

WESTERN AREA CAREER & TECHNOLOGY CENTER
 JOINT OPERATING COMMITTEE
 May 22, 2024

Following an Executive Session held prior to the meeting for discussion of personnel matters, the meeting was called to order by JOC President Melissa Secco in the Multipurpose Room at 6:30 PM with the following in attendance:

	Board Delegate		Alternate		Also In Attendance
X	Missy Dryer		Tia Shore	X	Cyril Walther, Superintendent
X	Melissa P. Secco		Amy Lemmon		Michael Milanovich
X	Ann Marie Miller		Bernard Price	X	James Purtell
X	Robert J. Mele		Richard Hall	X	Kimberly A. Siegman
	Paul Bianchini		Julie Sepesy	X	Steffie Smith
X	Monique Frye		Aaron Vanatta	X	Matthew M. Hoffman, Esq.
X	Rebecca A. Bowman, Esq.		Kathleen Chaudhari		
	Gregory Z. Rudman		J. R. Slagle		
	Tara Sparks-Gatling		Amy Roberts		

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

STUDENT OF THE MONTH | NICHOLAS C. CHERENKO | BURGETTSTOWN AREA SD | WELDING

Nick completed the Welding program and is employed at Alex E. Paris Contracting Company through the Cooperative Education program. He has been involved in welding & fabrication and has worked on various types of equipment. Nick played soccer thru his sophomore year, and enjoys hunting, fishing, attending truck shows, and hanging out with friends. He has a pleasant personality with a smile for everyone. Nick's parents are Denise and Bill Cherenko.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Mele, second by Mrs. Frye, to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2024 meeting. On a voice vote, the motion was unanimously passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer's Report | Ratification and Payment of Bills

Motion by Mr. Mele, second by Mrs. Bowman, to accept the Treasurer's Report with ratification and payment of bills as presented. On a voice vote, the motion was unanimously passed.

CHANGE OF MEETING DATE

Motion by Mrs. Frye, second by Mr. Mele, to approve the change of the June meeting date from June 19 to June 12, 2024. On a voice vote, the motion passed by a vote of five ayes and one nay vote from Mrs. Bowman.

PERKINS COORDINATOR/CAREER COUNSELOR COMPENSATION PLAN

Motion by Mrs. Bowman, second by Mrs. Frye, to approve the 2024-2025 Perkins Coordinator/Career Counselor Compensation and Benefit Plan. On a voice vote, the motion was unanimously passed.

SCHOOL SAFETY & SECURITY REPORT

Motion by Mrs. Bowman, second by Mrs. Miller, to approve the School Safety & Security report as presented. On a voice vote, the motion was unanimously passed.

AWARD OF BIDS – SAWMILL AND ALIGNER

Motion by Mrs. Bowman, second by Mrs. Miller, to award the bid for the purchase of the Carpentry program Sawmill to WOOD-MIZER in the amount of \$30,757.27, and to award the bid for purchase of an Auto Mechanics program Aligner to MOHAWK LIFTS LLC in the amount of \$34,785.84. (Bids met specifications and were reviewed by administration and instructors.) On a voice vote, the motion was unanimously passed.

PERSONNEL

Part-Time CDL Instructor

Motion by Mr. Mele, second by Mrs. Frye, to employ Eric Gaskill as a part-time CDL instructor at \$28 per hour retroactive to April 25, 2024. On a voice vote, the motion was unanimously passed.

Custodial Resignation

Motion by Mr. Mele, second by Mrs. Frye, to accept the resignation of custodian Tyler J. Kaecher effective May 31, 2024. On a voice vote, the motion was unanimously passed.

POLICIES – FIRST READING – NO ACTION REQUIRED

Policies 222 (Tobacco and Vaping Products), 351 (Controlled Substance Abuse), 823 (Tobacco and Vaping Products), and 815.1 (Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence in Education) were presented for first reading with approval to be requested at the June meeting.

REPORTS

- Mr. Hoffman informed the JOC of recent action in which the PA Commonwealth Court overturned a PDE regulation stating special education students are entitled to a free and appropriate public education until the day before their 22nd birthday. He will keep the JOC informed of future action on this matter.
- Mr. Purtell gave updates on end-of-year activities.
- Mrs. Siegman reported that to date, five districts have approved our proposed 2024-2025 budget.

ATTACHMENTS

Attached hereto are the Cooperative Education update, advanced NOCTI student certification, and 2023-2024 sending district program completers.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Mele, second Mrs. Frye, to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 PM. On a voice vote, the motion was unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Steffie Smith

Steffie Smith, Board Secretary