

**BUCKS COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL
JOINT BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING
DECEMBER 17, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Bucks County Technical School Joint Board Committee was held on Tuesday, December 17, 2019, in the Board Room (K108) at the Technical High School and called to order by President, John Allen, at 7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Allen	Neshaminy
John Ruszin	Bristol Borough
Christian Schwartz	Pennsbury
Heather Nicholas	Bensalem
Kellie Buchanan	Bristol Township
Gallus Obert	Bristol Township
Joseph Gilleo	Morrisville
Cyndie Bowman	Neshaminy

MEMBERS ABSENT

Kim Rivera	Bensalem
Al Pirolo	Bristol Borough
Donna Getty	Morrisville
Gary Sanderson	Pennsbury

ALSO PRESENT

Samuel Lee	Superintendent of Record
Leon Poeske	Administrative Director
Sharon Rendeiro	Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Ellis Katz, Solicitor	Sweet Stevens Katz and Williams
Diane Wunder	BCIU#22 Representative
Theresa Prato	BCTSEA President

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION None.

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 (8, 0, 0).

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT Isabelle Brodbeck and Dylan Souders read the attached report.

PROFESSIONAL COUNCIL REPORT Dr. Samuel Lee, Superintendent of Record, announced that a meeting of the Professional Council was held on Monday, December 9, 2019. The following members were in attendance: Sam Lee (Bensalem), Rose Minniti (Bristol Borough), Melanie Gehrens (Bristol Township), Jason Harris (Morrisville), Joe Jones (Neshaminy), and Leon Poeske (BCTHS).

Discussed were the following items:

- Upcoming Labor Relations within the districts;
- Family Medical Leave Act – in particular running FMLA stackable vs. concurrent usage;
- Board Re-organization and potential new Joint Board Committee members;
- Trauma Education and Crisis Drills with the increased emphasis and spotlight on crisis drills and trauma education in schools. School Safety and Security issues were also discussed;
- Technology and Software applications and the need to have ADA compliant websites was discussed;
- Teacher evaluations and the probable changes to the teacher evaluation system in Pennsylvania were discussed.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A motion was made by Ms. Buchanan, seconded by Mr. Schwartz, to elect John Ruszin, Bristol Borough, as President of the Joint Board for a term of one (1) year, commencing December 17, 2019. Board members unanimously approved the motion (8,0,0).

A motion was made by Ms. Buchanan, seconded by Mr. Gilleo, to elect Christian Schwartz from the Pennsbury School District, as First Vice-President of the Joint Board for a term of one (1) year, commencing December 17, 2019. Board members unanimously approved the motion (8,0,0).

A motion was made by Ms. Nicholas, seconded by Mr. Gilleo, to elect Kellie Buchanan from the Bristol Township School District, as Second Vice-President of the Joint Board for a term of one (1) year, commencing December 17, 2019. Board members unanimously approved the motion (8,0,0).

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 November 25, 2019 meeting. Board members unanimously approved the motion (8, 0, 0).

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 wished everyone a Happy Holiday. Dr. Poeske advised the Board that the Bucks County Technical School Authority will be holding their reorganization meeting on Tuesday, January 7, 2020. Similar to the Joint Board Committee, the Authority will be resuming discussions on a Capital Improvement to address the needs of the school.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Mr. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Gilleo, that the Board approve the Financial Reports as of October 31, 2019, subject to audit, as per pp. C1-C17. Board members unanimously approved the motion (8, 0, 0).

A motion was made by Mr. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Gilleo, that an order be drawn on the Treasurer for payment of the properly approved bills and electronic payments in the amount of \$249,417.05 and release salaries, subject to audit, as per pp. D1-D26. Board members unanimously approved the motion (8, 0, 0).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

P.I.A. COMMITTEE Mr. Schwartz advised that PIA met this evening. Discussed were the following items: Special Education new hire to replace Robert Harvie, accept a donation from Republic Bank, Quota of 425 students with overall at 1,500 for 2020-2021 school year, feasibility/architect drawings for Annex, not to exceed \$10,000, committees to be determined by January meeting, Articles of Agreement, and Capital Improvement

OLD BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS A motion was made by Mr. Schwartz, seconded by Mrs. Buchanan, to combine motions A-L pp. F1-F3 and approve the following recommendations:

- A. Approve an unpaid leave of absence for Cafeteria Worker, Pat Darroch from November 25, 2019 to mid-January 2020.
- B. Approve the employment of Eric Culnan as a Special Education/Social Studies teacher to replace Robert Harvie, on Column C/Step 6 at an annual prorated salary of \$66,799.00, effective December 18, 2019 pending criminal background checks and new hire paperwork.
- C. Approve the transfer of Stephen Waters from Day to Day/Everyday Substitute Teacher to Regular Substitute Teacher at a daily rate of \$100, effective January 6, 2020.
- D. Rescind the stipend in the amount of \$2,000 for Robert Harvie, Social Studies Department Chairperson, for the 2019-2020 school year.
Rescind the stipend in the amount of \$2,000 for Robert Harvie, Technology Academy Leader, for the 2019-2020 school year.
- E. Approve a pro-rated stipend in the amount of \$804.00 for Robert Harvie, Social Studies Chairperson, for the period August 2019 to December 2019.
Approve a pro-rated stipend in the amount of \$1,196.00 for Robert Woehr, Social Studies Department Chairperson, for the period of January 2020 to June 2020.
Approve a pro-rated stipend in the amount of \$804.00 for Robert Harvie, Technology Academy Leader, for the period August 2019 to December 2019.

- Approve a pro-rated stipend in the amount of \$1,196.00 for Victoria Heintz, Technology Academy Leader, for the period of January 2020 to June 2020.
- F. Approve Solicitors Sweet, Stevens, Katz and Williams routine fees in the amount of \$160.00 per hour and non-routine fees in the amount of \$195.00 per hour for the 2020-2021 school year (Refer to Addendum #1).
- G. Approve School Psychologist, Tracy Marks to attend "Trauma, PTSD and Complicated Grief" training in Princeton, NJ on January 14, 2020, at a cost not to exceed \$350.00.
Approve two (2) Ivins House staff members to attend the "Beyond School Hours" conference in Orlando, FL from February 26, 2020 to February 29, 2020. Costs will be covered by the 21st Century Community Learning Center Cohort 9, Year 3 Grant.
- H. Approve the BCTHS Explosion Dance Team and five (5) chaperones to participate in a performance at the Trenton Thunder game after school on June 5, 2020, at no cost to the Board, pending receipt of parental permission forms.
- I. Accept a \$7,015.50 (\$7,500 less fees) donation to BCTHS from Republic Bank through the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program that is sponsored by the Vocational Administrators of Pennsylvania (VAP).
- J. Approve the base number of 425 to be used in the calculation of each district's ninth (9th) grade allocation for the 2020-2021 school year, not to exceed each district's overall quota of students based upon \$1,500 total enrollment.
- K. Approve Breslin Ridyard Fadero Architects to do a preliminary study to inspect, investigate, draw plans and develop cost estimates to renovate/upgrade the old BCTHS Horticultural (Annex) building at a cost not to exceed \$10,000 as per the attached proposal. (Refer to Addendum #2)
- L. Approve the budgetary transfer in the amount of \$391 for the 2019-2020 school year. (Refer to Addendum #3)

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

CORRESPONDENCE None

OTHER BUSINESS None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - **NON AGENDA ITEMS** None

NEXT MEETING Monday, January 27, 2020, 7:30 p.m.

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MOTION TO ADJOURN A motion was made by Mr. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Obert, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:47 p.m. Board members unanimously approved the motion (8, 0, 0).

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Rendeiro, Secretary

SR:dmp

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STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2019

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 November Students of the Month:

9th Grade — Mo'Nique Boakai and David Scheffler
10th Grade — Osman Celik and Aleecia Mulholland
11th Grade — Mackenzie McManamon and Ian Sweeney
12th Grade — Cody Hewins and Azaria Hussain
Skills for Life — Alex Prester

- The Landscaping and Floral Design Class have been preparing holiday wreaths, Carpentry is making lighted wooden Wreaths, and the Baking and Pastry Art Class is busy filling orders for holiday cookies. This is a great opportunity to purchase your holiday needs.
- The Creative Arts Academy is having a Student Art Show at the Oxford Valley Mall that will run until the end of January, 2020. You can visit the Management Office hallway and common area located on the upper level to see the display by our talented students.
- BCTHS Drama had auditions in the beginning of December for this year's production of "Mama Mia". Mark your calendars for March!
- The freshman class had an assembly with nationally known anti-bullying speaker John Halligan on December 3rd. Mr. Halligan's presentation is about the need for more education and prevention of bullying, cyberbullying and teen suicide throughout the United States.
- Congratulations to the Key Club members, along with the help of our technical shops and students, for their collection of 412 lbs. of food for Preston and Steve's Camp Out For Hunger benefitting Philabundance and the work they do all year to feed families in need.
- On Friday, December 6th approximately 50 past and present members of BCTHS Drama came together for a fundraising event to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the club. The student-directed production included scenes and songs from shows that the drama club has produced through the years.
- Cosmetology's First Annual "Toy Drive and Ugly Sweater" event hosted at BCTHS on Sunday, December 8th was an amazing day. The generosity of so many people within our community was so heartwarming with attendees consisting of staff, locals, past and present students. Collectively, with the help of Lace'd Salon, we are able to help many families this holiday season, which was our main goal! The appearances from the Phillie Phanatic, the Grinch, and Santa made the event

extra special! We collected HUNDREDS of toys and over \$400 was raised from raffle baskets that were donated from local businesses and stylists from salons that volunteered their services making it a huge success!

- Applications are now being accepted for the 2020-2021 school year. The Lottery drawing was held on Thursday, December 12th in the Auditorium at 9:00 am.
- SkillsUSA hosted its in-house competitions on Friday, December 13th. The purpose of this was to obtain the winners for the district competition that will be held in January. Students participated in technical as well as leadership competitions. Our 9th grade students had a presentation by Officer John Yeager during that time.
- The Freshman Class hosted a Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, December 14th in the BCTHS Faculty Dining Room. Santa was there for pictures along with holiday vendors for your shopping needs. The proceeds will benefit the Class of 2023
- BCTHS DECA competed today in the DECA District 10 Competition held at Temple University. 52 Students of our DECA members from various shops proudly represented BCTHS. More information will follow next month.

Thank you for supporting our student activities!