

BUCKS COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL  
JOINT BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Bucks County Technical School Joint Board Committee was held on **September 29, 2020 by Electronic Communication** and called to order by President, Mr. John Ruszin at 7:30 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

	<b>NAME</b>	
	John Allen	Neshaminy
	John Ruszin	Bristol Borough
	Christian Schwartz	Pennsbury
	Kim Rivera	Bensalem
	Heather Nicholas	Bensalem
	Kellie Buchanan	Bristol Township
	Gallus Obert	Bristol Township
	Donna Getty	Morrisville
	Joseph Gilleo	Morrisville
	Cyndie Bowman	Neshaminy
	Gary Sanderson	Pennsbury

**TOTAL MEMBERS PRESENT: 11**

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

	Al Pirollo	Bristol Borough
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**ALSO PRESENT:**

	<b>NAME</b>	<b>AFFILIATION</b>
	Samuel Lee	Supt. of Record
	Leon Poeske	Admin Director
	Sharon Rendeiro	Bus Admin/Board Secretary
	Patricia Cumberland	Board Treasurer
	Ellis Katz	Solicitor
	Henry DeGeorge	Assistant Director
	Karen Moyer	Human Resources Coordinator
	Theresa Prato	PSEA President
	John Haney	Supervisor of Information Technology
	Diane Wunder	I.U. #22 Representative

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

**STUDENT REP REPORT**

None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** A motion was made by Christian Schwartz, seconded by Joseph Gileo, to approve the agenda as presented. Board members unanimously approved the agenda (11,0,0).

**PROFESSIONAL COUNCIL REPORT** Dr. Samuel Lee, Superintendent of Record, announced that a meeting of the Professional Council was held on Monday, September 21, 2020 at the Bucks County Technical High School. The following members were in attendance: Sam Lee (Bensalem School District), Rose Minniti (Bristol Borough School District), Melanie Gehrens (Bristol Township School District), and Leon Poeske (BCTHS). Jason Harris (Morrisville School District), Rob McGee (Neshaminy School District), and Bill Gretzula (Pennsbury School District) were unable to attend.

Discussed were the following items:

- Updating Superintendents Emergency Contact information
- Re-opening status of the schools and the challenges all are facing. BCTHS is planning to bring 25% of the students back in the building on October 13th, 2020. If health restrictions allow, BCTHS will bring back 50% of the students in December. The Superintendents confirmed there would be transportation provided for BCTHS in October.
- Dr. Poeske provided the group with a PDE Pandemic Metrics chart for school openings. This is a weekly report with virus incidence rates and recommended learning models that is reviewed each week with relation to the re-opening of school.
- There was a discussion on school sponsored events. BCTHS has postponed all school events. BCTHS is allowing students to participate in co-op, while monitoring employer health guidelines. The 21st Century virtual programs are running.
- The Superintendents reviewed the Articles of Agreement, which are due to be renewed June 30, 2021. Dr. Poeske provided a spreadsheet with enrollment percentages for each district currently and if renewed, with the same formula that the percentages would be.
- The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 19, 2020.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Agenda Items)**

None

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Christian Schwartz, seconded by Joseph Gilleo, that the Board approve the Minutes of the August 24, 2020 meeting. Board members unanimously approved the motion (11,0,0).

## **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 BCTHS is on target to open in hybrid fashion with 25% of our students in attendance on October 13, 2020.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Christian Schwartz, seconded by Joseph Gileo, that the Board approve the Financial Reports, subject to audit, as per pp. C1-C11. Board members unanimously approved the motion (11,0,0).

A motion was made by Christian Schwartz, seconded by Joseph Gileo, that an order be drawn on the Treasurer for payment of the properly approved bills and electronic payments in the total amount of \$742,110.23 and release salaries, subject to audit, as per pp. D1-D24. Board members unanimously approved the motion (11,0,0).

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**P.I.A. Committee:** Mr. Schwartz advised that PIA met this evening.

Discussed were the following Action items on for approval this evening:

- Employment Motions - (Items A-G)
  - resignations, transfers, substitutes, stipends, services, etc
- PSBA Candidates (Item H)
  - Mr. Schwartz announced that the PSBA Vice President who the Board will be voting for is Daniel O'Keefe.
  - Grants on for Board Approval

The following Discussion items were discussed this evening:

- Re-opening Plan - on track for October 13, 2020.
  - 25% Hybrid (Technical students first)
- Articles of Agreement were discussed.
  - Will move forward with one-year extension with re-calculated formula numbers as outlined in the expiring Articles of Agreement.

## **Other Committees:**

None

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

A motion was made by Christian Schwartz, seconded by Joseph Gilleo, to combine the motions and approve the following recommendations A-I pp F1-F2:

- A. Recommend the Board approve the resignation of Custodian, Brandon Sigmon, effective October 9, 2020.
- B. Recommend the Board approve the continuation of the unpaid leave of absence for Cook, Patricia Darroch, through October 23, 2020.

Recommend the Board approve an unpaid leave of absence for PPS/School to Career Secretary, Morgan Ryan from September 28 through October 9, 2020.

- C. Recommend the Board approve revised start date of the transfer of Tyler Fortna from a regular substitute teacher to a day to day/everyday substitute teacher at a daily rate of \$125 effective August 31, 2020.
- D. Recommend the Board approve the transfer of Tyler Fortna from a day to day/everyday substitute teacher to long term substitute Baking and Pastry Arts

teacher for Kelly Laba on Column E, Step Entry at an annual salary of \$62,829, with a retroactive start date of August 31, 2020.

- E. Recommend the Board approve the employment of the Adult Education Evening School personnel. (See Addendum #1)

Recommend the Board approve the employment of cooperative education student, Dominic Giannetti, for the Facilities Department at the Cooperative Education Technology II rate of \$9.50/hour not to exceed the budgeted amount, pending criminal background checks, effective September 30, 2020 for the 2020-2021 school year.

Recommend the Board approve the employment of cooperative education students, Altaf Khan and Luke Lampreich, as Media Center Interns at the Cooperative Education student rate of \$7.85/hour for the 2020-2021 school year, not to exceed the budgeted amount, pending criminal background checks, effective September 30, 2020.

Recommend the Board approve the employment of Florida Alma Sotovando as a substitute custodian at an hourly rate of \$10.75, effective September 30, 2020, pending criminal background checks and new hire paperwork.

- F. Recommend the Board approve stipends for Class Advisor and Co-Curricular Advisors for the 2020-2021 school year, per the BCTSEA Salary Agreement, retroactive to August 31, 2020. (Refer to Addendum #2)

Recommend the Board approve the stipend in the amount of \$650 for Kelly Woehr to advise and guide English/ESL teacher, Rebecca Hicks, per the state approved mentor program during the 2020-2021 school year.

- G. Recommend the Board approve the Services of a Social Worker contracted through the Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22, in the amount of \$30,279.60 from September 30, 2020 through June 30, 2021. (Refer to Addendum #3)

- H. Recommend the Board approve voting for David Hein who is a candidate for PSBA President-Elect.

Recommend the Board approve voting for Michael Gossert who is a candidate for Treasurer.

Recommend the Board approve voting for Michael Faccinetto and Marianne Neel who are candidates for PSBA Trustees. *(2 seats open for a 3 year term)*

Recommend the Board approve voting for Tracy Long and Stephen Skrocki who are candidates for the PSBA Forum Steering Committee.

- I. Recommend the Board accept the Teen Parenting grant funded by Maternity Care Coalition and managed through Neshaminy School District to be used for homebound tutoring services for the 2020-2021 school year.

Recommend the Board accept the 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) Cohort 9, Year 4 Grant in the amount of \$399,900 for the period October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021. (Refer to Addendum #5)

The Board approved the motions A-G, part of H and I (11,0,0),

- H. Recommend the Board approve voting for Daniel O'Keefe who is a candidate for PSBA Vice President.

The Board approved the above motion H with Mr. Gallus Obert voting no (10,1,0).

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

None



## **OTHER BUSINESS**

None

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Non-Agenda Items)**

None

**NEXT MEETING Monday, October 26, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.**

## **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Christian Schwartz, seconded by Joseph Gilleo, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:40 p.m. Board members unanimously approved the motion (11,0,0).

Sincerely,

Sharon Rendeiro  
Board Secretary