

LAKE COUNTY BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL
Thursday, November 14, 2024 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM
8221 Auburn Road, Painesville, Ohio 44077 - ROOM 106

Mission Statement (Per ORC 3313.84): *The mission of the ESWR Business Advisory Council (BAC) is to foster cooperation among our member schools, businesses, and the communities they serve to make our education system more aware of the local labor market; promote work-based experiences within businesses; and help students prepare for successful learning and employment opportunities.*

Minutes

1. Opening Items:

- a. Roll Call
- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. Welcome any new and/or invited guests - [Resolution](#)
 - i. John Crooks, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic and Students Affairs
- d. Approval of the September 17, 2024, Geauga/Lake County Meeting Minutes - [Link](#) - David Bull and Tom (Superintendent)
- e. Lake County [Bylaws](#)

2. Superintendent Updates: Jennifer Felker

- a. The 4AI Summit will now be an annual event. A special thanks to the Business Advisory and ESCWR staff for their ongoing support in making this event a success.
- b. OSBA- Dr. Kelly Moran delivered a presentation at the OSBA conference, providing valuable insights and updates on relevant topics.
- c. Levies - The recent levy campaign was a resounding success, with a great turnout. We are grateful for the community's support in passing the ballot measures.

3. Purple Star Honoring Military-Connected Students - Nancy Santilli

- a. Purple Star Designation - [Link](#) - Nancy Santilli provided an update on the Purple Star Designation initiative, a program led by the state Department of Education aimed at honoring and supporting military-connected students.
- b. Purple Star Award: Schools that demonstrate strong support for military students, especially those who are transitioning, will be eligible for the Purple Star Award. This designation highlights school districts that go above and beyond in assisting military-connected students and families.
- c. Perry's Commitment to Military Students: Perry has established a robust community program to honor military students. This began with the creation of the Perry Military Wall of Honor, which displays the names and dog tags of community members who have served in the military, organized by branch and years of service.
 - i. Monthly meetings are held to identify and recognize the names of veterans in the Perry community.

- ii. Teachers in Perry bring their classrooms to the Wall of Honor to honor those who have served, creating a lasting tradition of recognition.
 - iii. The Wall is updated every three years to ensure all names are included.
4. Mr. Scott Niedzwiecki - Assistant Principal, Perry High School
- a. Military Initiatives:
 - i. MWOH Dedication Ceremony:
The dedication ceremony for the Military Wall of Honor (MWOH), featuring a bagpipe performance, was a truly memorable event. Carl Lock, the oldest living Perry resident and a World War II veteran, was in attendance. Despite being in a wheelchair, Carl stood for the National Anthem, demonstrating his deep respect for the occasion.
 - ii. Vietnam Traveling Wall:
The construction and installation of the Vietnam Traveling Wall at Perry High School was a significant milestone. With support from the community, electric, and space accommodations were arranged to make this project possible. The wall was displayed during Homecoming, and a ceremony was held to read the names of those honored on the wall - a deeply moving tribute to American military service. The Vietnam Traveling Wall has been traveling for the past 30 years, and the feedback from the Perry community was overwhelmingly positive.
 - iii. Blessing of the Wall:
A local priest blessed the Vietnam Traveling Wall and military personnel saluted it in a respectful ceremony held between the school parking lot and the building.
 - iv. Military Commitment Day:
A special Military Commitment Day was held to honor students who have enlisted in the military. This event featured recruiters, parents, and Perry staff, providing students with an opportunity to publicly thank everyone who supported and encouraged their decision to enlist.
 - v. Veterans and Community Events:
 - 1. Veterans Breakfast Service: This event is held annually to honor local veterans, offering a chance to connect with and thank those who have served.
 - 2. Flag Placement Ceremony and 9/11 Day Celebration: Students and community members participate in a flag placement ceremony to honor veterans and commemorate 9/11.
 - 3. Military Appreciation Night: Held during a Perry High School football game, this event offers a chance to recognize and show appreciation for local military organizations. Donations were accepted, and two reclaimed wood flags were donated to the high school by local military supporters.

- vi. **Marching in the Memorial Day Parade:**
The Perry High School Band Marched in the Memorial Day Parade, continuing the school's tradition of honoring military service.
- vii. **American Legion:**
The American Legion sponsored the Boys and Girls State programs, allowing students to engage with the military.
- viii. **Veterans Sharing Their Stories:**
Veterans returned to Perry High School to share their experiences and stories with students.

The Vietnam Wall project and other military initiatives have played a vital role in connecting the Perry community to military history. The district is working to promote military pathways and raise awareness of the opportunities available through military service. The collaboration helps students learn from the experiences of military families and veterans, providing valuable life lessons.

Nancy Santilli emphasized the importance of honoring and recognizing military service. She highlighted the district's commitment to supporting students in pursuing military pathways and the exceptional training they can receive to build lifelong careers.

- 5. **Dr. Betty Jo Malchesky, Assistant Superintendent and Mrs. Rita Soeder, Career Exploration Specialist** spoke about Perry Local Schools Career Exploration and Community Partnerships.
 - a. **State of Our Schools - Booklet:**
Dr. Malchesky provided an overview of the district's current state and initiatives. Rita Soeder highlighted the importance of community partnerships in enhancing student engagement.
 - b. **Perry School District Traditions:**
The district promotes community-building traditions, such as students walking from middle school to high school, symbolizing their growth and transition.
 - c. **Career Exploration and Student Development:**
Career exploration is a major focus, with students encouraged to explore various career paths and technical training through hands-on experiences. The district aims to help students understand their potential and prepare for future success.
 - d. **Literacy, Service, and Community Partnerships:**
These pillars guide Perry's approach to student engagement, emphasizing the role of community and business partnerships in enriching learning.
 - e. **Aptitude Testing and Career Pathways:**
The "YouScience" program helps students identify career paths, with specific initiatives like the Certified Nursing Program in partnership with Lakeland Community College, which targets students showing aptitude for nursing.
 - f. **Inclusive Career Exploration for All Students:**
The district ensures all students have access to career exploration opportunities, including those from families needing extra guidance or alternative learning approaches.

- g. Supportive Programs and Grants:
Perry Local Schools actively seeks competitive grants to fund career exploration programs, ensuring access to innovative learning and career development opportunities.
6. Workforce Development Survey discussion highlights the following key points:
 - a. The goal is to assist school districts in recording and submitting data for The Seal.
 - b. A quarterly form will be sent out to gather the necessary information.
7. BAC Seal Tracking - [Link](#) Record keeping form within the school districts.
8. Discussion Community Service in Business, Jennifer Felker it is needed to follow the higher education trends and emphasized the importance of tracking where graduates are going and the fields they are entering, specifically focusing on Lake and Geauga Counties. There was a discussion about the completion rates for different pathways chosen by graduates and the need to look at this data at the state level.
9. 2024 Day of Giving - November 21st at the Salvation Army 69 Pearl Street, Painesville, OH 44077 - [Donation Letter](#)
10. We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to Lubrizol for their generous sponsorship of our **Day of Giving**. We also wish to recognize **Madison Local Schools, Carnegie Learning, and School Superintendents** for their invaluable support in making this event possible. Together, their commitment is helping us provide much-needed meals and learning kits to families in need. Thanks to their contributions, we are able to reach even more families and bring hope, joy, and support to those who need it most. Your dedication to making a positive impact in our community is truly inspiring. Thank you!
6. Tutoring opportunities Spread the word to help with tutoring after school for literacy. Reach out to Kelly Moran if interested in working with young children.
7. LEC STEM Event for your students, March 10 - Kelly Moran 3rd Annual STEM Event at Lake Erie College during Spring break week at Lake Erie College from 9:15 - 1:15. There will be two medical stations and Math stations.
8. We appreciate your time today and the support of the military community for their service. Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families and friends.

Future Meeting Dates:

- Lake BAC Meeting - Thursday, February 13, 2025 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM
- Location - ESCWR Auburn Road TLC Building - 8221 Auburn Road, Painesville, OH 44077
- Lake BAC Meeting - Thursday, April 03, 2025 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM -
Location - ESCWR Auburn Road TLC Building - 8221 Auburn Road, Painesville, OH 44077
- Lake BAC Meeting - Thursday, May 8, 2025 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM -
Location - ESCWR Auburn Road TLC Building - 8221 Auburn Road, Painesville, OH 44077