

Northwest Ohio ESC Business Advisory Council
Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, May 9, 2023
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	Kelly Meyers, Superintendent	Holgate Local
X	Erika Willitzer, Executive Director	Defiance County Economic Development	X	Richie Peters, Superintendent	Liberty Center Local
	Matt Gilroy, Executive Director	Fulton County Economic Development		James Wyse, Superintendent	Millcreek-West Unity Local
	Jennifer Arps, Executive Director	Henry County Community Improvement Corporation		Jamison Grime, Superintendent	Montpelier Exempted Village
X	Ashley Epling, Executive Director	Williams County Economic Development	X	Erik Belcher, Superintendent	Napoleon Area City
	Todd Hernandez, President	Northwest State Community College	X	Michael Bute, Superintendent	North Central Local
X	Jeff Slattery, Superintendent	Four County Career Center	X	Nicole Wells, Superintendent	Northeastern Local
X	John Mansel-Pleydell, Supervisor	NWOCA Professional Learning Group/STEAM/AMC		Josh Biederstedt, Superintendent	Patrick Henry Local
X	Chad Rex, Director	NWOESC Technology /STEAM		Josh Clark, Superintendent	Pettisville Local
X	Andy Hunter, Director	NWOESC Curriculum/STEAM	X	Ted Haselman, Superintendent	Pike-Delta-York Local
X	Jayson Selgo, Superintendent	Archbold Area Local	X	Nate Johnson, Superintendent	Stryker Local
X	Beth Hensch, Superintendent	Ayersville Local	X	Chris Lake, Superintendent	Swanton Local
X	Mark Rairigh, Superintendent	Bryan City	X	Troy Armstrong, Superintendent	Wauseon Exempted Village
X	Steve Arnold, Superintendent	Central Local		State Representative James Hoops	Ohio House District 81
	Bob Morton, Superintendent	Defiance City	X	LuAnn Cooke, NW Ohio Regional Liaison	Lt. Governor's Office
X	Kermit Riehle, Superintendent	Edgerton Local	X	Paige Johnson, Business Development & Operations	Defiance County Economic Development
X	Anthony Stevens, Superintendent	Edon-Northwest Local	X	Tori Atkinson, Executive Director	Advanced Manufacturing Consortium (AMC)/NSCC
X	Eric Smola, Superintendent	Evergreen Local	X	Mark Foertmeyer, Owner	Foertmeyer & Sons Greenhouse
X	Angela Belcher, Superintendent	Fayette Local	X	Lyndsey Rico, Head Grower	Foertmeyer & Sons Greenhouse
	Keith Countryman, Superintendent	Hicksville Exempted Village			

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 March 14, 2023, was made by Nate Johnson and seconded by Erik Belcher. Motion passed.
3. NwoESC BAC Meeting Schedule for 2023-24:
 - a. A motion to approve the meeting schedule for the 2023-24 school year was made by Kermit Riehle and seconded by Michael Bute. Motion passed.
 - b. Discussed Business and Education Spotlight Planning for 2023-24. NwoESC contact is Mike Remer.
4. Education Spotlight – Four County Career Center; Jeff Slattery shared about his transition and reviewed several programs at Four County including satellite programs, CBI, and adult education. He discussed how enrollment capacity works both within programs and Four County as a whole. Mr. Slattery shared about SB1’s potential impact on career tech. He also discussed how large economic development projects such as Intel are driving CTE discussions along with the local need for welding, electrical, and construction labor.
5. Business Spotlight - Foertmeyer & Sons Greenhouse; Mark Foertmeyer - Founder/Owner and Lyndsey Rico, Head Grower shared their unique business model. This includes school fundraisers and moving to an online sales platform. They also developed online education modules related to plants and business operations. Foertmeyer & Sons employ degreed and skilled labor staff in areas such as horticulture, integrated pest management, and maintenance.
6. State Representative Jim Hoops discussed the state budget bill which had recently been passed out of the House. He shared that it included the Fair School Funding Plan along with other educational items. Representative Hoops is working with Putnam County ESC on supplemental or alternative licenses to teach preschool.
7. John Mansell-Pleydell presented a grant proposal through Future Forward Ohio for a new maker space.
8. Educator Bootcamp 2023 – 42 educators from three counties have signed up to attend in June.
9. A virtual field trip from Miller Brothers Construction was presented.
10. Member Updates as applicable:
 - a. Defiance County Economic Development Director Updates and Information Sharing:
 - i. Summer Manufacturing Camp to be held in June with grant funding for the next two years.
 - ii. OMJ Leadership speaker funds are available.
 - b. Williams County Economic Development Director Updates and Information Sharing:
 - i. Working to address the disconnect between businesses and educators.
11. Next BAC Meeting:
 - a. Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at 9:00 AM
12. *Adjourn: A motion to adjourn the meeting of the NwoESC Business Advisory Council was made by Anthony Stevens and second by Nicole Wells. Meeting adjourned at 10:10 am.