

BUCKS COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL
JOINT BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Bucks County Technical School Joint Board Committee was held on **March 22, 2021 by Electronic Communication and in person** and called to order by President, Mr. Gary Sanderson at 7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

	NAME	
	Gary Sanderson, President (Zoom)	Pennsbury
	Kellie Buchanan, 1st Vice President (in person)	Bristol Township
	Heather Nicholas, 2nd Vice President (in person)	Bensalem
	Cyndie Bowman (Zoom)	Neshaminy
	Joseph Gilleo (Zoom)	Morrisville
	Gallus Obert (Zoom)	Bristol Township
	Michael Pallotta (in person)	Pennsbury
	John Ruszin Jr. (in person)	Bristol Borough
	Heather Snyder, Alternate (in person)	Bensalem

TOTAL MEMBERS PRESENT: 9

	John Allen	Neshaminy
	Steve Cullen	Bristol Borough
	Donna Getty	Morrisville

MEMBERS ABSENT: 3

ALSO PRESENT:

	NAME	AFFILIATION
	Dr. Samuel Lee (Zoom)	Superintendent of Record
	Leon Poeske (in person)	Administrative Director
	Sharon Rendeiro (in person)	Bus Administrator/Board Secretary
	Patricia Cumberland (Zoom)	Board Treasurer
	Ellis Katz (Zoom)	Solicitor
	Henry DeGeorge (Zoom)	Assistant Director
	Bob Azar (Zoom)	Principal
	Gerry Rooney (Zoom)	Dept Chair/Phys Ed, Co-Chair Wellness Committee
	Theresa Prato (Zoom)	BCTSEA President
	Susan Schechter (Zoom)	Bucks County I.U.
	Ron Martino (Zoom)	School To Career
	Evan Baker (Zoom)	BCTHS Teacher
	Paul Lobecker (Zoom)	BCTHS Teacher
	John Paone (Zoom)	BCTHS Teacher
	April Bates (Zoom)	BCTHS Teacher
	Charlie Fitch (in person)	IT Technical Specialist
	John Haney (Zoom)	Supervisor of IT
	Colin Marsh (Zoom)	BCTHS Teacher

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA A motion was made by Kellie Buchanan, seconded by Mike Pallotta, to approve the agenda as presented. Board members unanimously approved the agenda (9,0,0).

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT - MARCH 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, March 15, 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), Jason Harris (Morrisville School District), Rob McGee (Neshaminy School District), and Leon Poeske (BCTHS). Bill Gretzula (Pennsbury School District) was unable to attend.

The following topics were discussed:

COVID Management

- Discussed the availability of vaccines and frustration about getting school staff vaccinated. Dr. Poeske informed the group that BCTHS hosted a vaccine clinic on March 12th for all interested staff.

- Talked about getting more students in school for in-person learning

by the 4th Marking Period. Some students are opting to remain remote, possibly as many as 30%, so the number of students returning may be manageable and in keeping with Health and Safety guidelines.

- Dr. Poeske shared the most recent Bucks County COVID incidence rates.

2021-2022 School Calendars

- Discussion on the calendars for the 2021-22 school year. Some of the Districts will begin classes after the Labor Day holiday. BCTHS plans to use their Flexible Instructional Day (FID) for inclement weather days next year.

Budget Meetings

- Dr Poeske let the Superintendents know they should expect the BCTHS 2021-22 budget to be within the Act 1 index, with a higher-than-usual return on unspent funds from this year's budget.

Capital Improvements

- The D'Huy Engineering Firm presented information to the BCTS Authority on March 2nd. Revised costs should be forthcoming. It is anticipated the building renovations will not begin until 2022. There was a discussion on Project Labor Agreements.

Other Business

- Talked about their plans for graduation for the Class of 2021. Planning has begun but decisions will be made closer to the time, depending on health and safety guidelines, as to how their graduations will be held.
- Talked about trying to have some kind of social event for the Seniors, if health and safety restrictions can be followed.
- After looking at the historical data, it was determined that Bristol Borough Superintendent will be the next BCTHS Superintendent of Record beginning with the 2021-22 school year. A formal motion will be made in a future joint committee meeting.
- Bensalem Superintendent, Sam Lee, asked the group if they would be interested in participating in a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Summit that the Bensalem School District is planning on hosting on

June 2, 2021.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 19, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. in the BCTHS Board Room.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Agenda Items)

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Kellie Buchanan, seconded by Mike Pallotta, that the Board approve the Minutes of the February 22, 2021 meeting. Board members unanimously approved the motion (9,0,0).

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 the BCTHS graduation date is June 14, 2021 at the Cure Insurance Arena. Dr. Poeske announced that BCTHS had 35 medal winners at the District Skills Competition. The 14-1st place winners will move on to the State competition. Dr. Poeske congratulated Sophomore Angelica Frolenko, who is in our Multimedia Digital Design program, for her placing first place in the SkillsUSA National pin design. Mr. Azar and Mr. Rooney, Co-Chairs of the Wellness Committee, presented the Wellness Policy Update as required (see attached).

ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

A motion was made by Kellie Buchanan, seconded by Mike Pallotta, that the Board

approve the Financial Reports, subject to audit, as per pp. C1-C14. Board members unanimously approved the motion (9,0,0).

A motion was made by Kellie Buchanan, seconded by Mike Pallotta, that an order be drawn on the Treasurer for payment of the properly approved bills and electronic payments in the total amount of \$576,881.12 and release salaries, subject to audit, as per pp. D1-D21. Board members unanimously approved the motion (9,0,0).

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.
- In person learning.
- Building renovation update.
- Graduation and Senior events.
- Keystone testing.

Other Committees:

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Kellie Buchanan, seconded by Mike Pallotta, to combine the motions and approve the following recommendations A-G pp. F1 -F2 :

- A. Approve a Sabbatical Leave of Absence for Restoration of Health for Social Studies teacher, Karen McKinley, effective March 1, 2021.
- B. Approve the transfer of Philip Formica from day to day/everyday substitute teacher to long-term substitute Social Studies teacher to replace Karen McKinley on Column E, Step Entry at a prorated annual salary of \$62,829 with a retroactive date of March 1, 2021.

Approve the transfer of Tina Marie Feijo from day to day/everyday substitute custodian to Cafeteria Worker, at an hourly rate of \$11.11, effective date to be determined .

- C. Approve the Summer Opportunities Are Real (SOAR) personnel which will be funded by tuition, donations and fundraising efforts. Tuition includes the approval of Extended School Year (in the Individualized Education Program) from districts for students with special needs. Tuition is also covered through specific Base Service Units in which the child is registered (Please refer to Addendum #1).
- D. Approve a stipend for four months at \$65/month for Jenny Naylor to advise and guide long-term substitute English teacher, Brian McCane, per the state approved mentor program effective March 2021 through June 2021.

Approve a stipend for four months at \$65/month for Jeffrey Yoder to advise and guide long-term substitute Social Studies teacher Philip Formica, per the state approved mentor program effective March 2021 through June 2021.

- E. Approve the Agreement between the Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22 (BCIU) and Bucks County Technical High School for the consortium purchasing of Technology Legal Services Consultation through Sweet, Stevens, Katz & Williams, LLP for a fee of \$807.53 for the 2021-2022 school term. (Refer to Addendum #2)
- F. Approve the continued participation in the Delaware Valley Health Trust with a two-year commitment to the Trust beginning July 1, 2021 and continuing through June 30, 2023.

- G. Approve the budgetary transfers for the 2020-2021 budget in the amount of \$269.00. (Refer to Addendum # 3)

The Board unanimously approved the motions (9,0,0).

CORRESPONDENCE

None

OTHER BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Non-Agenda Items)

None

NEXT MEETING Monday, April 26, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion was made by Kellie Buchanan, seconded by Mike Pallotta, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:53 p.m. Board members unanimously approved the motion (9,0,0).

Sincerely,

Sharon Rendeiro
Secretary