

MINUTES OF THE ASHTABULA COUNTY BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: Friday, May 17, 2019

TIME: 12:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Ashtabula County Educational Service Center,
2630 West 13th Street, Ashtabula, Ohio 44004

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Patrick Arcaro, Executive Director, Ashtabula County Department of Job & Family Services
Mr. Mike Candela, Superintendent Pymatuning Valley Local Schools
Mr. Richard L. Jackson, Executive Vice President, Operations ASHTA Chemicals, Inc.,
Ms. Laura Jones, Executive Director, Leadership Ashtabula County
Mr. Greg Myers, Executive Director, Growth Partnership of Ashtabula County
Ms. Christina Ray, Human Resources Director, Ashtabula County ESC
Mr. Mike Sass, Director of Human Resources, Community Care Ambulance
Mr. Craig Sernik, Executive Director Area 19 NOC COG
Dr. Sue Stocker, Dean and Chief Administrative Officer, Kent State University at Ashtabula

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dr. Jerome R. Brockway, Superintendent Ashtabula County Technical & Career Campus
Mr. Dan Brubaker, Worthington Cylinders
Mr. John Ringer, President, Ringer Screen Print, Inc.
Mr. John Rubesich, Superintendent Ashtabula County ESC
Mrs. Sharon Shoneman, ACESC Board Member
Mr. Leonard Stepp, Senior Vice President, Administration, ACMC Healthcare System
Ms. Wendy Zele, Manager, External Affairs, FirstEnergy Corp.

GUESTS:

Panel discussion:

Ms. Denise Hunt, Supervisor of Gifted & Talented, Ashtabula County Educational Service Center
Ms. Staci Zappitelli & Ms. Denise Miller, A-Tech Career Education Coordinators
Ms. Hattie Grubke, Program Coordinator Ohio Means Jobs

ITEMS DISCUSSED

1. Mr. Mike Candela, Superintendent Pymatuning Valley Local Schools
 - Mr. Candela opened the meeting and thanked the members for attending
 - Mr. Candela conducted introductions of the panel members
 - Mr. Candela requested motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Craig Sernik approved the minutes and Mr. Patrick Arcaro seconded. Minutes approved.

- Mr. Candela mentioned the Ashtabula County Schools Levy that passed and thanked any members for any support.
2. Ms. Denise Hunt, Supervisor of Gifted & Talented, Ashtabula County Educational Service Center & Mr. Greg Myers and Ms. Cindy Rabe of Growth Partnership:
- Presented information on the Ashtabula County ESC's mentorship program. The program allows students to explore a career path in depth over several months to determine whether or not it's the right fit.
 - Denise Hunt, Greg Myers and Program Director Cindy Rabe explained that it has partnered with local businesses, institutions of higher learning and others who are aware of the preparation the program gives to those students who are planning to fill local workforce needs. The willing students who participate in the program will hopefully return to Ashtabula County after completing work experience and/or college to contribute to the local economy, often working for the businesses that mentored them.
 - The ESC partners with the Growth Partnership for Ashtabula County, a business advocacy nonprofit, to form relationships with local businesses. The mentorship program is designed to work with student interest and needs to bring the student in touch with what seem to best fit the goal of the student.
 - The program presently serves seven public schools and two private schools. About one-hundred and eighty (180) students have been actively engaged in the program over the past four years. They provided a list from the last 4 years of placements.
3. Ms. Staci Zappitelli & Ms. Denise Miller, A-Tech Career Education Coordinators
- Discussed the implementation of Mock Interviews in the districts and how they could always use the business members assistance
 - Discussed how they provide professional development to the educator informing on knowledge of employment and career trends
 - Encourage community guiding students toward all education/career paths
 - See the attached presentation
4. Ms. Laura Jones, LeaderShip Ashtabula
- Ms. Jones discussed The Youth Leadership Program
 - Youth LEADERship Ashtabula County is a leadership program for high school juniors in Ashtabula County. The goal is to acquire and strengthen leadership skills while increasing community engagement. In Youth LEADERship, students learn how to lead by doing, we work in teams to solve real world problems.
 - Students work on real community problems that matter to them and their team. At the end of the year, each team presents their evidence-based solutions to community leaders. As a result, students master creative problem solving, critical thinking collaboration, self management, and citizenship.
 - Each month we embark on various on-site visits, and work with existing community leaders on issues that are real and urgent in our community. Participants take a deep dive into the various sectors and the diverse community that is Ashtabula County, including; business, labor, economy, government, health and human services, and recreation sectors.

- The LEADERship Ashtabula County Youth Programming team presents LEADERship LAUNCHpad 2018-2019. This program served thirty seniors in Ashtabula County high schools with a year of leadership programming that prepared them to launch into the next chapter of their lives. From entrepreneurship to personal development, technology, and community service, participants will gain knowledge and leadership skills in their areas of interest.
 - Ms. Jones will provide handouts that will be distributed at the next meeting.
5. Upcoming Activities:
- Distributed a flyer with regard to Free Engineering professional development for teachers at CSU
 - Ms. Hattie Grubke presented information and a flyer with regard to Ashtabula Summer Manufacturing Institute Camp. Ms. Ray will forward the flyers to the school districts
6. Mr. Craig Sernik presented a report on the Job Fair at Kent State on May 2, 2019
Collaboration with Growth Partnership, Kent State U Ashtabula, the school districts and ACCESS
- The engagement is not where they want it to be and want to do something different for participation. There were fifty-five employers/agencies participated
 - There were 237 students attended the job fair
 - 30 adults attended the event
 - Would like to do a reverse job fair at A-Tech in the future
7. Round Table Discussion:
- Mr. Craig Sernik: 2.5 million dollars by the state will be available for recovering individuals for career training opportunities
8. Discussion future meeting dates:
- Fridays are good days to hold the meetings

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Richard Jackson and seconded by Mr. Greg Myers. All in favor

ATTACHMENTS:

- *Mentorship documents
- *Presentation from A-Tech with regard to Career Education program
- *Documents from Leadership Ashtabula
- *Flyer with regard to Free Engineering professional development at CSU

Next Meeting:

The next Meeting will be held on October 25, 2019