

GREENVILLE CITY SCHOOLS

will be the leader in educational offerings, student performance and community involvement, and will maximize the potential of each and every student.

Douglas W. Fries
Superintendent

Business Advisory Council Joint Statement March 2021

During the 2020-2021 school year the long-standing Business Advisory Committee did continue to implement the required Business Advisory Council Plan and all requirements associated with the plan. The dates the committee met were September 17, 2020, November 5, 2020, January 7, 2021, March 4, 2021, and the next meeting is scheduled for May 6, 2021.

Members of the Business Advisory Committee are made up of local or regional businesses, workforce or economic development representatives, local Chamber of Commerce, local business or industry associates and other representatives or organizations with knowledge of local economy. Members also include a representative to the Board of Education, Mrs. Riethman, and the school Superintendent, Mr. Fries. Each member to the Business Advisory Committee was board approved.

The B.A.C. did establish a chairman who was Kara Allread. Kara has served in this capacity for nine years. The chairman did collaborate with the superintendent to establish meeting agendas, discussion topics, and group activities for the year. A copy of the 2020-2021 B.A.C. agendas are attached to the website.

Different members of the Business Advisory Board did attend the regular Board of Education meetings. There was a report provided monthly at the Board of Education meeting by the board representative highlighting activities on upcoming or past meetings of the B.A.C. during the 2020-2021 school year.

This year, during the Business Advisory meetings, discussion took place related to determining employment skills today and developing curriculum to instill these skills. Much discussion related to Career Tech skills and the necessary soft skills to become a positive contributor to the area workforce. There was also much discussion around the types of employment in which future jobs are most likely to be available. Discussion about the new Project Life program and Construction Technology program implementation were discussed.

During 2020-2021 the B.A.C. has continued to develop an ongoing working relationship among local businesses, labor, and educational personnel. This is evident by the local businesses, workforce development, and the Greenville City School District working together on the fall Manufacturing Virtual Day tours for sophomores, winter local business virtual presentations to juniors, and the planning of spring Senior Interviews conducted by local business personnel, local manufacturers and industry personnel in collaboration with educational personnel from both the Greenville City School District and Edison State Community College.

Each B.A.C. meeting this year also allowed time for Greenville City School highlights and updates, as well as updates from the Darke County Economic Development/Workforce Initiative, the City of Greenville, and the Chamber of Commerce/Coalition for Healthy Darke County.

Much discussion this year also involved sharing between business and education on effective ways to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic and keeping businesses and school open.

Other key initiatives the B.A.C. focused on this year were Career Tech updates and remote and recovery curriculum and technology updates related to the Canvas Learning Management System, graduation requirements and alternative opportunities, procedures and emerging workforce update, and safety protocols related to COVID-19 restrictions.

The final B.A.C. meeting of the year for 2020-2021 will be May 6, 2021.



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Kara Allread
Chairman, B.A.C.

