

Joint Board Committee Meeting at 7:30pm in the Board Room (K108) at the Technical High School (Monday, January 24, 2022)

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MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE - 11 Present

Kellie Buchanan, President, Bristol Township School District
 Kim Rivera, 1st Vice President, Bensalem School District
 Donna Getty, 2nd Vice President, Morrisville School District
 John Allen, Neshaminy School District
 Brianna Curran, Bristol Borough School District
 Adam Kovitz, Neshaminy School District
 Donna Kelly, Bristol Township School District
 David Murray, Morrisville School District
 Gary Sanderson, Pennsbury School District
 Heather Snyder, Bensalem School District
 Chip Taylor, Pennsbury School District

MEMBERS ABSENT - 1 Absent

Steve Cullen, Bristol Borough School District

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Henry DeGeorge, Assistant Director
 Sharon Rendeiro, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
 John Haney, I.T. Supervisor
 Ellis Katz, Solicitor (virtual)
 Melanie Gehrens, Superintendent of Record
 Theresa Prato, BCTSEA President
 Lydia Pringle, Student Representative

1. OPENING OF MEETING

- A. Call to Order
 - The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Approve Agenda
- Recommended Action: Motion to approve the agenda as presented.
 - A motion was made by Donna Getty, seconded by Heather Snyder, to approve the agenda as presented. Board members unanimously approved the agenda (11,0,0).

2. REPORTS

A. Student Representative Report

- Lydia Pringle, Senior Class President, read the attached report.

B. Professional Council Report

- Dr. Melanie Gehrens announced that Professional Council met on Monday, January 10, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. in the Board Room. All superintendents were in attendance: Sam Lee (Bensalem School District), Melanie Gehrens (Bristol Township School District), Tom Shaffer (Bristol Borough School District), Sean Haines (Morrisville School District), Rob McGee (Neshaminy School District), Thomas Smith (Pennsbury School District), and Leon Poeske. The following topics were discussed:
 - COVID Impacts
 - The superintendents reviewed the latest County wide COVID Data. In addition, the group discussed the impacts in their schools with staff shortages. Shortages are being handled on a case by case basis. Dr. McGee told the group that the Neshaminy School Board approved a "no contact tracing" plan Building Project
 - Dr. Poeske provided the attendees with a copy of the "Warm, Safe & Dry Capital Project" bid review presentation given by D'Huy Engineering. The bids for the BCTHS building project were accepted by the Bucks County Technical School Authority. BCTHS Administration offices will need to re-locate while the work is being done. BCTHS will not run its Summer Exploratory Program since half of the building will be uninhabitable.
 - Articles of Agreement
 - BCTHS Business Administrator met with the Business Managers today to discuss what they could support in the revised Articles of Agreement. There was a consensus on the following:
 - Term – end date of June 30, 2025;

- Operational costs and quota of students – remains the same and equates to the operational costs and student quota of each district and is recalculated every 3 years;
- Lease rental percentages – remains the same – based on an equalization of the millage process;
- Retention of funds balance - \$250,000 for two years (2022-23 and 2023-24 only) out of the three-year agreement; cap at \$500,000, if not spent; change language on retention of fund balance from "equipment replacement or capital improvements" to "equipment replacement or operational repairs."
- The revised Articles of Agreement will be presented for approval at the BCTHS Joint Board Committee meeting on January 24, 2022. Dr. Poeske asked that the districts put it on the February Board meeting agendas for approval.
- BCTHS must have the Articles of Agreement approved on or before July 1, 2022 in order to operate.
- ESSER Funds
- Schools can apply for a third round of ESSER funding beginning in March 2022. Dr. Poeske said he would be sending out a questionnaire asking for staff feedback on using ESSER funds. Possible uses of funds may include, a Social Worker, SPED teacher, supplies for technical classes, upgrading HVAC units, HVAC cleaning, and chromebooks. The group discussed areas of where they would plan to use ESSER funds.
- Dr. Lee had asked the group if anyone was taking advantage E.C.F. monies available. After some discussion, those that hadn't applied said they planned to look into it.
- 2021-2022 Calendar Updates
- BCTHS will be adding 2 school days in June for emergency days off in September and January. BCTHS plans to have asynchronous learning for future weather closings. There was a discussion as to how each district would be handling snow closures, i.e. synchronous vs. asynchronous learning and traditional snow day closings.
- The meeting adjourned at 1:50pm. The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, February 14, 2022 at 1:00pm** in the Board Room.

C. Administrative Director Report

- Student Accounting
 - Mr. Hank DeGeorge, Assistant Director, referred to Student Accounting, the Bucks County Technical High School Newsletter and newspaper articles relative to the Technical School and upcoming events.
 - Mr. DeGeorge announced that Dr. Poeske is doing well. Mr. DeGeorge directed Board members to page 8 of the January Newsletter at each place setting. January is School Board Recognition Month. At each place setting there is a handcrafted cutting board made by our students in our Fine Woodworking class using Cherry and Maple woods. Mr. DeGeorge stated "We thank our Board members for advocating on behalf of our community and for the benefit of our children!"

D. Committee Reports

- PIA Committee
 - Ms. Rivera advised that P.I.A. met this evening. Discussed were the following:
 - Action Items
 - Employment motions, MOA with Support staff, Health and Safety Plan, Articles of Agreement, Addendum to Bayada Contract, Contract with Source4Nurses, MOU with teachers, Course Selection Booklet, Donation, and Equipment grant.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. Public Comment
 - Terrence Gallagher, Neshaminy - Spoke on behalf of the BCTHSEA - Mask Requirement.
 - Andrea Strange, Neshaminy - Spoke on mask mandate; would like to see a limited mask mandate.

4. MINUTES

- A. Approve minutes from December 21, 2021.
- Recommended Action: Recommend the Board approve the minutes of December 21, 2021
 - A motion was made by Gary Sanderson, seconded by Kim Rivera, that the Board approve the minutes of the December 21, 2021 Board meeting. Board members unanimously approved the motion (11,0,0).

5. FINANCIALS

- A. Financial Reports
- Recommended Action: Recommend the Board approve the Financial Reports, subject to audit, as per pp. C1 - C16 as attached.
 - A motion was made by John Allen, seconded by Heather Snyder, that the Board approve the Financial Reports, subject to audit, as per pp. C1-C16. Board members unanimously approved the motion (11,0,0).

- B. Bills and Electronic Payments
- Recommended Action: Recommend the Board approve that an order be drawn on the Treasurer for payment of the properly approved bills and electronic payments in the total amount of \$611,088.62 and release salaries, subject to audit, as per pp. D1 - D21.
 - A motion was made by John Allen, seconded by Heather Snyder, that an order be drawn on the Treasurer for payment of the properly approved bills and electronic payments in the amount of \$611,088.62 and release salaries, subject to audit, as per pp. D1-D21. Board members unanimously approved the motion (11,0,0).

6. OLD BUSINESS

- None

7. NEW BUSINESS

- A motion was made by Gary Sanderson, seconded by Kim Rivera, to combine and approve motions A-I and K-R and approve the following recommendations:
 - A. Accept Resignations
 - Recommended Action: Recommend the Board approve the Motions as noted below.
 - B. Accept Retirement
 - Recommended Action: Recommend the Board approve the Motion as noted below.
 - C. Approve Leaves of Absence
 - Recommended Action: Recommend the Board approve the Motions as noted below.
 - D. Approve Revised Sabbatical Leave Date
 - Recommended Action: Recommend the Board approve the Motion as noted below.
 - E. Approve Memorandum of Agreement
 - Recommended Action: Recommend the Board approve the Motion as noted below.
 - F. Approve Transfers
 - Recommended Action: Recommend the Board approve the Motion as noted below.
 - G. Approve Employment
 - Recommended Action: Recommend the Board approve the Motions as noted below.
 - H. Approve Continued Employment
 - Recommended Action: Recommend the Board approve the Motion as noted below.
 - I. Approve Stipends
 - Recommended Action: Recommend the Board approve the Motions as noted below.
 - K. Approve Summer Opportunities Are Real Program (SOAR)
 - Recommended Action: Recommend the Board approve the Motion as noted below.
 - L. Approve the Districts Review of the Proposed Changes to the Articles of Agreement
 - Recommended Action: Recommend the Board approve the Motion as noted below.
 - M. Approve Addendum to Contract
 - Recommended Action: Recommend the Board approve the Motion as noted below.
 - N. Approve Contract
 - Recommended Action: Recommend the Board approve the Motion as noted below.
 - O. Approve Memorandum of Understanding
 - Recommended Action: Recommend the Board approve the Motion as noted below.
 - P. Approve the 2022-2023 Bucks County Technical High School Course Selection Booklet
 - Recommended Action: Recommend the Board approve the Motion as noted below.
 - Q. Accept Donation
 - Recommended Action: Recommend the Board approve the Motion as noted below.
 - R. Accept Grant
 - Recommended Action: Recommend the Board approve the Motion as noted below.\
- Board members unanimously approved the motion (11,0,0).
- Action: J. Health and Safety Plan
 - Roll Call Vote
- Mr. John Allen - Nay
- Ms. Brianna Curran - Aye
- Mrs. Donna Getty - Aye
- Mrs. Donna Kelly - Aye
- Mr. Adam Kovitz - Aye
- Mr. David Murray - Aye
- Mrs. Kim Rivera - Nay
- Mr. Gary Sanderson - Aye
- Mrs. Heather Snyder - Aye
- Mr. Chip Taylor - Aye
- Mrs. Kellie Buchanan - Nay
- Motion carries (8,3,0)

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- None

9. OTHER BUSINESS

- None

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

11. NEXT MEETING

- The next meeting is scheduled for February 28, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

12. ADJOURN

- A. Adjourn
- Recommended Action: Motion to adjourn
- A motion was made by Donna Getty, seconded by Kim Rivera, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:47 p.m. Board members unanimously approved the motion (11,0,0).