

**BUCKS COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL  
JOINT BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING  
May 28, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Bucks County Technical School Joint Board Committee was held on Tuesday, May 28, 2019, in the Board Room (K108) at the Technical High School and called to order by First Vice-President, Joseph Adamson, at 7:30 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Joe Adamson, First Vice-President	Bristol Borough
Christian Schwartz, Second Vice-President	Pennsbury
Kathleen Lesnevec	Bensalem
Vanessa Woods	Bensalem
John Ruszin	Bristol Borough
Kellie Buchanan	Bristol Township
Stacy Gerlach	Bristol Township
Donna Getty	Morrisville
Joseph Gilleo	Morrisville
Cyndie Bowman	Neshaminy

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

John Allen, President	Neshaminy
Gary Sanderson	Pennsbury

**ALSO PRESENT**

Joseph Jones III	Superintendent of Record
Leon Poeske	Administrative Director
Henry DeGeorge	Assistant Director
Sharon Rendeiro	Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Ellis Katz, Solicitor	Sweet Stevens Katz and Williams
Patricia Cumberland	Board Treasurer
Theresa Prato	BCTS Education Association President

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Adamson welcomed the public.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** Mr. Adamson announced that an Executive Session was held prior to the start of this meeting to discuss personnel issues.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** A motion was made by Mr. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Gilleo, to approve the agenda as presented. Board members unanimously approved the motion (10, 0, 0).

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT** Dylan Saunders read the attached report.

**PROFESSIONAL COUNCIL REPORT** Mr. Joseph Jones, Superintendent of Record, advised that the Professional Council met on Monday, May 20, 2019 and discussed the following: senior awards, graduation, budget update, Superintendent retirement and

new hire, 2019-20 meeting dates and the recent Congressmen Fitzpatrick/Suozzi visit. The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 17, 2019.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - AGENDA ITEMS** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** A motion was made by Mr. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Gilleo, that the Board approve the Minutes of the April 23, 2019 meeting. Board members unanimously approved the motion (10, 0, 0).

**ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** Dr. Leon Poeske, Administrative Director, referred to Student Accounting, the Bucks County Technical High School Newsletter, newspaper articles relative to the Technical School and upcoming events.

Dr. Poeske presented Dylan Sounders with a certificate of appreciation for serving as a Student Representative.

Dr. Poeske discussed the recent tour by Congressman Fitzpatrick and Congressman Suozzi.

Mr. Henry DeGeorge, Assistant Director, introduced Mr. Craig Meyers, SkillsUSA Co-Advisor. Mr. Meyers presented certificates to the SkillsUSA medal winners.

Mrs. Sharon Rendeiro, Business Administrator, reported that the Bucks County Technical High School 2019-20 budget in the amount of \$29,894,030 was approved by the Joint Board by a majority vote of all its members (50 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions) and by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of all the member school boards. A summary of the vote and certified vote results from the secretary of each member School Board were at members' place settings.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** A motion was made by Mr. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Gilleo, that the Board approve the Financial Reports as of March 2019, subject to audit, as per pp. C1-C17. Board members unanimously approved the motion (10, 0, 0).

A motion was made by Mr. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Gilleo, that an order be drawn on the Treasurer for payment of the properly approved bills and electronic payments in the amount of \$952,297.53 and release salaries, subject to audit, as per pp. D1-D39. Board members unanimously approved the motion (10, 0, 0).

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**P.I.A. COMMITTEE** Mr. Adamson, Chairperson, advised that the PIA Committee met this evening and discussed the action items on the agenda for Board approval this evening: student employment through the SLIP grant, the PSBA Voting Delegate. Also discussed were the SkillsUSA medal winners, budget update and the Capital Improvements/Equipment Replacement projects funded by the Committed Fund Balance for the 2019-2020 school year.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE** Ms. Buchanan advised that the Nominating Committee met prior to the Board meeting.

A motion was made by Mrs. Gerlach, seconded by Mr. Schwartz, to approve the recommendation of the Joint Board Nominating Committee to nominate Samuel Lee, Bensalem School District, as Superintendent of Record for a term of one (1) year, effective July 1, 2019. Board members unanimously approved the motion (10, 0, 0).

A motion was made by Mrs. Gerlach, seconded by Mr. Schwartz, to approve the recommendation of the Joint Board Nominating Committee to nominate Patricia Cumberland as Treasurer to the Joint Board for a term of one (1) year, effective July 1, 2019. Board members unanimously approved the motion (10, 0, 0).

**NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE** A motion was made by Ms. Buchanan, seconded by Mrs. Gerlach, to approve the Addendum to the Act 93 Agreement for the Bucks County Technical High School Administrators, effective July 1, 2019 through June 23, 2023, as recommended by the Negotiating Committee, as attached. Board members unanimously approved the motion (10, 0, 0).

A motion was made by Ms. Getty, seconded by Mr. Schwartz, to approve the transfer of John Haney from the Information Technology Coordinator position, to the Supervisor of Information Technology position, effective July 1, 2019 in accordance with the Act 93 Agreement. Board members unanimously approved the motion (10, 0, 0).

A motion was made by Ms. Buchanan, seconded by Mr. Schwartz, to approve the Compensation Plan for the Exempt Support Staff (Confidential and Coordinators Group) to revise the salary for the Administrative Secretary to the Assistant Director position, for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2023, as attached. Board members unanimously approved the motion (10, 0, 0).

**OLD BUSINESS** None

**NEW BUSINESS** A motion was made by Mr. Gilleo, seconded by Mr. Schwartz, to combine the motions and approve the following recommendations:

- Accept the retirement of Allied Health teacher, Donna Milner, effective June 30, 2019.
- Accept the retirement of Cafeteria worker, Karen Weidner, effective May 6, 2019.
- Approve the unpaid medical leave of absence for Security Monitor/Driver, Christopher Sarver, effective May 1, 2019.
- Approve the return of Language Arts teacher, Lauren Toll, from a medical leave of absence effective the first day of the 2019-20 school year.
- Approve a sabbatical leave of absence for restoration of health for Guidance Counselor, Kathryn Eby, for the first semester of the 2019-20 school year.

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- Approve the employment of Eileen McDonald as a Mathematics/Science teacher on Column E/Step 1, at an annual salary of \$64,015.00, effective for the 2019-20 school year.
- Approve the employment of Brandon McFillan as a substitute custodian at an hourly rate of \$10.75, effective June 12, 2019.
- Approve the employment of Cooperative Education student, Dylan Patel, as an Information Technology Assistant, at the approved Technology I student rate of \$9.25 per hour, effective June 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, pending clearances.
- Approve the summer employment of Guidance Counselors, not to exceed eight (8) days each, for child accounting, closing out records, summer support and fall scheduling, at their per diem rate, effective June 19, 2019.
- Approve the summer employment of School Nurses, not to exceed eight (8) days each, for updating student records, at their per diem rate, effective June 19, 2019.
- Approve the summer employment of School-to-Career Coordinators, not to exceed eight (8) days each, for the supervision of cooperative education students, at their per diem rate, effective June 19, 2019.
- Approve the summer employment of the school psychologist, not to exceed eight (8) days, to review ninth grade files and prepare special education evaluations, at the per diem rate, effective June 19, 2019.
- Approve the summer employment of Management Assistants, not to exceed one hundred and forty-four (144) hours in total, to prepare new student identification badges, probation agreements, behavior packets, inventory/clean out evidence and confiscated items cabinet, inventory/order clothing/supplies, update discipline stats and student records, at their regular hourly rate, effective June 19, 2019.
- Approve the summer employment of Shane Campbell, Corey Klevan, Devon Ortiz and Dylan Patel by Bucks County Technical High School from June 3, 2019 through August 23, 2019, at an hourly rate of \$10.50 through the Bucks County Workforce Development Board's 2019 State/Local Internship Program (SLIP) Demonstration Project (grant), pending all employment and grant requirements/approvals.
- Approve the summer employment of Colin Brugger, Dayne Capaldi, Logan Fuller, James Gavrushenko, Briana Gross, Sean Gutekunst, Colin Howard, Richard Hrouda, Brandon Klein, Ava Kline, Zachary Lizotte, Sarah Luckie, Owen Lynch, James Mullane, Bryan Pullen, Ernesto Rivera, James Rogers, John Stange, Daniel Stange, Shaelyn Stellmach, Michael Suwaj, Alyssa Wambold, James Wible, Jason Zaragoza, by Bucks County Technical High School from June 19, 2019 through August 23, 2019, at an hourly rate of \$10.50 through the Bucks County Workforce Development Board's 2019 State/Local Internship Program (SLIP) Demonstration Project (grant), pending all employment paperwork and grant requirements/approvals.

- Approve the summer employment of Suzanne Saba as Project Manager for the Bucks County Technical High School's Bucks County Workforce Development Board's 2019 State/Local Internship Program (SLIP) Demonstration Project (grant) from June 3, 2019 through August 23, 2019, at a rate of \$30.00 per hour, not to exceed grant amounts.
- Approve the continued employment of Rebecca Hicks as a part-time ESL/ELL teacher on Column E/Step 11, at an annual salary of \$44,069.00 in accordance with the BCTSEA Salary Agreement for the 2019-20 school year.
- Approve the continued employment of Cooperative Education student, Shane Campbell, as an Information Technology Assistant, at the approved Technology II student rate of \$9.50 per hour, effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.
- Approve a stipend for the Superintendent of Record in the amount of \$3,000.00 per fiscal year for the 2019-20 school year.
- Approve a stipend for the Treasurer in the amount of \$1,000.00 per fiscal year for the 2019-20 school year.
- Approve Automotive Technology teacher, Byron Cesari, to conduct AYES site visits to review student workbooks, not to exceed five (5) days, at a stipend of \$125.00 per day to be completed by August 23, 2019.
- Approve a stipend in the pro-rated amount of \$280.42 for Leonard Quici, SADD Advisor, retroactive to April 1, 2019 for the 2018-19 school year.
- Appoint John Allen as the Bucks County Technical High School's Voting Delegate to the PSBA Delegate Assembly Meeting on October 18, 2019.
- Approve the agreement between the Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22 (BCIU) and Bucks County Technical High School for the consortium purchasing of Technology Legal Services Consultation through Sweet, Stevens, Katz and Williams, LLP, for a fee of \$807.53 for the 2019-20 school year, as attached.
- Approve the Legal Services Consultation Agreement between Sweet, Stevens, Katz and Williams, LLP and Bucks County Technical High School, per the attached Pool Counsel Agreement, during the 2019-20 school year, for a fee of \$5,500.00.
- Approve the revised 2019-20 school calendar, as attached.
- Approve the budgetary transfers in the amount of \$28,163.00 for the 2018-19 budget, as attached.

Board members unanimously approved the motion (10, 0, 0).

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**CORRESPONDENCE**        None

**OTHER BUSINESS**        None

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - NON AGENDA ITEMS**        None

**NEXT MEETING**            Monday, June 24, 2019, 7:30 p.m.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**        A motion was made by Mr. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Gilleo, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:53 p.m. Board members unanimously approved the motion (10, 0, 0).

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Rendeiro, Secretary

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**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**  
**Tuesday, May 28, 2019**

**STUDENT REPS:**

Pablo Antunez-Chavez, Senior Class President

Berenice Zeferino, Senior Class Vice President

Dylan Souders, Junior Class President

Nyeji Blay, Junior Vice President

- Congratulations to the following students who have been chosen as April Students of the Month:
  - 9<sup>th</sup> Grade – Morgan Jolley and Aidan Rosa
  - 10<sup>th</sup> Grade – Meghan Weed and Brandon DeLaFe
  - 11<sup>th</sup> Grade – Beyza Tastan and James Gavrushenko
  - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade – Mikayla Minton and George Duarte
  - Skills for Life – Christopher Enders
- On April 17<sup>th</sup>, BCTHS hosted our 18<sup>th</sup> annual “Beyond the Books” seminar with 45 guest speakers. Our guests included World War II Veterans as well as veterans from the Korean War, Vietnam War, Gulf War, Afghanistan, veterans who served during the Cold War, and the War on Terror. They were able to speak to the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students about their experiences and answer questions. The Culinary Arts staff and students prepared them a special brunch.
- The 10<sup>th</sup> annual Explosion Dance Team Recital was held on Friday and Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. The theme was “*Decade of Dance*”. The students and coaches performed routines of numerous dance styles. The team’s next performance will be on June 7<sup>th</sup> at the Trenton Thunder Pre-game show!
- The BCTHS Car Show held on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> was a huge success. Approximately 200 cars were on display. Proceeds raised provided 6 scholarships of \$1000 for BCTHS Seniors.
- The Senior Prom was held on Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at The Merion in Cinnaminson, New Jersey. Approximately 325 students and guests attended. Everyone had a wonderful time.
- On Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> roughly 175 dancers stood for 7 hour raising \$18,436 at BCTHS 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Mini-THON. That’s over \$6000 more than last year. The money is donated to the Four Diamonds Fund, a fund at Penn State Medical Center for pediatric cancer. It is used to help families with financial costs and scientific research.
- Senior Awards Night was held on Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. At this event, the school recognizes our most outstanding students. This year we honored over 80 students and awarded close to \$50,000 in cash scholarships and \$500,000 in scholarships and grants from colleges they plan to attend.
- Field Day was held on Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Students participated in Team Sports, Carnival Games, Relays, and Backyard Games.

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- On May 31<sup>st</sup> SkillsUSA will be taking over 300 students to Dorney Park for the District 2 end of year social. We are joining other technical schools for a barbeque lunch and a day at the park.
- From May 28<sup>th</sup> to June 1<sup>st</sup> 105 BCTHS Seniors and their chaperones will travel to Florida for the 2019 Senior class trip. They will be visiting Disney's Magic Kingdom, EPCOT, Hollywood Studios, Animal Kingdom and Blizzard Beach. In addition they will also visit Universal Studios, Islands of Adventure, and a trip to Clearwater Beach.
- Graduation will be on Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Cure Insurance Area. 343 students will be graduating this year. Congratulations to all!

**Thank you for supporting our student activities!**