

Northwest Ohio ESC Business Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 19, 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
X	Erika Willitzer, Executive Director	Defiance County Economic Development	X	James Wyse, Superintendent	Millcreek-West Unity Local
	Matt Gilroy, Executive Director	Fulton County Economic Development	X	Jamison Grime, Superintendent	Montpelier Exempted Village
	Jennifer Arps, Executive Director	Henry County Community Improvement Corporation	X	Erik Belcher, Superintendent	Napoleon Area City
	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		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
	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
X	Kermit Riehle, Superintendent	Edgerton Local		Tori Atkinson, Executive Director	Advanced Manufacturing Consortium (AMC)/NSCC
	Anthony Stevens, Superintendent	Edon-Northwest Local		Tod Hug, Executive Director	NWOCA
X	Dolores Swineford, Assistant Superintendent	Evergreen Local	X	Jim Drewes, VP Workforce Development	Northwest State Community College
X	Angela Belcher, Superintendent	Fayette Local	X	Logan Badenhop, Treasurer	AMC
X	Keith Countryman, Superintendent	Hicksville Exempted Village	X	Conrad Winkler, President	North Star BlueScope Steel
	Jessica Schuette, Superintendent	Holgate Local	X	John Schwartz, HR Manager	North Star BlueScope Steel

**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 May 9, 2023 was made by Nate Johnson and second by Bob Morton. Motion passed.
4. *NwoESC BAC Plan FY24 – Review
 - a. Reviewed New Format provided by the Ohio Department of Education.
 - b. Discussed initiatives for the 2023-24 school year.
 - c. A motion to authorize the NwoESC BAC Chair and Co-Chair to finalize the NwoESC BAC plan for FY24 and submit to ODE by 9/30/2023 was made by James Wyse and second by Kermit Riehle. Motion passed.
5. Business and Education Spotlights:
 - a. Career Coach and Education/Business Liaison, Mike Remer from NwoESC shared about the immersive mural project that was recently completed in the Swanton Middle School Career Center. He presented how this project will have a positive impact on workforce readiness for our region. Mr. Remer also discussed how it could be replicated in other schools.
 - b. Conrad Winkler, President of North Star BlueScope Steel, reviewed his current business outlook including how they view their workforce and culture built around people as a competitive advantage. He was joined by HR Manager, John Schwartz. Mr. Winkler discussed the different work pathways they have developed for their employees along with the associated businesses that are partnered nearby with North Star BlueScope that total approximately 2,000 employees.
6. Member Updates:
 - a. Defiance County Economic Development Director Updates and Information Sharing:
 - i. Hosted a teacher in service bus tour with Ayersville Schools.
 - ii. Currently have plans for 12 certification trainings in 2024, including mental health.
 - iii. Discussed new jobs and ongoing housing issues.
 - b. Four County Career Center Updates and Information Sharing:
 - i. Reviewed career tech funding, specifically for facility expansion.
 - ii. Developing a heavy equipment CDL program with Miller Brothers.
 - iii. Shared about current satellite programs which are all agricultural.
 - iv. Discussed a recent collaboration event with other regional career centers.
 - c. AMC/STEAM Updates and Information Sharing:
 - i. Manufacturing Days to be held in October.
 - ii. STEAM opportunities in some districts replacing technology as special classes.
 - iii. Coordinating with area 4-H programs for STEAM as well.
7. Next Meeting:
 - a. Tuesday, December 12, 2023
 - b. Reach out to Mike Remer at MRemer@nwoesc.org to volunteer for future spotlights.
8. *Adjourn: A motion to adjourn the meeting of the NwoESC Business Advisory Council was made by Bob Morton and second by Josh Clark. Meeting adjourned at 10:20 am.