

# **OVERVIEW: Crawford County Business/Education Advisory Council**

## **HISTORY**

The Crawford County Business/Education Advisory Council was established in 1994 to fulfill the 1989 mandate that every school district develop a Business Education Partnership to exchange information and project leadership.

## **FORMER MISSION STATEMENT**

To advocate an active partnership between business and education by providing leadership and service as a catalyst to ensure a continuous, high quality education for everyone, and giving purpose and vision to their lives by enabling them to be competent and contributing members of society.

## **BACKGROUND AND REQUIREMENTS PER THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

The requirements for business advisory councils were first enacted under Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 3313.174 in 1995 (renumbered to 3313.82 in 2009). Under ORC 3313.82, all school districts must have a business advisory council unless a district has set up a service agreement with an Educational Service Center (ESC). Where both the district and the ESC agree, the ESC's business advisory council may act as the district's business advisory council.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES PER THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

Business advisory council responsibilities under 3313.82 include advising and providing recommendations on: The delineation of employment skills and the development of curriculum to instill these skills; Changes in the economy and in the job market, and the types of employment in which future jobs are most likely to be available; Suggestions for developing a working relationship among businesses, labor organizations, and educational personnel.

# Current CCBEAC Mission & Bylaws

## MISSION STATEMENT

To advocate an active partnership between business and education in Crawford County through open communication, strategic collaboration, and specific emphasis on workforce readiness, leadership development, and civic engagement for all Crawford County students.

## BYLAWS & POLICIES

The Crawford County Business and Education and Advisory Council (hereinafter referred to CCBEAC or the Council) shall consist of a committee of approximately 20-25 representatives, including district boards of education/senior-level administration representation from each area school, as well as senior-level business representatives from the following sectors: manufacturing, healthcare, agriculture, financial services, retail/entrepreneurship, public/non-profit, and law enforcement/legal services. A representative from the Crawford Partnership for Education and Economic Development will also have an ongoing position on the Council to serve as a liaison and community representative. Other individuals may be assigned to selected sub-committees by the CCBEAC executive committee to service as resources to the Council. Members of the CCBEAC and all subcommittees will provide valuable input regarding essential skills students will need to be successful citizens and to strengthen opportunities for students to extend their learning and community engagement beyond the classroom.

The Council will elect officers for the positions of Chair, Treasurer, and Recorder. The officers, including the representative from the Crawford Partnership, will serve as the executive committee. The executive committee will identify and recruit senior-level business representatives in the sectors defined by the Council. If they agree to serve on the CCBEAC, they will be officially approved for membership with the agreement of the executive committee. Council members will be appointed for two (2) year terms which are automatically renewed unless they are asked by the Chair to no longer serve, or in the event they submit their resignation from the Council.

CCBEAC will meet quarterly, with dates selected according to member availability. Meeting dates will be announced publicly via social media and a press release to local media distributed through the Crawford Partnership as the umbrella/parent organization of the CCBEAC. The Crawford Partnership shall be authorized to speak on behalf of the Council and its activities/interests.

The Council will prepare annual reports to be distributed to participating school district's boards of education to provide insight on efforts, progress, and collaboration. Participating boards of education will have the opportunity to provide input for the Council's efforts, including the annual BEST Awards, which will continue indefinitely per the Council's discretion and resource/funding opportunities.

These bylaws, adopted in July 2018, will be reviewed and approved or revised on an annual basis.

### **KEY FOCUSES**

CCBEAC will foster a collaborative environment for schools and businesses to build solutions and encourage development of the future workforce in our community. Key focuses will be determined by the Council, with specific effort toward organizing and hosting the BEST Awards, as well as the integration of Community Opportunity as a resource for all students in our local schools.