

**Northwest Ohio ESC Business Advisory Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, May 14, 2024**  
**9:00 – 10:15 AM**  
**Northwest Ohio ESC – 205 Nolan Parkway, Archbold OH**

X	Kerri Weir, Superintendent	NwOESC Superintendent/BAC Co-Chair	X	Abby Lorenzen, NwOESC CFO/Treasurer	Secretary
X	Mike Remer, Business-Education Liaison	NwOESC BAC Co-Chair		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		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
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 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	X	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
X	Tim Meister, Superintendent	Edgerton Local	X	Hannah Waterman, Workforce and Marketing	Defiance County Economic Development
	Anthony Stevens, Superintendent	Edon-Northwest Local	X	Kylie Ziegler, Administrative Assistant	Henry County Community Improvement Corporation
X	Eric Smola, Superintendent	Evergreen Local	X	Jaclyn Herman, Assistant Director	Williams County Economic Development
X	Angela Belcher, Superintendent	Fayette Local		Tori Atkinson, Executive Director	Advanced Manufacturing Consortium (AMC)/NSCC
	Keith Countryman, Superintendent	Hicksville Exempted Village	X	Tod Hug, Executive Director	NWOCA
X	Jessica Schuette, Superintendent	Holgate Local	X	Kate Huiskens	Fulton County Economic Development
X	Ben Wilhelm, Incoming Superintendent	Edgerton Local	X	Steve Riley, Incoming Superintendent	Millcreek-West Unity Local
X	Janie Tisovic (for Tori Atkinson)	AMC			

*\*denotes item for membership vote*

1. Call to Order:
2. Introductions/Guests
3. \*NwOESC BAC Meeting Minutes Review and Approval
  - a. A motion to approve the minutes of the NwOESC Business Advisory Council meeting held on March 5, 2024 was made by Jennifer Arps and second by Bob Morton. Motion Passed.
4. \*NwOESC BAC Meeting Schedule for 2024-25:
  - a. A motion to approve the meeting schedule for the 2024-25 school year was made by Steve Arnold and second by Troy Armstrong. Motion Passed.
5. Business Spotlight:
  - a. Pamala Mohler – Future Plans, discussed her new role at Future Plans, a non-profit organization finding gaps in workforce development and education in rural areas of NW Ohio. The goal is to reduce poverty one individual at a time. She helps employers find the right employee by finding the strengths of the people in the community. This is a state initiative for rapid reskilling. They were mainly in Lucas County but have expanded to 13 counties including those in Northwest Ohio. Individuals aged 16—24 are ideal for this assessment and 1-on-1 coaching. The individuals leave with an action plan. They have received federal funding to reach 1,000 individuals which needs to be used by December 2025. This funding will be automatically renewed if they reach their 1,000-individuals goal. Contact Pam for more information.
6. Education Spotlight:
  - a. Dr. Todd Hernandez and NSCC Staff (Sean Burres and Amy Thomas) – Dr. Hernandez discussed the reimbursement from NSCC for 100% of the cost of textbooks purchased through NSCC. They are working on funding through the Foundation to be able to do the same next year. They have found that students that take CPP classes during high school are more likely to continue on upon graduation. Amy Thomas discussed the Innovation in Early Childhood Education program which is offered online for those interested in their preschool, paraprofessional, and ECE program. This requires field experience in a district and is designed to be a two-year program. Sean Burres discussed the Graphic Design program which is also a two-year plan. Those students learn about web design, layout, photography, multimedia, video, and 3D modeling. Coop Experiences are part of the program, allowing students to intern. Contact Sean if you would like to help provide this student experience. The students leave prepared to go into the workforce or continue with a 4-year program.
7. Discussion Items/Updates
  - a. Janie Tisovic reported for Tori Atkinson - Advanced Manufacturing Consortium (AMC)/NSCC – discussed Career Tree initiative through Mark C. Perna, which is designed with input from local manufacturing. This solution will help students identify career opportunities and pathways in our region. AMC membership is free. They will also be hosting Manufacturing Days in October for Williams, Defiance, Fulton and Henry County schools as well as Four County Career Center.
  - b. Meeting format 2024-25 discussion – a survey will be sent out to membership seeking feedback on format and other meeting enhancements.

8. Business and Education Spotlight Planning for 2024-25; Mike Remer ([MRemer@nwoesc.org](mailto:MRemer@nwoesc.org)) – please reach out to Mike to indicate your interest.

DATE	County/Economic Development Director	School District, JVSD, Community College
9/17/2024		
12/17/2024		
3/11/2025		
5/13/2025		

9. Member Updates:

- a. Defiance County Economic Development Director Updates and Information Sharing: Paige (Johnson) Wesche
  - i. Bus tours for students were held recently. 163 students attended.
  - ii. Manufacturing Camp will be held in June.
  - iii. In-demand Jobs Week was celebrated with various events.
  
- b. Fulton County Economic Development Director Updates and Information Sharing: Matt Gilroy
  - i. A housing study is finishing up and results will be shared with membership.
  - ii. Congratulations on a successful 2023-24 school year.
  
- c. Henry County Community Improvement Corporation Director Updates and Information Sharing: Jennifer Arps
  - i. Educators are signing up for the Educator Bootcamp. They hope to get 15 signed up.
  - ii. For In-Demand Jobs week, a hiring event was held at Napoleon with 23 employers and over 60 students filling out applications.
  - iii. Asked if there was interest in an Amazing Shake competition between the schools in the area. This idea will be explored more.
  
- d. Williams County Economic Development Director Updates and Information Sharing: Ashley Epling
  - i. For In-Demand Jobs week, there have been video and YouTube efforts
  - ii. Planning is underway for Educator Bootcamp
  - iii. Mock interviews will be held at Edgerton
  - iv. A Childcare Roundtable was held recently, indicating there is a need for federal subsidies for childcare in Williams County
  - v. Planning is underway for Manufacturing Day October 23. Last year roughly 46 employers and 500 students participated.
  
- e. Northwest State Community College Updates and Information Sharing:
  - i. Summer Classes and Camp registrations are underway.
  
- f. Four County Career Center Updates and Information Sharing:
  - i. Senior Recognition Day is May 21.
  - ii. Garmann Miller and Rudolph Libbey are working on the expansion. They plan to break ground in late Summer/early Fall, which may affect parking/bussing.

- g. AMC Updates and Information Sharing: John Mansell-Pleydell
  - i. Vex IQ kits with pneumatics incorporated are available for use in robotics classes.
- h. Legislative Updates:
  - i. Lu Cooke from Lieutenant Governor Jon Husted's office highlighted schools receiving grants for career readiness such as an elementary school with a welding program. She also stated that there will be more funds available for childcare with the new agency in place. She encouraged membership to follow the Lieutenant Governor on social media/X.

10. Next Meeting:

- a. Tuesday, September 17, 2024

11. \*Adjourn: A motion to adjourn the meeting of the NwOESC Business Advisory Council was made by Jim Wyse and second by Chris Lake. Meeting adjourned at 10:13 AM.