

**BUCKS COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL
JOINT BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING
June 24, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Bucks County Technical School Joint Board Committee was held on Monday, June 24, 2019, in the Board Room (K108) at the Technical High School and called to order by President, John Allen, at 7:31 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Allen, President	Neshaminy
Joe Adamson, First Vice-President	Bristol Borough
Christian Schwartz, Second Vice-President	Pennsbury
Kathleen Lesnevec	Bensalem
Heather Nicholas	Bensalem (alternate for Vanessa Woods)
John Ruszin	Bristol Borough
Kellie Buchanan	Bristol Township
Donna Getty	Morrisville
Cyndie Bowman	Neshaminy
Gary Sanderson	Pennsbury

MEMBERS ABSENT

Stacy Gerlach	Bristol Township
Joseph Gilleo	Morrisville

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	BCTSEA President
Jeffrey Cesari	Outdoor Power Equipment instructor

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

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION Mr. Allen announced that an Executive Session was held prior to the start of this meeting to discuss Safety and Security, personnel issues and contractual issues.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT None

PROFESSIONAL COUNCIL REPORT Mr. Joseph Jones, Superintendent of Record,

advised that the Professional Council did not meet this month. As this was Mr. Jones' last meeting, he thanked all for their hard work and cooperation here at BCTHS. Dr. Poeske presented Mr. Jones with a Certificate of Appreciation for serving as Superintendent of Record for the past two (2) years.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - AGENDA ITEMS Maxwell Hodges, Bristol Township resident, addressed the Board on behalf of the OPE program and requested to not place OPE on provisional status.

Robert Tuckey, Philadelphia resident, addressed the Board regarding the continuation of Mr. Cesari's program.

Jeanine Davis, Pennsbury resident, addressed the Board on behalf of the OPE program and requested that the Board not place OPE on provisional status.

Bob Fitzpatrick, Bensalem resident, addressed the Board on behalf of the OPE program and requested that the Board not place OPE on provisional status. Businesses are finding it difficult to fill jobs and we need to train the students to enter the workforce.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES A motion was made by Mr. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Adamson, that the Board approve the Minutes of the May 28, 2019 meeting. Board members approved the motion, with Mrs. Nicholas abstaining (9, 0, 1).

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 announced that we currently have 407 freshman enrolled.

Dr. Poeske advised the Board that the "SOAR" lunches begin this Wednesday, June 26th. Dr. Poeske stated that he would gladly buy lunch for any Board member wishing to attend.

Dr. Poeske announced that the Summer Exploratory Program for middle school students begins on July 8, 2019. This program runs Monday through Thursday for three (3) weeks.

TREASURER'S REPORT A motion was made by Mr. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Adamson, that the Board approve the Financial Reports as of April 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. Adamson, that an order be drawn on the Treasurer for payment of the properly approved bills and electronic payments in the amount of \$553,992.73 and release salaries, subject to audit, as per pp. D1-D25. 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 following items on the agenda for approval this evening: TAP Program; Acceptance of the Perkins and SLIP grants; OPE program to be placed on provisional status; and two (2) policies - #335- FMLA and #246 – Wellness.

NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE A motion was made by Ms. Lesnevec, seconded by Mr. Sanderson, to approve the tentative agreement between the Bucks County Technical School Joint Board Committee and the Bucks County Technical School Educational Support Professionals Association for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022. Board members unanimously approved the motion (10, 0, 0).

OLD BUSINESS None

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

- Accept the retirement of Management Assistant, Susan Brown, effective June 18, 2019.
- Approve the employment of Amy Shelly as an Allied Health teacher, to replace Donna Milner, on Column E/Step 7, at an annual salary of \$75,149.00, effective with the beginning of the 2019-20 school year, pending criminal background checks and completed new hire paperwork.
- Approve the employment of Kaitlyn Fala as a long term substitute Guidance Counselor to replace Kathryn Eby on Column E/Step Entry, at a prorated annual salary of \$62,160.00, effective with the 2019-20 school year, pending criminal background checks and completed new hire paperwork.
- Approve the employment of Albert Maurizzio as a cafeteria worker to replace Karen Weidner, at the approved cafeteria rate, effective August 5, 2019, pending criminal background checks and completed new hire paperwork.
- Approve the employment of Adam Juraga as a Summer Exploratory Program instructor from July 8, 2019 to July 25, 2019, at a rate of \$22.25 per hour, pending criminal background checks and completion of employment paperwork.
- Approve the transfer of Brandon Sigmon from a substitute custodian to a part time custodian to replace Francis Rooney, at an hourly rate of \$14.72, effective June 25, 2019.
- Approve the continued employment of Alex Gusst as a substitute custodian for the 2019-20 school year at the approved substitute rate.
- Approve the continued employment of Morgan Ryan as a substitute cafeteria worker for the 2019-20 school year at the approved cafeteria rate.

- Approve the continued employment of Morgan Ryan as substitute office staff for the 2019-20 school year at the approved substitute office staff rate.
- Approve the appointment of Andrew Ruppensberger, D.O. as the school physician for the 2019-20 school year, at an annual stipend of \$4,000.00.
- Approve the employment of all day and evening staff and faculty members of Bucks County Technical High School to work in the customized job training program with business and industry for the year 2019-20 at no cost to the Board; to conduct seminars, monitor testing and provide other services as requested, at a rate not to exceed \$50.00 per hour.
- Approve all day-school faculty members to perform co-curricular activities beyond the work day and school year during the 2019-20 school year and to compensate them at the approved co-curricular hourly rate per the BCTSEA agreement. Co-curricular activities shall include detention, after-school tutoring, IEP completion, curriculum development, test monitoring, and other services as requested with the approved budget limits.
- Approve the Supervisor of Pupil Services, Kevin Gentilcore and the Supervisor of Special Education, Pegeen Kopera, to attend the National Association of Pupil Services Administrators (NAPSA) Conference in Baltimore, Maryland, October 20-23, 2019, at an approximate cost to the Board of \$2,000.00.
- Approve the hourly rates for support staff substitutes and students, effective July 1, 2019, as attached.
- Approve the compensation of additional hours for 10-month hourly employees beyond the agreed upon work calendar(s), at the approved hourly rates, upon explicit prior approval of the Administrative Director, or designee, within approved budget limits.
- Approve the participation in the PA Department of Education's Bureau of Career and Technical Education Technical Assistance Program (TAP) for the 2019-20 school year, at no cost to the Board.
- Accept the Carl D. Perkins Grant in the amount of \$419,335.00 for the period July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, pending final approval of PDE.
- Accept the 2019 State/Local Internship Program (SLIP) Demonstration Project funded through the Local Workforce Development Board in the amount of \$67,301.30, for the period of June 1, 2019 through September 30, 2019.
- Accept the donation from the Council for the Advancement of Public Schools, PSEA Mideastern Region in the amount of \$1,000.00 for the Unsung Hero runner-up, Katie Engelhardt, School Nurse, for the purchase of health related items for BCTHS.

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- Approve TD Bank; Pennsylvania School District Liquid Asset Fund (PSDLAF); Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT); the State Treasurer's INVEST Program; INSPIRE Federal Credit Union; PNC Bank, Republic Bank and William Penn Bank as depositories for Bucks County Technical High School funds for the 2019-20 school year.
- Approve the budgetary transfer for the 2018-19 budget in the amount of \$32,727.00, as attached.
- Authorize the Bucks County Technical High School Business Administrator to make the necessary budget transfer within and between accounts without exceeding the total budget for the 2018-19 school year of \$28,039,017.00.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Ruszin to approve the designation of provisional status for the Outdoor Power Equipment (OPE) program (CIP 47.0699) for the 2019-20 school year, per Board Policy #107.1, Course Continuation Evaluation. The motion failed due to a lack of a second.

CORRESPONDENCE None

OTHER BUSINESS Mrs. Rendeiro referred members to the list of the 2019-20 Board Meeting dates at their place settings.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - NON AGENDA ITEMS Mr. Ruszin spoke in support of the OPE program and suggested that perhaps a name change of the program would help.

Mr. Jeffrey Cesari thanked the Board for their support of him and his program.

NEXT MEETING Monday, August 26, 2019, 7:30 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN A motion was made by Mr. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Adamson, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:03 p.m. Board members unanimously approved the motion (10, 0, 0).

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Rendeiro, Secretary

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