

BUCKS COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL
JOINT BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Bucks County Technical School Joint Board Committee was held on **May 24, 2021 by Electronic Communication and in person** and called to order by President, Mr. Gary Sanderson at 7:42 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

	NAME	
	Gary Sanderson, President (in-person)	Pennsbury
	Kellie Buchanan, 1st Vice President (in-person)	Bristol Township
	Heather Ody, Alternate (in-person)	Bensalem
	John Allen (virtual)	Neshaminy
	Cyndie Bowman (in-person)	Neshaminy
	Joseph Gilleo (in-person)	Morrisville
	Gallus Obert (in-person)	Bristol Township
	Michael Pallotta (in-person)	Pennsbury
	Kim Rivera (virtual)	Bensalem
	John Ruszin Jr. (in-person)	Bristol Borough

MEMBERS PRESENT: 10

MEMBERS ABSENT:

	Steve Cullen	Bristol Borough
	Donna Getty	Morrisville

MEMBERS ABSENT: 2

ALSO PRESENT:

	NAME	AFFILIATION
	Dr. Samuel Lee (virtual)	Superintendent of Record
	Leon Poeske (in-person)	Administrative Director
	Sharon Rendeiro (in-person)	Bus Administrator/Board Secretary
	Patricia Cumberland (virtual)	Board Treasurer
	Ellis Katz (virtual)	Solicitor
	Henry DeGeorge (virtual)	Assistant Director
	Theresa Prato (virtual)	BCTSEA President
	Susan Schechter (virtual)	Bucks County I.U.
	Ron Martino (virtual)	School To Career
	Evan Baker (virtual)	BCTHS Teacher
	John Paone (virtual)	BCTHS Teacher
	April Bates (virtual)	BCTHS Teacher
	John Haney (in-person)	Supervisor of IT
	Lydia Pringle (virtual)	Student Representative

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

Mr. Sanderson added the following motions to the agenda:

Recommend the Board approve the expenditure of no more than \$21.7 million on the Building Renovations/Capital Improvements of the Bucks

County Technical School as prepared and presented by D'Huy Engineering with the understanding that this motion does not bind any school district, but merely reflects a statement of support for the expenditure by the Joint Committee.

Recommend the Board approve the Addendum to the Act 93 Agreement for the Bucks County Technical High School Administrators, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023, as recommended.

Recommend the Board approve the recommendation of the Joint Board Nominating Committee to nominate Rose Minniti, Bristol Borough School District, as Superintendent of Record for a term of one (1) year, effective July 1, 2021.

Recommend the Board approve the recommendation of the Joint Board Nominating Committee to nominate Patricia Cumberland, as Treasurer, to the Joint Board Committee for a term of one (1) year, effective July 1, 2021.

Mr. Sanderson announced that an Executive Session was held prior to the meeting to discuss Personnel Issues.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA A motion was made by Joseph Gilleo, seconded by Kellie Buchanan, to approve the agenda as presented. Board members unanimously approved the agenda (10,0,0).

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT - MAY 2021

Lydia Pringle , Junior Class Secretary, read the attached report.

PROFESSIONAL COUNCIL REPORT

Dr. Sam Lee advised that a meeting of the Professional Council was held on Monday, May 17, 2021 at 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), Rob McGee (Neshaminy School District), Bill Gretzula (Pennsbury School District) and Leon Poeske (BCTHS). Jason Harris (Morrisville School District), was unable to attend.

The following topics were discussed:

COVID Management

- Dr. Poeske shared the most recent Bucks County COVID Dashboard report from the PA Dept. of Education, showing we are in the “moderate” level.
- Discussion on the latest directive from the CDC regarding the wearing of masks and how it impacts their districts.
- It was agreed upon that the Lower Bucks schools will not pay for COVID testing next year. This was initially paid by the County.
- Discussed how the changing health restrictions impact their Health and Safety Plans for summer programming and their reopening for the 2021-22 school year.

BCTHS Proposed 2021-2022 Budget

- The proposed Budget has been approved by the Joint Board Committee and is now out for approval by the individual sending districts. Morrisville and Bristol Borough have approved the Budget and it is on the agenda for the remaining 4 districts.

Capital Improvements - “Dry, Safe and Clean”

- Dr. Poeske shared a document prepared by PFM Financial Advisors regarding the BCTHS Capital Improvement projects explaining the timeline for the Bond and the district shares. He also shared a spreadsheet showing the difference in the last Bond issue from 2018 to the proposed 2023 Bond issue. The payments for the new bond issue will be less than the previous Bond. Dr. Poeske explained how the district shares are based on school district millage and the formulas for the articles of agreement.
- The D’Huy Engineering firm will give a presentation regarding the capital improvements to the Joint Board Committee on May 24,

2021.

Private Prom Events

- The group discussed the private prom events being organized in their districts by parents/students.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Efforts

- Sam Lee thanked the group for their support of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Panel being held at the Bensalem High School on June 2nd. Pennridge and Abington School Districts will also be participating in the Panel. There will be discussions on the comprehensive study done by Four Points Consulting regarding the efforts put forth in the Bensalem School District for diversity, equity and inclusion along with a presentation of the national perspective on this topic.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 21, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. in the BCTHS Board Room.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Agenda Items)

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Joseph Gilleo seconded by Kellie Buchannan, that the Board approve the Minutes of the April 26, 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.

Mr. DeGeorge gave an update on the Senior activities and Graduation (no restrictions on tickets this year).

ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

A motion was made by Joseph Gilleo, seconded by Kellie Buchanan, that the Board approve the Financial Reports, subject to audit, as per pp. C1-C15. Board members unanimously approved the motion (10,0,0).

A motion was made by Joseph Gilleo, seconded by Kellie Buchanan, that an order be drawn on the Treasurer for payment of the properly approved bills and electronic payments in the total amount of \$631,435.50 and release salaries, subject to audit, as per pp. D1-D24. Board members unanimously approved the motion (10,0,0).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

P.I.A. Committee:

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

- Action items on for approval.
- Policy on for review.
- Policies on for first read.
- “Warm, Safe & Dry” presentation by Jamie Lynch, D’Huy Engineering.

Motion out of PIA

A motion was made by Heather Ody, seconded by Joseph Gilleo, to recommend the Board approve the expenditure of no more than

\$21.7 million on the Building Renovations/Capital Improvements of the Bucks County Technical School as prepared and presented by D'Huy Engineering with the understanding that this motion does not bind any school district, but merely reflects a statement of support for the expenditure by the Joint Committee. (10,0,0)

Nominating Committee:

A motion was made by Kellie Buchanan, seconded by Joseph Gilleo, to approve the recommendation of the Joint Board Nominating Committee to nominate Rose Minniti, Bristol Borough School District, as Superintendent of Record for a term of one (1) year, effective July 1, 2021. (10,0,0)

A motion was made by Michael Pallotta, seconded by Joseph Gilleo, to approve the recommendation of the Joint Board Nominating Committee to nominate Patricia Cumberland as Treasurer to the Joint Board for a term of one (1) year, effective July 1, 2021. (10,0,0)

Negotiating Committee:

A motion was made by John Ruszin, seconded by Joseph Gilleo, to approve the Addendum to the Act 93 Agreement for the Bucks County Technical High School Administrators, effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023, as recommended. (10,0,0)

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Kellie Buchanan, seconded by John Ruszin, to combine the motions and approve the following recommendations A-L pp. F1 -F4:

- A. Accept the retirement of Facilitator, Lawrence Breault, effective June 30, 2021.

Accept the retirement of Cafeteria Worker, Barbara Carrigan, effective June 30, 2021.

Accept the retirement of Cafeteria Worker, Irene Cartolaro, effective June 30, 2021.

Accept the retirement of Maria Morrow, English teacher, effective June 16, 2021.

- B. Accept the resignation of Kevin Magee, day to day/everyday substitute teacher effective May 7, 2021.

Accept the resignation of Health and Physical Education teacher, Gerald Rooney, effective June 30, 2021.

- C. Approve the employment of co-operative education student, Andrew Letham, as an Information Technology Assistant, at the approved Technology I student rate of \$9.25 per hour, effective June 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, pending criminal background checks.

- D. Approve the summer employment of Guidance Counselors, not to exceed eight (8) days each, for child accounting, closing out records, summer support and fall scheduling, at their per diem rate, effective June 17, 2021.

Approve the summer employment of school nurses, not to exceed eight (8) days each, for updating student records, at their per diem rate, effective June 17, 2021

Approve the summer employment of school-to-career coordinators, not to exceed eight (8) days each, for the supervision of cooperative education students, at their per diem rate, effective June 17, 2021.

Approve the summer employment of the school psychologists, not to exceed

eight (8) days, to review ninth grade files and prepare special education evaluations, at their per diem rate, effective June 17, 2021

Approve the summer employment of Management Assistants, with Supervisor's prior approval, not to exceed a combined total of 120 hours, to prepare new student identification badges, probation agreements, behavior packets, inventory/clean out evidence and confiscated items cabinet, inventory/order clothing/supplies, update discipline stats and student records, at their regular hourly rate, effective July 1, 2021.

Approve the summer employment of Joshua Breza, Nashier Carter, Cole Chesney, Steven Diasio, Jade Forbes, Michael Gryn, Charlotte Hoppe, Logan James, Nicholas Kudia, Ryan Lendzinski, Andrew Letham, John Lorandean, Joseph McComb, Kayla Meriano, Jessi Rader, Vera Ramanouskaya, Aidan Rosa, Brittany Sanchez, Evan Schoener, Henry Wilson, Nathaniel Wolf and Kiara Woodford by Bucks County Technical High School from June 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021 at an hourly rate of \$10.35 through the Bucks County Workforce Development Board's 2021 State/Local Internship (SLIP) Demonstration Project (grant), pending all employment paperwork and grant requirements/approvals.

- E. Approve a stipend for the Superintendent of Record in the amount of \$3,000 per fiscal year for the 2021-2022 school year.

Approve a stipend for the Treasurer in the amount of \$1,000 per fiscal year for the 2021-2022 school year.

Approve Automotive Technology teacher, Byron Cesari, to conduct AYES site visits to review student workbooks not to exceed 5 days, at a stipend of \$125 per day to be completed by August 27, 2021.

- F. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Bucks County Workforce & Economic Development Department and the Bucks County Technical High School for the purpose of providing paid internship opportunities for BCTHS students. (Refer to Addendum #1)
- G. Appoint Gary Sanderson as the Bucks County Technical High School Voting Delegate to the PSBA Delegate Assembly Meeting.

- H. Approve the contract with Bayada Home Health Care, Inc. to provide nursing services, upon request, at a rate of \$51.25/hour, effective September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022. (Refer to Addendum #2)
- I. Accept the donation of a Citizen C32 Seiss Lathe from Carolina Precision to be used in the Machine Technology program.
- J. Approve the following Policies in accordance with PDE regulations:
 - Policy #815 - Acceptable Use of Technology
 - Policy #817 - Social Media
 - Policy #237 - Electronic Devices/MobileDevice(Refer to Addendum #3, #4, #5)
- K. Accept the grant to support the Machine Technology Program for textbooks, subscriptions, tools and student scholarships from the Gene Haas Foundation in the amount of \$15,000.

Accept the grant to support the SOAR (Summer Opportunities Are Real) program for Camp supplies and Community based Instruction in the amount of \$3,000 from the Middletown Foundation.
- L. Approve the budgetary transfers for the 2020-2021 budget in the amount of \$13,024 for the 2020-2021 school year. (Refer to Addendum #6)

The Board unanimously approved the motions (10,0,0).

Mr. Sanderson thanked the retirees for their service.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Obert spoke about his attempts to get donations of newer vehicles for the Automotive program. The BCTHS fleet is old. He has recently reached out to the State Representative's office inquiring about the County's Compound and the feasibility of whether or not they could donate a vehicle or two.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Non-Agenda Items)

None.

NEXT MEETING Monday, June 28, 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 8:10 p.m. Board members unanimously approved the motion (10,0,0).

Sincerely,

Sharon Rendeiro
Secretary