

## Northwest Ohio ESC Business Advisory Council

### Meeting Minutes

**March 9, 2021**

**9:00 – 10:00 AM**

X	Kerri Weir, Superintendent	NwOESC Superintendent/BAC Co-Chair	X	Homer Hendricks, NwOESC CFO/Treasurer	Secretary
X	Michael Remer, Business-Education Liaison	NwOESC BAC Co-Chair	X	Kelly Meyers, Superintendent	Holgate Local
	Erika Willitzer, Director	Defiance County Economic Development	X	Richie Peters, Superintendent	Liberty Center Local
	Matt Gilroy, Director	Fulton County Economic Development	X	James Wyse, Superintendent	Millcreek-West Unity Local
X	April Welch, Director	Henry County Economic Development	X	Jamison Grime, Superintendent	Montpelier Exempted Village
X	Megan Hausch, Director	Williams County Economic Development	X	Erik Belcher, Superintendent	Napoleon Area City
X	Michael Thomson, President	Northwest State Community College	X	William Hanak, Superintendent	North Central Local
X	Tim Meister, Superintendent	Four County Career Center	X	Nicole Wells, Superintendent	Northeastern Local
X	John Mansel-Pleydell, Supervisor	NWOCA Instructional Services/STEAM		Josh Biederstedt, Superintendent	Patrick Henry Local
X	Chad Rex, Director	NwOESC Technology /STEAM		Ken Boyer, Interim Superintendent	Pettisville Local
X	Josh Clark, Director	NwOESC Curriculum/STEAM		Ted Haselman, Superintendent	Pike-Delta-York Local
X	Jayson Selgo, Superintendent	Archbold Area Local	X	Nate Johnson, Superintendent	Stryker Local
X	Don Diglia, 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	X	Carla Hinkle, Workforce Development Manager	Defiance County Economic Development
X	Bob Morton, Superintendent	Defiance City	X	Keira Grandey, Assistant	Williams County Economic Development
	Kermit Riehle, Superintendent	Edgerton Local	X	Nathan Keel, Teacher	Bryan City
X	Anthony Stevens, Superintendent	Edon Northwest Local	X	Veronica Arthur, Teacher	Bryan City
X	Eric Smola, Superintendent	Evergreen Local	X	Brian Feeney, VP of Sales	ALG Health
X	Angela Belcher, Superintendent	Fayette Local	X	Beth Behrman, Human Resource Director	ALG Health
	Keith Countryman, Superintendent	Hicksville Exempted Village			

\*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 8, 2020 was made by *Bob Morton* and second by *Chris Lake*. Motion passed.

3. NwoESC BAC Annual Report/Joint Statement March 1, 2021:

- a. A motion to approve the Annual Report/Joint Statement of the NwoESC Business Advisory Council submitted on March 1, 2021 was made by *Kelly Meyers* and second by *Nate Johnson*. Motion passed.

4. Business and Education Spotlights – Coordinated by Mike Remer

a. Education Spotlight:

i. Nathan Keel and Veronica Arthur - Bryan City Schools

- *Personal Finance Course as a graduation requirement with 100% of students sharing they found the class to be valuable.*
- *Currently offer 17 different career tech courses including Photography, Entrepreneurship, and Visual Communication Technology.*
- *Introduced the Workforce Development Program in 2017 with an average of 40 students enrolled per year.*
- *It is an experiential academic course where students intern with community partners and assigned mentors.*

b. Business Spotlight

i. Brian Feeney and Beth Behrman -ALG Health

- *Shared the business creation in reaction to the need for American-made PPE, specifically N95 respirators.*
- *Presented the different products currently in production.*
- *Discussed employment opportunities in engineering, professional business, and operations with a desire to hire locally and promote from within.*
- *Ability to accommodate employees with disabilities.*

5. Defiance County Economic Development Director Updates and Information Sharing:

- *Presented on spec building at the Harmon Business Park.*
- *Reviewed activities for Workforce Development including virtual formats to get into schools.*

6. Henry County Economic Development Director Updates and Information Sharing:

- *Expanding workforce committee and looking at school programs in the fall.*
- *Looking to retain young families by seeing what amenities they need in a small town.*

7. Williams County Economic Development Director Updates and Information Sharing:
  - *Currently conducting a wage and benefits survey across the five-county area through March.*
  - *Introduced 'High Five to Thrive', a county mental health campaign shared with small businesses.*
  - *Discussed expansion at the Pioneer Industrial Park.*
  
8. Northwest State Community College Updates and Information Sharing:
  - *Dr. Thomson shared Statehouse testimony on behalf of the Ohio Association of Community Colleges including the Rapid Recovery Ohio Initiative.*
  - *The Rapid Recovery Ohio Initiative targets new supports for Ohioans to get training and education for available in-demand jobs that employers are ready to fill.*
  
9. Four County Career Center Updates and Information Sharing:
  - *Held a Virtual Job Fair.*
  
10. STEAM Updates and Information Sharing:
  - *Discussed the Career Champion list of schools, businesses, Northwest State Community College*
  - *Reviewed new technology devices for all grades with highlights on K-2*
  
11. Next Meeting:
  - a. *Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. at NwOESC (8:45 breakfast)*
  
12. \*Adjourn: A motion to adjourn the meeting of the NwOESC Business Advisory Council was made by *Jim Wyse* and second by *Michael Thomson*. Meeting adjourned at 10:02 am.