

BUCKS COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL
JOINT BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Bucks County Technical School Joint Board Committee was held on **October 25, 2021** in the Board Room (K105) at the Technical High School and called to order by President, Gary Sanderson at 7:33 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

	NAME	
	Gary Sanderson, President	Pennsbury
	Kellie Buchanan, 1st Vice President	Bristol Township
	Heather Nicholas, 2nd Vice President	Bensalem
	John Allen	Neshaminy
	Joseph Gilleo	Morrisville
	Gallus Obert	Bristol Township
	Mike Pallotta	Pennsbury
	John Ruszin Jr.	Bristol Borough

MEMBERS PRESENT: 8

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	Cyndie Bowman	Neshaminy
	Steve Cullen	Bristol Borough
	Donna Getty	Morrisville
	Kim Rivera	Bensalem

MEMBERS ABSENT: 4

ALSO PRESENT:

	NAME	AFFILIATION
	Leon Poeske	Administrative Director
	Sharon Rendeiro	Bus Administrator/Board Secretary
	Patricia Cumberland	Board Treasurer
	Ellis Katz (virtual)	Solicitor
	Henry DeGeorge	Assistant Director
	Theresa Prato	BCTSEA President
	Lydia Pringle (virtual)	Student Representative

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

Mr. Sanderson announced that an Executive Session was held prior to the meeting to discuss a legal issue.

AGENDA A motion was made by Kellie Buchanan, seconded by Joseph Gilleo, to approve the agenda as presented. Board members unanimously approved the agenda (8-0-0).

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

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

PROFESSIONAL COUNCIL REPORT

Mrs. Melanie Gehrens announced that Professional Council met on Monday, October 18, 2021 at 1:00pm. The following members were in attendance: Melanie Gehrens (Bristol Township School District), Sean Haines (Principal, Morrisville Middle/High School), Thomas Smith, (Pennsbury School District) and Leon Poeske (BCTHS). Sam Lee (Bensalem School District), Thom Shaffer (Bristol Borough School District), Jason Harris (Morrisville School District) and Rob McGee (Neshaminy School District) were unable to attend.

The following topics were discussed:

County-wide Meeting at Intermediate Unit #22, October 15, 2021

Dr. Poeske was unable to attend the October 15 meeting at the BCIU, so the group gave him an update.

COVID Impacts

Dr. Poeske shared the most recent Bucks County COVID-19 incidence rate data. The numbers in Bucks County are slowly rising but BCTHS COVID cases remain low.

Building Project

The BCTHS six sending district School Board members have passed the building project bond issue. The roof repair is expected to begin Summer 2022.

Articles of Agreement

Dr. Poeske shared the Articles of Agreement document with the group. The current Agreement expires July 30, 2022. Dr. Poeske will be recommending to the Joint Board Committee at the October Board meeting that there be no end date on this Agreement or recommend they extend the renewal period to a minimum of 5 years.

ESSER Funds

BCTHS is experiencing a higher amount of students with Special Education needs. Dr. Poeske will recommend to the Joint Board Committee that ESSER (Elementary

and Secondary School Emergency Relief) Grant funds be used for an additional SPED teacher and a full-time Social Worker.

Middle School Presentations

BCTHS School to Career Coordinators have reported that the Middle School presentations have been going well. Dr. Poeske noted that their Middle Schools are welcome to bring their students in for tours of BCTHS.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 15, 2021 at 1:00pm in the BCTHS Board Room.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - AGENDA

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Joseph Gilleo, seconded by Kellie Buchanan, that the Board approve the Minutes of the September 27, 2021 meeting. Board members unanimously approved the motion (8-0-0).

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

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

Dr. Poeske announced that the Election Day In-Service day will be filled with Professional Development activities. Dr. Poeske announced that Open House/Application Night will be held on November 10, 2021. Dr. Poeske announced that Financial Aid Night will be held Thursday, November 18, 2021.

ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

A motion was made by Joseph Gilleo, seconded by Kellie Buchanan, that the Board approve the Financial Reports, subject to audit, as per pp. C1-C12. Board members unanimously approved the motion (8,0,0).

A motion was made by Joseph Gilleo, seconded by Kellie Buchanan, that an order be drawn on the Treasurer for payment of the properly approved bills and electronic payments in the total amount of \$512,327.52 and release salaries, subject to audit, as per pp. D1-D23. Board members unanimously approved the motion (8,0,0).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

P.I.A. Committee:

Ms. Buchanan advised that P.I.A. met this evening. Discussed were the following:

- Employment motions
- Professional Development
- Agreement of Affiliation for Allied Health Program
- Professional Services for GASB 75 Services
- Budget Transfers
- Policy Review
- ESSER Funds and the hiring of a full-time Social Worker and a full-time Special Education Teacher
- Articles of Agreement renewal

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Joseph Gilleo, seconded by Kellie Buchanan, to combine motions A-M and approve the following recommendations pp. F1-F3:

- A. Accept the retirement of Management Assistant, June Morris, effective December 6, 2021.
- B. Accept the resignation of Cafeteria Worker, Elizabeth Malave, effective October 8, 2021.
- C. Approve a sabbatical leave of absence for restoration of health for Mathematics teacher, Barbara Chatot, effective January 6, 2022.
- D. Approve the change in salary from \$24.50/hour to \$30.00/hour for Adult Education Speciality Course (PA State Inspection, Emissions Inspection and Emissions Recertification) Instructors Mr. Byron Cesari, Mr. Jeffrey Cesari, Mr. Timothy McCrane and Mr. Allan Young for the Fall 2021 Semester.
- E. Approve the employment of Sandra Mason, as a Cafeteria Worker, to replace Elizabeth Malave, at an hourly rate of \$11.47, effective October 26, 2021, pending criminal background checks and completion of new hire paperwork.

Approve the employment of Michael Fagan, as a Cafeteria Worker, to replace Nora Marin, at an hourly rate of \$11.47, retroactive to October 12, 2021.

Approve the employment of Scott Hall as an Adult Education Plumbing Apprentice instructor at the per diem rate of \$45, effective October 26, 2021, pending criminal background checks.

- F. Approve the revised resignation date of Certified School Nurse, Katie Engelhardt, from October 22, 2021 to October 19, 2021.
- G. Approve the revised employment date for Certified School Nurse, Valerie Davis, from September 28, 2021 to October 20, 2021.
- H. Approve a stipend in the amount of \$650 for Kenneth Daubert to advise

and guide Mathematics teacher, Daniel Mitchell, per the state approved mentor program, during the 2021-2022 school year.

Approve a stipend in the amount of \$585 for Denise Liberto to advise and guide Certified School Nurse, Valerie Davis, per the state approved mentor program during the 2021-2022 school year.

Approve a stipend in the amount of \$1,100 for William Bacon as Advisor of Be the Change Club for the 2021-2022 school year.

- I. Approve two attendees to attend the 21st Century Community Learning Center's Best of Out-of-School Time Conference (BOOST) in Palm Springs, CA, from April 26, 2022, funded through the Cohort 9, Year 5, 21st Century Grant.
- J. Approve the agreement of Affiliation for the Nurse Aide program of Allied Health and Oxford Operator, LLC, effective November 1, 2021, pending solicitor review and Oxford Operator, LLC approval. (Refer to Addendum #1)
- K. Accept the Pennsylvania Department of Education Cohort 9, Years 5 and 6, 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant additional mini-grant, in the amount of \$30,930 (incorrectly stated as \$30,830 in September) per year, for the period October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2023.
- L. Approve Conrad Siegel Actuaries to provide GASB 75 Valuation and Related Services sponsored by the Pennsylvania Trust for a fee not to exceed \$6,700.
- M. Approve the budgetary transfers for the 2021-2022 school year in the amount of \$14,190.00 for the 2021-2022 school year. (Refer to Addendum #2)

Board members unanimously approved the motion (8,0,0)

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Non-Agenda Items)

NEXT MEETING Monday, November 22, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion was made by Joseph Gilleo, seconded by Heather Nicholas, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:44 p.m. Board members unanimously approved the motion (8-0-0).

Sincerely,

Sharon Rendeiro
Secretary