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NwoESC Business Advisory Council Plan 2021-22

The following District Boards of Education and the Northwest Ohio ESC agree that the NwoESC’s Business Advisory Council shall represent the business of the school districts consistent with the authority granted by the Ohio General Assembly. This agreement is in effect until the Board(s) or ESC terminates the same by formal resolution.

DISTRICT	COUNTY
Archbold-Area Local	Fulton
Ayersville Local	Defiance
Bryan City	Williams
Central Local	Defiance
Defiance City	Defiance
Edgerton Local	Williams
Edon Northwest Local	Williams
Evergreen Local	Fulton
Fayette Local	Fulton
Hicksville Exempted Village	Defiance
Holgate Local	Henry
Liberty Center Local	Henry
Millcreek-West Unity Local	Williams
Montpelier Exempted Village	Williams
Napoleon Area City	Henry
North Central Local	Williams
Northeastern Local	Defiance
Patrick Henry Local	Henry
Pettisville Local	Fulton
Pike-Delta-York Local	Fulton
Stryker Local	Williams
Swanton Local	Fulton
Wauseon Exempted Village	Fulton

NwoESC BAC Vision:

A well-prepared workforce that contributes to the economic growth and development and improved quality of life throughout the Northwest Ohio region.

NwoESC BAC Mission:

The mission of the Northwest Ohio BAC is to bring together on a regional level the leaders in business, education and government to advise, support and enhance the awareness, instruction and experiences students are provided in striving to gain relevant, in-demand job skills as part of their preparation for future career success.

The Guidelines of the NwOESC Business Advisory Council were developed collaboratively with stakeholders and adopted by the NwOESC Board of Education on April 24, 2018. The membership was revised 12.4.18 by vote of Council. The Liberty Center Local School District joined 3/26/19.

NORTHWEST OHIO EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER (“NwOESC”) BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL (“BAC) GUIDELINES

NwOESC is required to appoint a business advisory council, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code sections 3313.82 and 3313.821. The following guidelines shall govern the administration and operation of the BAC.

BAC Composition

The BAC shall be composed of the following persons:

- The Superintendent of the NwOESC;
- The Economic Development Directors from each of Defiance, Fulton, Henry and Williams Counties;
- The Superintendent of School for each School District passing a resolution indicating that it has elected to have the NwOESC BAC serve as its BAC;
- The Superintendent from Four County Career Center;
- A representative from Northwest State Community College, as selected by the President or Dean of Academic Affairs.
- Up to three (3) representatives from the NwOESC/NWOCA STEAM panel, as selected by the NwOESC Superintendent.

The Superintendent of the NwOESC or designee shall serve as chairperson of the BAC and shall further serve as the contact point for the BAC.

The composition of the NwOESC may be adjusted by the NwOESC Board of Education, upon recommendation of a majority vote of the BAC.

Council appointees shall serve on an on-going basis, unless the composition is altered by the NwOESC in the manner described above.

BAC Meetings

The BAC shall meet Quarterly at the NwOESC. These meetings shall occur in conjunction with the NwOESC Superintendents meetings in September, December, March, and May.

Meetings of the BAC shall be governed by, and conducted in accordance with, the Ohio Sunshine Laws. Notice of all meetings shall be made by the Superintendent of the NwOESC in the same manner as notification of meetings of the NwOESC.

The NwOESC shall be responsible for taking and maintaining the minutes of the BAC.

BAC Duties/Plan:

The BAC shall develop a plan by which it will report to and/or advise the local school districts of those matters addressed by Ohio Revised Code section 3313.81, which may include but not be limited to:

1. The schedule of required joint meetings.
 - a. Meetings scheduled for FY22 include:
 - i. Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 9:00 AM
 - ii. Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 9:00 AM
 - iii. Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 9:00 AM
 - iv. Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 9:00 AM
2. A schedule of additional meetings of the business advisory council or of council subcommittees.
 - a. To be determined as needed
3. Data analysis or other information that describes changes in the economy and job market, the types of employment in which future jobs are most likely to be available, and student skills or deficiencies and other information that informs the plan.
 - a. Regular updates from County Economic Development Directors will inform the work and discussion of the NwOESC BAC
4. A needs assessment, based on data analysis, that identifies business community needs as well as students' educational needs.
 - a. Priorities survey completed 11/2018 to inform the work on the NwOESC BAC
 - b. Update survey by end of FY22
5. A schedule and description of events, activities or programs conducted by the business advisory council to address the identified business or student needs.
 - a. Business Spotlights at each meeting – an opportunity for area businesses to share information related to operations, challenges, and successes as partnerships are strengthened with education
 - b. Education Spotlights at each meeting – an opportunity for education to share practices and initiatives designed to bring awareness, experiences, instruction to students as they prepare for future career success
 - c. Economic Development Director updates at each meeting – an opportunity for each county director to provide information and updates to connect business and education stakeholders
 - d. NwOESC BAC Liaison – Investment in personnel to support regional endeavors and further education/business linkages.
 - e. Manufacturing Boot Camp - pull together committee to determine feasibility and interest for June 2022; include reach out to Governor's liaison for Northwest Region, Lu Cooke.
6. Publicizing and communicating local economy and job information.
 - a. Ongoing sharing of information among NwOESC BAC members at each meeting; email distribution list maintained by NwOESC
7. Fostering collaboration, beyond the Council, among business, labor and education personnel.
 - a. Spotlights bring in a variety of personnel; ongoing opportunities for career tech, community college, STEAM representatives, schools and economic development directors to collaborate.

Once established the Plan will be filed with the Ohio Department of Education.

No later than March 1st of each year following the institution of the BAC, the BAC, in conjunction with the local school districts utilizing the NwOESC BAC as its statutorily required BAC, shall issue a joint statement describing the manner in which the BAC and school district have fulfilled its responsibilities. The manner in which that statement is published shall be determined by the BAC and the local school district.