

BUCKS COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL
JOINT BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Bucks County Technical School Joint Board Committee was held on **November 22, 2021** in the BoardRoom (K105) at the Technical High School and called to order by President, Gary Sanderson at 7:31 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

	NAME	
	Gary Sanderson, President	Pennsbury
	Kellie Buchanan, 1st Vice President	Bristol Township
	Heather Ody, Alternate	Bensalem
	John Allen	Neshaminy
	Joseph Gilleo	Morrisville
	Gallus Obert	Bristol Township
	Donna Getty	Morrisville
	Mike Pallotta	Pennsbury
	Kim Rivera	Bensalem
	John Ruszin Jr.	Bristol Borough

MEMBERS PRESENT: 10

	Cyndie Bowman	Neshaminy
	Steve Cullen	Bristol Borough

MEMBERS ABSENT: 2

ALSO PRESENT:

	NAME	AFFILIATION
	Leon Poeske	Administrative Director
	Sharon Rendeiro	Bus Administrator/Board Secretary
	John Haney	I.T. Supervisor
	Ellis Katz (virtual)	Solicitor
	Henry DeGeorge	Assistant Director
	Theresa Prato	BCTSEA President
	Melanie Gehrens	Superintendent of Record
	Lydia Pringle	Student Representative

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

Mr. Sanderson discussed three motions to be added to the agenda:

- Recommend the Board approve one of the six sending Districts to send the proposed changes to the Articles of Agreement, as attached, to each of the other Member School Districts to be placed on their agenda for approval within 60 days as outlined in the existing Articles of Agreement. Each Member School District shall notify the Joint Committee of its action within ninety (90) days of receipt of the proposed amendment.
- Recommend the Board authorize the Administration to update the Health and Safety Plan as discussed in PIA.
- Recommend the Board approve to elect Sharon Rendeiro as Secretary to the Joint Board for a term of four (4) years, commencing December 19, 2021, at an annual stipend of \$7,000.

Mr. Sanderson opened the addition of agenda items up for public comment. Hearing no public comment, public comment was closed.

A motion was made by Gallus Obert, seconded by Heather Ody, to add items to the Agenda. Board members unanimously approved the motion (10,0,0).

AGENDA

A motion was made by Joseph Gilleo, seconded by Gallus Obert, to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of the three motions above. Board members unanimously approved the agenda (10,0,0).

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

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

PROFESSIONAL COUNCIL REPORT

Mrs. Melanie Gehrens announced that the Professional Council met on Monday, November 15, 2021 at 1:00pm. The following members were in attendance: Melanie Gehrens (Bristol Township School District), Sam Lee (Bensalem School District), Thom Shaffer (Bristol Borough School District), Rob McGee (Neshaminy School District), and Leon Poeske (BCTHS). Thomas Smith, (Pennsbury School District) and Sean Haines (Principal, Morrisville Middle/High School) were unable to attend.

The following topics were discussed:

COVID Impacts

The Superintendents discussed the possible changes in masking mandates in schools and future discussions on this topic at their School Board Director meetings. Dr. Poeske shared the most recent Bucks County COVID-19 incidence rate data. The Superintendents shared their issues with acquiring building substitute teachers in their buildings.

Building Project

BCTHS will be meeting with D'Huy Engineering in the next week or so to continue planning for the building improvements set 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. There has been a consensus to renew the Articles of Agreement for five years - through June 2027. Dr. Poeske is recommending to the Joint Board Committee to keep \$250,000/year of unused operating costs and accumulate no more than \$1,000,000 in total.

BCTHS admissions

Dr. Poeske is recommending to the Joint Board Committee that the quota for 9th grade admissions be set at 425. He shared a document outlining the quota percentages by district with current numbers and projected numbers for 2022-2023. Dr. Poeske also shared the Admissions Criteria Rubric used by our Guidance staff when reviewing applications.

Other Business

The group discussed the recent election and changes to their School Board members. Dr. Poeske shared a copy of the *Career Guide* publication available to BCTHS students through the Guidance Office.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 11:30 a.m.

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 October 25, 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 the lottery for the incoming 9th grade class will be held on December 16, 2021 in the auditorium. Dr. Poeske announced that the Bid opening for the Warm, Safe, Dry project is scheduled for December 16, 2021 in the BoardRoom. Dr. Poeske thanked the following outgoing Board members with a certificate of appreciation: Mr. Joseph Gilleo, Morrisville School District, Mr. Gallus Obert, Bristol Township School District, Mr. Michael Pallotta, Pennsbury School District, Mr. John Ruszin, Bristol Borough School District. Dr. Poeske thanked Mr. Sanderson for his time served as President of the Joint Board Committee this past year.

ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

A motion was made by Joseph Gilleo, seconded by Gallus Obert, that the Board approve the Financial Reports, subject to audit, as per pp. C1-C16. Board members unanimously approved the motion (10,0,0).

A motion was made by Joseph Gilleo, seconded by Gallus Obert, that an order be drawn on the Treasurer for payment of the properly approved bills and electronic payments in the total amount of \$668,960.82 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:

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

- Action items - Employment motions, graduation venue, General and Occupational Advisory Committees, Quota for incoming 9th graders, MOU adding Social Worker position to the Collective Bargaining Agreement, Policy approval, Participation in the Grocery Bid, and Budget transfers.
- Health and Safety plan.
- Articles of Agreement.

A motion was made out of P.I.A. by Joseph Gilleo, seconded by Gallus Obert, to recommend the Board approve one of the six sending Districts to send the proposed changes to the Articles of Agreement, as attached, to each of the other Member School Districts to be placed on their agenda for approval within 60 days as outlined in the existing Articles of Agreement. Each Member School District shall notify the Joint Committee of its action within ninety (90) days of receipt of the proposed amendment. Board members unanimously approved the motion (10,0,0).

A motion was made out of P.I.A. by Joseph Gilleo, seconded by Gallus Obert, to recommend the Board authorize the Administration to update the Health and Safety Plan to follow the Bucks County COVID19 Dashboard for the masking mandate as attached. Roll Call vote was made: Mrs. Heather Ody, Aye; Mrs. Kim Rivera, Nay; Mr. John Ruszin, Aye; Ms. Kellie Buchanan, Nay; Mr. Gallus Obert, Nay; Mrs. Donna Getty, Aye; Mr. Joseph Gilleo, Aye; Mr. John Allen, Nay; Mr. Michael Pallotta, Nay; Mr. Gary Sanderson, Aye. The motion fails (5,5).

Nominating Committee:

Mr. Michael Pallotta, Chair of the Nominating Committee, announced that the Nominating Committee met before the Board meeting tonight to discuss the election of Board Secretary.

A motion was made out the Nominating Committee by Kellie Buchanan, seconded by Joseph Gilleo, to recommend the Board approve to elect Sharon Rendeiro as Secretary of the Joint Board for a term of four (4) years, commencing December 19, 2021, at an annual stipend of \$7,000. Board members unanimously approved the motion (10,0,0).

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

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

- A. Approve the retirement of Instructional Facilitator, Diane Bach, effective January 5, 2022.

Approve the retirement of Instructional Facilitator, Vickie DiMatteo, effective January 5, 2022.

Approve the retirement of Instructional Facilitator, Michelle Epperson, effective January 5, 2022.

Approve the retirement of Instructional Facilitator, Rosemarie Franz, effective January 5, 2022.

- B. Accept the resignation of Cafeteria worker, Sandra Mason, effective November 22, 2021.
- C. Approve an unpaid leave of absence for Instructional Facilitator, Susan Haas, effective November 18, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

- D. Approve the transfer of Jason Taylor from Monitor to temporary Security, at an hourly rate of \$14.63 effective November 19, 2021.
- Approve the transfer of Stephen Leedom from Day to Day/Everyday Substitute Custodian to Substitute Custodian at an hourly rate of \$10.75, effective November 15, 2021.
- Approve the transfer of Floridalma Sotovando from Substitute Custodian to Day to Day/Everyday Substitute Custodian at an hourly rate of \$14.00, effective November 23, 2021.
- E. Approve the employment of Dina Tanzilloas a Special Education teacher, on Column E, Step 7, at an annual prorated salary of \$76,390 effective November 23, 2021. (Refer to Addendum #1)
- Approve the employment of John Yeager as a Management Assistant to replace June Morris, at an hourly rate of \$25.58, effective December 6, 2021.
- F. Approve the graduation venue of the CURE Insurance Arena, Trenton, NJ for the Bucks County Technical High School Class of 2022.
- G. Approve the Bucks County Technical High School General Advisory Council members for the 2021-2022 school year. (Refer to Addendum #2)
- H. Approve the Bucks County Technical High School Occupational Advisory Committee members for the 2021-2022 school year. (Refer to Addendum #3)
- I. Approve the base number of 425 to be used in the calculation of each districts' ninth (9th) grade allocation for the 2022-2023 school year, not to exceed each district's overall quota of students based on a 1,500 total enrollment.
- J. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Bucks County Technical High School Joint Board Committee and the Bucks County Technical High School Education Association regarding adding the position of Social Worker to the Collective Bargaining Unit effective November 22, 2021. (Refer to Addendum #4)

K. Approve Policy 006 and Policy 006.1:

Policy 006 - meetings

Policy 006.1 - Attendance at Meetings via Electronic Communications.
(Refer to Addendums #5 and #6)

L. Approve the participation of the Bucks County Technical High School in the Upper Dublin School District 2022-2023 Grocery Bid. (Refer to Addendum #7)

M. Approve the budgetary transfers for the 2021-2022 school year in the amount of \$29,000 for the 2021-2022 school year. (Refer to Addendum #8)

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

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Non-Agenda Items)

NEXT MEETING Tuesday, December 21, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion was made by Joseph Gilleo, seconded by Gallus Obert, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:54 p.m. Board members unanimously approved the motion (10,0,0).

Sincerely,

Sharon Rendeiro
Secretary