

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 27, 2021 in person** and called to order by 1st Vice President, Ms. Kellie Buchanan at 7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

	NAME	
	Kellie Buchanan, 1st Vice President	Bristol Township
	Heather Nicholas, 2nd Vice President	Bensalem
	John Allen	Neshaminy
	Cyndie Bowman	Neshaminy
	Donna Getty	Morrisville
	Joseph Gilleo	Morrisville
	Gallus Obert	Bristol Township
	Mike Pallotta	Pennsbury
	Kim Rivera	Bensalem
	John Ruszin Jr.	Bristol Borough

MEMBERS PRESENT: 10

MEMBERS ABSENT:

	Steve Cullen	Bristol Borough
	Gary Sanderson, President	Pennsbury

MEMBERS ABSENT: 2

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
	Diane Wunder	Bucks County I.U.
	John Haney	Supervisor of IT
	Tony DeSilva	Custodial Supervisor

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Ms. Buchanan welcomed the public.

AGENDA A motion was made by Donna Getty, seconded by Kim Rivera, to approve the agenda with voting for the PSBA President-Elect name of David Schaap inserted into the motion. Board members unanimously approved the agenda (10,0,0).

PROFESSIONAL COUNCIL REPORT

Mrs. Melanie Gehrens announced that Professional Council met on Monday, September 20, 2021 at 1:00pm.

The following topics were discussed:

Emergency Closing Information/Contacts

Dr. Poeske asked the group to provide updated information. Information will be emailed to the Superintendents.

BCTHS Building Project

The Superintendents were provided handouts detailing information regarding the BCTHS proposed building projects. Discussion was held on documents and upcoming votes.

COVID Items

Discussion included Mask Exemptions, COVID data, Bus Driver Labor Shortage, and Vaccinations.

Back to School Night

Discussion on plans for in-person vs. virtual Back to School Nights.

Middle School Presentations

Dr. Poeske advised the group that BCTHS School to Career Coordinators have been in touch with their Guidance staff about presentations to their 9th graders regarding their opportunities to attend BCTHS.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 18, 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 Gallus Obert, that the Board approve the Minutes of the August 30, 2021 meeting. Board members unanimously

approved the motion (10,0,0).

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 Back-to-School night will be held in person this Thursday evening. Dr. Poeske announced that the Election Day In-Service day will be filled with Professional Development activities. Dr. Poeske is looking forward to the Open House, which will be held on November 10, 2021.

ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

A motion was made by Gallus Obert, seconded by Joseph Gilleo, that the Board approve the Financial Reports, subject to audit, as per pp. C1-C11. Board members unanimously approved the motion (10,0,0).

A motion was made by Gallus Obert, seconded by Joseph Gilleo, that an order be drawn on the Treasurer for payment of the properly approved bills and electronic payments in the total amount of \$495,911.94 and release salaries, subject to audit, as per pp. D1-D19. Board members unanimously approved the motion (10,0,0).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

P.I.A. Committee:

Mr. Obert advised that P.I.A. met this evening. Discussed were the following:

- Employment motions
- Professional Service Agreements
- PSBA Election
- Grants

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Gallus Obert, seconded by Joseph Gilleo, to combine motions A-G and approve the following recommendations pp. F1-F4:

- A. Accept the retirement of Human Resources Coordinator, Karen Moyer, effective January 28, 2022.
- B. Accept the resignation of Certified School Nurse, Katie Engelhardt, effective October 22, 2021.

Accept the resignation of Tara Townsend, Building Substitute Teacher, effective September 10, 2021.

Accept the resignation of Jerry Coleman, Substitute Teacher, effective September 13, 2021

- C. Approve the employment of Valerie Davis, as a Certified School Nurse to replace Katie Engelhardt, on Column E, Step 1, at an annual salary of \$65,073 effective September 28, 2021. (Refer to Addendum #1)

Approve the employment of Debra Ann Black, as a Monitor, to replace Margaret Gray, at an hourly rate of \$12.56, effective September 28, 2021, pending criminal background checks and completion of new hire

paperwork.

Approve the employment of Jason Taylor, as a Monitor, to replace Debra Renner, at an hourly rate of \$12.56, effective September 28, 2021, pending criminal background checks and completion of new hire paperwork.

Approve the employment of David Santos, as an Adult Education Electrical Apprentice instructor at the rate of \$70.50 per diem, for the Fall semester, effective September 28, 2021, pending criminal background checks.

Approve the employment of Brianna Finley as a substitute Cosmetology teacher, at a daily rate of \$125, effective September 28, 2021, pending criminal background checks and completion of new hire paperwork.

- D. Approve a stipend in the amount of \$1,100 for John Paone, as Advisor of the National Honor Society for the 2021-2022 school year.
- E. Approve the services of a Social Worker contracted through the Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22, for two days per week, from September 20, 2021 through June 9, 2022, in accordance with the 2021-2022 approved budget.

Approve the Professional Services Agreement between Bucks County Technical High School and the Ivins Outreach Center for the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Cohort 9, Grant Year 5, for the period of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022 at a fee not to exceed \$41,535 per year, funded through the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Cohort 9 Grant. (Refer to Addendum #2)

- F. Approve the voting for David Schaap as the candidate for President-Elect.

Approve the voting for Allison Mathis who is the candidate for PSBA Vice President.

Approve the voting for Edward Brown who is the PSBA candidate for East Zone Representative.

Approve the voting for the following PSBA Insurance Trust Trustees (term ends December 31, 2024, choose up to 3 candidates):

- Richard Frerichs
- William LaCoff

- Nathan Mains

G. Accept the Teen Parenting Grant funded by Maternity Care Coalition and managed through the Neshaminy School District to be used for homebound tutoring services for the 2021-2022 school year.

Accept the Pennsylvania Department of Education Cohort 9, Year 5, 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant in the amount of \$399,900, for the period of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022.

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 \$30,830 per year, for the period of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2023.

Accept \$8,809 from the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE), under the American Rescue Plan, Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief Fund - Homeless Children and Youth (ARP-HCY), project #181-21-2052. The Grant will begin on July 1, 2021 and will terminate on September 30, 2024.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Non-Agenda Items)

Amanda Strange (Neshaminy) spoke on mask exemptions. She believes that a parent's signature should count for more on exemptions. Her children are suffering from headaches, lung distress, etc.

Jennifer DiMattia (Bristol Township) spoke on the COVID vaccine and the recent student assembly. Stated that it should be a parent's decision as to whether a minor child receives the vaccine and not anyone else.

NEXT MEETING Monday, October 25, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion was made by Gallus Obert, seconded by Kim Rivera, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:48 p.m. Board members unanimously approved the motion (10,0,0).

Sincerely,

Sharon Rendeiro
Secretary