Smola, Superintendent	Evergreen Local	X	Tori Atkinson, Executive Director	Advanced Manufacturing Consortium (AMC)/NSCC
X	Angela Belcher, Superintendent	Fayette Local	X	Tod Hug, Executive Director	NWOCA
X	Keith Countryman, Superintendent	Hicksville Exempted Village	X	Kate Huiskens	Fulton County Economic Development
X	Jessica Schuette, Superintendent	Holgate Local	X	Jim Drewes, VP Workforce Development	Northwest State Community College
			X	Dee Basinger, Director	Ashland University, NW Region PD Services

**denotes item for membership vote*

1. Call to Order:
2. Introductions/Guests/New Members
3. *NwOESC BAC Meeting Minutes Review and Approval
 - a. A motion to approve the minutes of the NwOESC Business Advisory Council meeting held on September 19, 2023 was made by Bob Morton and second by Richie Peters. Motion passed.
4. Business and Education Spotlights:
 - a. Dr. Todd Hernandez of Northwest State Community College reviewed the State of the College Address including NSCC being named the number one community college in Ohio. He discussed the Elevate Northwest Ohio initiative and announced CCP Program Textbook Scholarships funded for \$160,000. Jim Drewes shared about Individual Microcredential Assistance Program funding. Tori Atkinson updated on the AMC subcommittee to support connections between high school students and manufacturing employers. She also presented about AMC Good Jobs and AMC Ohio ISP Grants.
 - b. Dawn Bailey, Toledo Zoo & Aquarium Director of Community Affairs, shared fun facts about the zoo's business operations and workforce. She presented about custom training solutions and their Tech Credit program which provides on the job training for staff allowing for them to move to new positions.
5. Discussion Items/Updates
 - a. John Mansel-Pleydell provided a recap on the AMC Manufacturing Days with 413 students and 22 employers in attendance.
 - b. HB 71 - Community Connectors Workforce Program – includes partial funding for the work of Business Advisory Councils and ESCs in cultivating partnerships with local businesses to help develop job skills and internships. Funding is \$8 million for the 51 ESCs across Ohio.
6. Member Updates:
 - a. Defiance County Economic Development Director Updates and Information Sharing:
 - i. Hosted QuickBooks Training and have 13 other training planned for 2024.
 - ii. Mercy is starting a surgical tech program through their college.
 - iii. Keller Logistics will be moving to a new headquarters.
 - b. Fulton County Economic Development Director Updates and Information Sharing:
 - i. Conducting a housing study.
 - c. Henry County Community Improvement Corporation Director Updates and Information Sharing:
 - i. Coordinating with Morgan Parcher of OSU Extension Office on STEAM/STEM education.
 - ii. Holding housing discussions.
 - d. Williams County Economic Development Director Updates and Information Sharing:
 - i. Conducting a housing study.
 - ii. Held Elevate & Explore in October with over 40 employers participating.
 - e. Four County Career Center Updates and Information Sharing:
 - i. Awarded a CTE Expansion grant which was the largest in the state.
 - ii. Discussed CT-26 middle school waivers.

f. Legislative Updates:

- i. Announced the Governor's Merit Scholarship to keep Ohio's brightest state for college.

7. Next Meeting:

f. Tuesday, March 5, 2024

g. Reach out to Mike Remer at MRemer@nwoesc.org to volunteer for a spotlight.

8. *Adjourn: A motion to adjourn the meeting of the NwoESC Business Advisory Council was made by James Wyse and second by Jennifer Arps. Meeting adjourned at 10:12 am.