

REVISED POLICY - VOL. 36, NO. 2 - JANUARY 2018

BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Board of Education recognizes the increasing importance to the nation's productivity and future well-being of its citizens that students enter the labor market with employable skills and attitudes. The Board and staff of the District also recognize that the necessary educational effort involves close cooperation among interested parties and that decisions regarding the curriculum should not be made without appropriate input from those affected by the educational results.

In order to obtain more effective assistance from one group particularly affected by the students' entry-level skills, the potential employer, the Board shall establish a Business Advisory Council to serve as a continuing advisory group to the Board and administration.

~~The Council shall be composed of \_\_\_\_\_ members. A majority shall be selected from among the leaders of commercial and industrial organizations operating within the District.~~

~~(+) or within the area that provides the majority of employment for the District's citizens.~~

~~[ ] In addition, representatives from local~~

~~(+) trade unions~~

~~(+) educational institutions~~

~~(+) governmental agencies~~

~~shall be invited to join the Council.~~

[ ] \_\_\_\_\_ A member of the Board

- (+) ~~The Superintendent~~  
~~shall serve as the chairman of the Council~~

[ ] \_\_\_\_\_ The Council shall

- (+) ~~annually~~  
~~elect a chairman from among its members.~~
- (+) ~~who shall serve as co-chairman with the~~
  - (+) ~~Superintendent of Schools.~~
  - (+) ~~a member of the Board.~~

~~The purpose of the Council shall be to assist the staff and Board in determining whether or not its curriculum is and continues to be both appropriate and adequate for ensuring that students can enter the labor force with knowledge, attitudes, and skills that:~~

- (+) ~~are considered relevant by employers;~~
- (+) ~~are at a level that makes initial employment feasible and additional training both productive and economical;~~
- (+) ~~are transferable from one work situation to another.~~
- (+) \_\_\_\_\_

[OPTION]

The Board of Education has entered into an agreement with the Mercer County Educational Service Center so that the ESC's business advisory council will represent the businesses of the District. Regular updates from the council shall be reviewed by the Board.

[END OF OPTION]

The Council shall further provide recommendations to the Board **delineating employment skills and developing curriculum to instill these skills**, concerning changes in the economy and the job market, and the types of employment in which future jobs are most likely to be available; and ~~provide~~ **providing** suggestions for developing a working relationship among businesses, labor organizations, and educational personnel in the District.

The Council shall operate in accordance with the standards established by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, **in consultation with the Governor's Executive Workforce Board**. The Council and Board will develop a plan specifying matters upon which the Council will advise and make recommendations to the Board. **The plan shall be revised and updated annually.** ~~The plan shall be filed with the Ohio Department of Education. At a minimum, the Council will meet quarterly with the Board. The Council and the Board will annually develop and file with the Ohio Department of Education a joint statement describing how the Board and the Council have fulfilled their responsibilities in accordance with policy and State law. The statement will be submitted by March 1st each year. [NOTE: The Board will have to meet on this even if the Educational Service Center is appointed.]~~

**The plan shall be filed with the Ohio Department of Education each year. The Council and the Board will issue a joint statement describing how the Board and the Council have fulfilled their responsibilities in accordance with policy and State law by March 1st each year.**

R.C. 3313.82, 3313.821, 3313.822