

**BUCKS COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL
JOINT BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING
JANUARY 27, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Bucks County Technical School Joint Board Committee was held on Monday, January 27, 2020, in the Board Room (K108) at the Technical High School and called to order by President, John Ruszin, at 7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Ruszin	Bristol Borough
Gary Sanderson	Pennsbury
Christian Schwartz	Pennsbury
Heather Nicholas	Bensalem
Kim Rivera	Bensalem
Kellie Buchanan	Bristol Township
Gallus Obert	Bristol Township
Donna Getty	Morrisville
Joseph Gilleo	Morrisville
John Allen	Neshaminy

MEMBERS ABSENT

Al Pirollo	Bristol Borough
Cyndie Bowman	Neshaminy

ALSO PRESENT

Samuel Lee	Superintendent of Record
Leon Poeske	Administrative Director
Sharon Rendeiro	Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Patricia Cumberland	Board Treasurer
Ellis Katz, Solicitor	Sweet Stevens Katz and Williams
Hank DeGeorge	Assistant Director
Susan Schecter	BCIU#22 Representative
Theresa Prato	PSEA President

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION President John Ruszin announced that an Executive Session was held prior to the start of the meeting to discuss legal 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 No students were available for the meeting; however, a copy of the Student Representative Report was available at each place setting.

PROFESSIONAL COUNCIL REPORT Dr. Samuel Lee, Superintendent of Record,

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announced that a meeting of the Professional Council was held on Monday, January 13, 2020. The following members were in attendance: Sam Lee (Bensalem), Rose Minniti (Bristol Borough), Melanie Gehrens (Bristol Township), Jason Harris (Morrisville), Joe Jones (Neshaminy), Bill Gretzula (Pennsbury) and Leon Poeske (BCTHS).

Discussed were the following items:

- Bucks County Community College Partnerships and the opportunities the districts offer their students for college credits.
- Bucks County Technical School Authority and the proposed Municipal Authority Articles of Agreement, which will be presented to each of the six sending School Districts for approval. The proposed Articles of Amendment need to be adopted to change the composition of the Board from fourteen members to twelve members to mirror the Joint Board Committee. Proposed adoption will also extend the life of the Authority for an additional 50 years. Talks will also be resuming for a bond for BCTHS for some much needed capital projects.
- There was a discussion about the U.S. Secret Service workshop held recently at Council Rock South. The workshop focused on how to proactively identify, assess, and manage individuals exhibiting concerning behavior, based on U.S. Secret Service methodologies.
- BCTHS will be hosting their School Board Recognition Dinner on Monday, March 23, 2020.
- The next meeting of the Professional Council will be held on Monday, February 10, 2020.

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 December 17, 2019 meeting. Board members unanimously approved the motion (10, 0, 0).

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Student Accounting 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 announced that BCTHS will be hosting the Bucks County African American Pop-Up Museum on February 3 and February 4, 2020 on the Auditorium stage.

Dr. Poeske pointed out the article in the BCTHS newsletter on our 2006 BCTHS Alumni, Marqessa Gesualdi, who is the Owner/Pastry Chef of Aux Petits Delices in Wayne, PA. Aux Petits Delices was voted Philadelphia Magazine's *Best of Philly* in the category of "Best Desserts 2019".

In recognition of School Director Appreciation Month, Dr. Poeske gave each Board member a T-Shirt and thanked them for their service.

TREASURER’S REPORT

A motion was made by Mr. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Gileo, that the Board approve the Financial Reports as of November 30, 2019, subject to audit, as per pp. C1-C16. Board members unanimously approved the motion (10, 0, 0).

A motion was made by Mr. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Gileo, that an order be drawn on the Treasurer for payment of the properly approved bills and electronic payments in the amount of \$2,859,862.99 and release salaries, subject to audit, as per pp. D1-D28. Board members unanimously approved the motion (10, 0, 0).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

P.I.A. COMMITTEE

Mr. Schwartz advised that PIA met this evening. Discussed were the following:

Action Items:

Senior Prom/Senior Trip for 2021.

Participation of the Construction Academy classes in a community based project for the Rescue Purrfect Animal Rescue in Bensalem, PA.

Receipt of a \$50,000.00 Equipment grant to be used for new equipment in the Machine Technology program.

Discussion Items (NO action for tonight)

Policy for review.

Three (3) new textbooks.

OLD BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Mr. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Gileo, to combine motions A-N pp. F1-F3 and approve the following recommendations:

- A. Approve the resignation of day to day/everyday substitute teacher, Amanda Stewart, effective January 16, 2020.
- B. Approve the Child Rearing Leave of Absence for Special Education Teacher, Amanda Bucantis beginning January 6, 2020 through February 14, 2020.
- C. Approve the revised unpaid leave of absence for Cook, Patricia Darroch, from

November 25, 2019 through the end of the 2019-2020 school year.

- D. Approve the transfer of Jennifer Prendergast from special education long term substitute to day to day/everyday substitute teacher at a daily rate of \$125.00, effective February 20, 2020.

Approve the transfer of Meg Offenback from Cafeteria Worker to temporary cook to replace Patricia Darroch, at an hourly rate of \$15.80, effective January 28, 2020.
- E. Approve the employment of Tyler Fortna as an Adult Education Baking Instructor at the rate of \$22.25 per hour, effective February 25, 2020.
- F. Approve the stipend in the prorated amount of \$325.00 for Andrea Beal to advise and guide Special Education/Social Studies teacher, Eric Culnan, per the state approved mentor program during the 2019-2020 school year.
- G. Approve the Class of 2021 Senior Prom to be held at the Merion in Cinnaminson, New Jersey on Friday May 7, 2021.
- H. Approve the Class of 2021 Senior trip in the spring of 2021 to Walt Disney World, Orlando, Florida and Clearwater, Florida, at no cost to the Board, according to the Social Events and Class Trips Policy.
- I. Approve the offering of the Summer Opportunities Are Real (SOAR) program from Monday, June 22 through Thursday, July 23, 2020, funded by tuition, donations and fundraising efforts, at no cost to the Board. The SOAR program is held Monday to Thursday from 8am to 2pm. Tuition includes the approval of Extended School Year (in the Individualized Education Program) from districts for students with special needs.
- J. Approve OPE teacher, Jeff Cesari, to attend the 24th Annual EETC (Equipment and Engine Training Conference) being held at Lodge Kohler, Green Bay, Wisconsin from April 1 to April 4, 2020, at an approximate cost to the Board of \$1,200.00
- K. Approve the participation of the Construction Academy (Carpentry, Electrical, Facilities Services, Fine Woodworking, HVAC and Plumbing) classes in a community based project from February 2020 through June 2020, as an educational experience for the Rescue Purrfect Animal Rescue located at 1 Declaration Drive, Bensalem.
- L. Accept the services of Jared Small as a volunteer in the Media Center effective January 28, 2020.
- M. Accept the Pennsylvania Department of Education 2019-2020 Competitive Equipment Grant FA-122-20-008 in the amount of \$50,000.00 effective December 20, 2019 to April 30, 2020. (Refer to Addendum #1)

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N. Approve the budgetary transfers in the amount of \$28,672.00 for the 2019-2020 school year.

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

CORRESPONDENCE None

OTHER BUSINESS None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - NON AGENDA ITEMS None

NEXT MEETING Monday, February 24, 2020, 7:30 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN A motion was made by Mr. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Gilleo, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:41 p.m. Board members unanimously approved the motion (10, 0, 0).

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Rendeiro, Secretary

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STUDENT
REPRESENTATIVE REPORT
Monday, January 27, 2020

STUDENT REPS:

Dylan Souders, Senior Class President

Nyeji Blay, Senior Vice President

Ana Zeferino — Junior Class President

Isabelle Brodbeck — Junior Class Vice President

- Congratulations to the following students who have been chosen as December Students of the Month:
9th Grade - Michael Ruth and Brigid Williams
1 0th Grade — Salih Senonay and Jocelyn Cicconetti
1 1th Grade — Brian Krause and Christine Smeltzer
1 2th Grade — Luke Gross and Isabella Kiss
Skills for Life — Alex Nguyen
- Congratulations to Jessica Morton who was the winner of the Poetry Competition which took place in December. Jessica will represent BCTHS at the regional competition in Philadelphia on February 1st. The state winners are provided an all-expense paid trip to Washington D.C. to compete. That winner will receive \$20,000.
- On January 9th, 10th grade students had an assembly on Positive Decision Making by Camfel Productions. Camfel is a non-profit organization that specializes in creating innovative character building programs to help students make the right decisions when facing difficult choices.
- On Thursday, January 16th a kickoff assembly was held for our Mini-THON. Students were taught about the impact they are going to make at Penn State Medical Center. MiniThon is scheduled for Friday, May 15th.
- Cosmetology, Entrepreneurship & Small Business Development and Baking & Pastry Arts classes hosted a "Prom Fashion Show" on January 16th from 6pm to 9pm. There were sample collections from David's Bridal and Men's Warehouse. Fashion vendors were there for purchases. Cinderella and Prince Charming's Closet was open before the show for shopping and fittings. Proceeds will be used for student scholarships in Cosmetology and Entrepreneurship & Small Business Development.
- On January 22nd nationally recognized speaker Jordan Burnham spoke with the 11th grade class on Anxiety and Depression. Jordan is a public speaker who discusses mental health issues and disorders that affect so many today.

- BCTHS hosted six competitions for Skills USA on Thursday, January 23rd including Cabinetmaking, Early Childhood, Plumbing, Dental, and Web Design. There were 20 competitors from various technical high schools and post-secondary schools. Industry professionals volunteered their time to serve as judges for the event and students were put in real life situations during the competition.
- The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery test (ASVAB) will be given to interested students in grades 11 and 12 on January 28th and 29th. The ASVAB test is considered the entrance exam for all branches of the armed services.
- Student Council will be hosting their annual "Winter Ball" on Friday, January 31st. The price of the ticket is \$20 which includes food. ALL grades are welcome!!

Thank you for supporting our student activities!!