

Northwest Ohio ESC Business Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
December 14, 2021
9:00 – 10:00 AM
Northwest Ohio ESC – 205 Nolan Parkway, Archbold OH

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

*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 14, 2021 was made by Richie Peters and second by Josh Clark. Motion passed.

3. Business and Education Spotlight - Holgate Local Schools/Sauder Woodworking

- a. Instructor Cheryl Sonnenberg and several high school students shared information on the “Adulting 101” class offered at Holgate High School. Business partner Martha Gebers, Employment Specialist from Sauder Woodworking, was unable to attend.
 - Course prepares students for adult life and to be active, responsible citizens
 - Full year course that can be split into semesters
 - The course is an elective for any senior
 - Unique programming that includes community speakers from various agencies/services, cooking projects and service projects in addition to instruction pertinent to our teens (legal issues of turning 18, “How do I?”, Love Languages, organizational skills, etc.)
 - Have recently added “Adulting 102”

4. Updates:

- a. Defiance County Economic Development Director Updates and Information Sharing (Erika):
 - 165 Million in new investment in Defiance County; the importance of manufacturing, industry, downtown vitality, housing, broadband, parks, schools and other amenities are key to growth.
 - Bus tours branching out to reach healthcare along with manufacturing and financial services for more exposure.
 - Upcoming Summer Manufacturing & Skilled Trades Camp will also include Food and Agricultural Industry
 - Shifting toward bringing in business that offers more ‘quality positions’, i.e. higher pay
- b. Williams County Economic Development Director Updates and Information Sharing (Megan):
 - Business and industry considering our area want to know what we have to offer so the knowledge gained through sharing and collaboration is helpful
 - Prepping for Educator’s Bootcamp as well as spring and summer event planning.
 - Partnering with NSCC on Tech Cred Event
 - Legislative tour – NC and Senator McColley
 - Meeting in March in-person (last year’s meeting was virtual)
 - AquaBounty project is now 320M project
- c. Northwest State Community College Updates and Information Sharing (Dr. Hernandez):
 - Manufacturing Day Flier distributed
 - Example of an outside classroom activity; held a “Night under the Stars” family event

- Commencement December 20 with option for virtual viewing
- No vaccination mandate at this time
- Have a strong Fall and upcoming Spring enrollment

d. Four County Career Center Updates and Information Sharing:

- More kids in Early Job Placement than ever before
- Job fair coming up in April

e. STEAM Updates and Information Sharing:

- Shared Mfg. Days 2021 handout and infographic on numbers/results

5. Steam Lab Showcase – Hands On Activity - John Mansel-Pleydell – M.ED NWOCA - Professional Learning Group Supervisor

- Demonstrated Sphero Indi for kids; kits available to be loaned to any of the districts along with instructional support as needed

State Representative Jim Hoops contributed the following:

- He enjoys working together with the schools and businesses
- Update on HB 126 – property valuations and complaint process
- Update on Backpack Bill, which would affect school funding; very concerning potential impact on public education.
- Ed Choice program is already in place so need to duplicate
- Stated that public schools are under attack and they need to push out to the communities the good stories of what the schools are doing.
- Discussed SB 22 and HB 218 – anti-vaccination/exemptions – Kudos to NW Ohio for keeping schools open
- Question on if Sports Betting Bill would actually fund schools as proposed. The bill has not been signed yet.
- CRT bill was discussed. It was shared it is NOT being taught in the local schools; state standards are being taught. This is a highly politicized topic.
- HB 99; concealed carry in schools - Kermit Riehle recently testified in support of bill.

6. Next Meeting:

- a. Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at NwoESC (8:45 breakfast)
- 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 Kelly Meyers and second by Anthony Stevens. Meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.