

Northwest Ohio ESC Business Advisory Council

Meeting Agenda

December 8, 2020

9:00 – 10:00 AM

Meeting held online via Zoom platform

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	Angela Belcher, Superintendent	Fayette Local
	Jerry Hayes, Director	Defiance County Economic Development	X	Keith Countryman, Superintendent	Hicksville Exempted Village
X	Matt Gilroy, Director	Fulton County Economic Development	X	Kelly Meyers, Superintendent	Holgate Local
	April Welch, Director	Henry County Economic Development	X	Richie Peters, Superintendent	Liberty Center Local
X	Megan Hausch, Director	Williams County Economic Development	X	James Wyse, Superintendent	Millcreek-West Unity Local
X	Michael Thomson, President	Northwest State Community College		Jamison Grime, Superintendent	Montpelier Exempted Village
X	Tim Meister, Superintendent	Four County Career Center	X	Erik Belcher, Superintendent	Napoleon Area City
X	John Mansel-Pleydell, Supervisor	NWOCA Instructional Services/STEAM	X	William Hanak, Superintendent	North Central Local
X	Chad Rex, Director	NwOESC Technology /STEAM	X	Nicole Wells, Superintendent	Northeastern Local
X	Josh Clark, Director	NwOESC Curriculum/STEAM	X	Josh Biederstedt, Superintendent	Patrick Henry Local
X	Jayson Selgo, Superintendent	Archbold Area Local	X	Ken Boyer, Interim Superintendent	Pettisville Local
X	Don Diglia, Superintendent	Ayersville Local		Ted Haselman, Superintendent	Pike-Delta-York Local
X	Mark Rairigh, Superintendent	Bryan City		Nate Johnson, Superintendent	Stryker Local
X	Steve Arnold, Superintendent	Central Local	X	Chris Lake, Superintendent	Swanton Local
X	Bob Morton, Superintendent	Defiance City	X	Troy Armstrong, Superintendent	Wauseon Exempted Village
X	Kermit Riehle, Superintendent	Edgerton Local	X	State Representative James Hoops	Ohio House District 81
X	Anthony Stevens, Superintendent	Edon Northwest Local	X	Diana Savage, Assistant to Superintendent	Bryan City Schools
X	Eric Smola, Superintendent	Evergreen Local	X	Keira Grandey	Williams County Economic Development

*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 8, 2020 was made by *Kelly Meyers* and second by *Bob Morton*. Motion Passed
3. Business and Education Spotlights – Coordinated by Mike Remer.
 - a. Education Spotlight:
 - i. Cara Leininger – OhioMeansJobs | Fulton County Coordinator
 - *Creating the Partnership*
 - *Labor force participation rates are shrinking approximately five years ahead of projections.*
 - *Area unemployment rates are below state and national averages.*
 - *Working to develop partnerships between economic development, education, and OhioMeansJobs to develop students and increase the labor force.*
 - *These partnerships include the development of seals for graduation alternatives.*
 - b. Business Spotlight
 - i. Doug Lange and Marissa Bergman – North Star BlueScope Steel
 - *Presented of overview of their operations and business processes.*
 - *Discussed the wage structure including base pay, weekly production bonuses, and annual profit sharing. Shared estimates for normal operations and skilled labor.*
 - *Emphasized soft skills with current employees and when looking for new employees.*
 - *Complimented the program at Swanton Middle School based on the Ron Clark Academy.*
 - *Have only filled half of the needed workforce for the new expansion.*
 - *Looking for college bound and non-college bound students and shared employees are from a diverse background.*
 - *Also emphasized needs for skilled trades.*
4. State Representative Jim Hoops-District 81
 - *Discussed Lame Duck legislation with a focus on COVID-19 relief and more work between the governor and legislature.*
 - *Shared the House passed the Fair School Funding Plan (HB 305), but the Senate would be unlikely to pass the legislation before this session ended.*
5. NWOESC Business-Education Legislation
 - *Discussed the North Star Bluescope Stee pilot program to create a better pipeline of employees with students graduating with specific seals and/or credentials.*
6. Fulton County Economic Development Director Updates and Information Sharing:
 - *Shared workforce attraction needs to enhanced.*

7. Williams County Economic Development Director Updates and Information Sharing:
 - *Shared workforce attraction needs to be enhanced.*
 - *Presented ALG Health will be opening a facility in Bryan producing respirator masks and employing approximately 300 people.*

8. Northwest State Community College Updates and Information Sharing:
 - *Graduation of class from the Defiance Dream Center in automotive and construction programs.*
 - *Shared increased funding from the state level to get people new certifications.*

9. Four County Career Center Updates and Information Sharing:
 - *Have 20-30 students in the Job Placement program under new leadership this school year.*

10. STEAM Updates and Information Sharing:
 - *Equipment is going out to districts, but only items that can be sanitized effectively.*
 - *Advanced Manufacturing Consortium is connecting with district staff who are promoting workforce growth and credentialing.*

11. Next Meeting:
 - a. *Tuesday, March 9, 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 *Michael Thomson* and second by *Megan Hausch*. Meeting adjourned at 10:01 am.