

**A.W. BEATTIE CAREER CENTER
JOINT OPERATING COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
August 21, 2025**

The A.W. Beattie Career Center (AWBCC) Joint Operating Committee held its regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, August 21, 2025. Greg Stein, President, called the meeting to order at 6:22 PM and roll call was taken.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

AVONWORTH

Amy Tokar (virtual)

NORTH HILLS

Dee Spade

Rachael Rennebeck (virtual)

DEER LAKES

Jeremy Love

Dr. Eric Bieniek

NORTHGATE

Dr. Melissa Bilski

Wendi Lee

FOX CHAPEL

Ron Frank

PINE RICHLAND

Leslie Miller

HAMPTON

Greg Stein

Larry Vasko

SHALER

Jim Tunstall

NORTH ALLEGHENY

Elizabeth Warner

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Eric Heasley

Heather Brown

Thea Holzworth

Maureen Golden

Dr. Patrick Mannarino

Joe Miller

William Steiner Jr.

Megan Turnbull

Executive Director

Assistant Director/Principal

Assistant Director/Associate Principal

Business Manager

Superintendent of Record

Information Technology Director

Supervisor of Building & Grounds

Solicitor - Weiss Burkardt Kramer, LLC

MEETING MINUTES of June 19, 2025

Upon motion by Larry Vasko, seconded by Ron Frank, the June 19, 2025 meeting minutes were approved.

PRESIDENT STEIN'S REPORT

1. Mr. Stein stated he hopes that everyone had a great summer. He thanked everyone for all their hard work last year!
2. He also stated that an Executive Session was held to discuss personnel and legal matters.

SUPERINTENDENT MANNARINO'S REPORT

1. Dr. Mannarino stated that it was a great summer. The superintendents met at the beginning of August and discussed the topic of the waitlist for the programs at Beattie. They realize a problem exists and plan to work on that this school year.

SOLICITOR 'S REPORT

1. The solicitor reported it was a good summer and on behalf of parents everywhere, she would like to thank all the teachers and staff for all their hard work and for taking kids back after their summers at home!

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ERIC HEASLEY'S REPORT

1. Prior to the meeting, the following instructors/programs were in attendance and recognized for their program's accomplishments on the 2024 – 2025 NOCTI Tests:
 - Automotive Collision Technology – Mr. Pelesky
 - Advertising Design – Mrs. Brown, Mr. Dumbeck
 - Automotive Technology – Mr. Monroe, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Mansfield
 - Building Construction – Mr. Brown
 - Emergency Response Technology – Mr. Silnutzer
 - Mr. Silnutzer also took time to show the new MSA equipment that was purchased through a grant. Mr. Tunstall and Mr. Silnutzer worked together to demonstrate how to use this equipment. They stated that this is a great investment for the program, and it will last a long time in training the future EMTs. Mrs. Miller, PR representative, asked how many units were purchased. Mr. Silnutzer shared that 10 units were covered with the grant.
 - HVAC – Mr. Wike
 - SMART – Mr. Vtipil, Mr. Cowger
 - Pastry Arts – Mr. Morehead
2. Prior to the meeting, the 2023 – 2024 State Performance Indicators were shared, and Beattie scores were consistently higher than the state scores in most areas. The STEAM project list was shared to show all the schools that benefitted from the various roadshow and career events.
3. The following information was shared during the Executive Director's report:
 - The first two days of school have gone very well so far.
 - McCandless EMS and Police were on site to help test our panic systems.
 - Mr. Miller from IT shared the following information:
 - Skyward Upgrade will go live in 2026. We are in the beginning stages right now.
 - Job Ready CTE (a new program that will be used)
 - Parent Square (new communication app being used to keep parents up to date)
 - On-premises Server Infrastructure is being discussed as well.

ORGANIZATION & CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT

1. To approve the Career Centers continued participation in the Bureau of Career and Technical Education – Technical Assistance Program (TAP) for the 2025 – 2026 school year. (No cost to the Career Center)
2. To approve Clif Bossong participating in the Aerium Summit (Drones,ect.) at Johnstown-Cambria Airport on October 6 – 8, 2025 at an estimated cost of \$600.00, Operating Budget.
3. To approve Kim Zylinski, school counselor, presenting at the 2025 Integrated Learning Conference at Penn State on November 4 – 7, 2025 at an estimated cost of \$1,250.00, Operating Budget.
4. To approve Megan Chuckery, Vet Sciences instructor, attending the 2025 Integrated Learning Conference at Penn State on November 4 – 7, 2025 at an estimated cost of \$1,250.00, Operating Budget. This will help in her role as lead for the new teachers and their mentors.
5. To approve the continuation of services through Crisis Center North for the 2025 – 2026 school year as reviewed by the solicitor. This includes the utilization of \$2,000.00 through the PCCD Mental Health Grant for individual classrooms participating in Healthy Relationships and Workplace Peer Relations activities.

Upon recommendation of the Organization & Curriculum Committee, Larry Vasko motioned, and Ron Frank seconded that items 1 through 5 be approved. Each was approved as a consent agenda with a voice vote of 13 – 0.

The following Organization and Curriculum information item was reviewed :

1. 2025 – 2026 AWBCC (A-Team) Program of Work “Outline of Goals and Objectives”

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

1. To approve the following substitutes for the 2025 - 2026 school year at the daily rate of \$110.00:
 - Jim Wolslayer (Building Assistance)
 - James Thomas (Building Assistance)
 - Holly Dillon, RN (Emergency Nurse, Health & Nursing Science, and Surgical Sciences)
2. To approve the following supplemental contracts for the 2025 - 2026 school year as outlined in the professional agreement with the A. W. Beattie Education Association for the following:

FCCLA

Aaron Yurek
John Ellis
Cari Ludwig
John Brown
Paula Gibson
Sarah Dietz
Jessica Lingsch

SkillsUSA

Cosmetology Student Teacher Supervisor
Cosmetology Supervisor

Cindy Cazin
Cindy Cazin

National Technical Honor Society

Darren Vtipil
Scott Scariot

Culinary Supervisor
Beattie Ambassadors

Aaron Yurek
Jennifer Groomes

Modular Home

John Brown
Dale Dankmyer
Cam Galloway

Student Voice

Sara Goodyear
Nick Sauer
Kim Zylinski

E-Sports

Andrew Dumbeck
Jennifer Dumbeck
Vi Olszewski
Jennifer Groomes

Beattie 360 Outdoors

Joe Pelesky
Pat Ciccone
Dale Dankmyer
Clif Bossong
Charles Wike

Lead Mentor

Megan Chuckery

Teacher Mentor for Michael Lingsch

Michael Purucker (1/3 of 3 yrs. – Yr. 3)

Teacher Mentor for Jon Mansfield

Andrew Dumbeck (1/3 of 3 yrs. – Yr. 3)

Teacher Mentor for Bella Ellis

Erin Brennan (1/3 of 3 yrs. – Yr. 3)

Teacher Mentor for Rick Bennett

Nate Monroe (1/3 of 3 yrs. – Yr. 3)

Teacher Mentor for Cam Galloway

John Brown (1/3 of 3 yrs. – Yr. 3)

Teacher Mentor for Stevie Slogan

Cindy Cazin (1/3 of 3 yrs. – Yr. 2)

Teacher Mentor for Evelyn Sussman

Aaron Yurek (1/3 of 3 yrs. – Yr. 2)

Teacher Mentor for Nick Sauer

Sara Goodyear (1/3 of 3 yrs. – Yr. 2)

Teacher Mentor for Jessica Lingsch

Andrew Dumbeck (1/3 of 3 yrs. – Yr. 1)

3. To approve assigning the following non-contract EMT Supplemental Contract for the 2025 – 2026 school year to:
 - Lee Silnutzer – EMT \$1,750.00
4. To approve the following non-contract supplemental positions for the 2025 – 2026 school year for assistance with bus and parking lot duty at \$450 per individual:
 - Joe Pelesky
 - Noah Pare
 - Clif Bossong
 - Tad Thayer
 - Nick Sauer
 - Michael Powers
 - Jonathan Chuckery
 - Joe Goodyear
5. To approve Mrs. Jessica Lingsch as an Advertising Design instructor effective August 14, 2025 at the salary of \$73,500 prorated, with benefits.
6. To approve Ms. Jennifer Gould, LPN as an Emergency Nurse effective August 12, 2025 for the 2025 – 2026 school year at the hourly rate of \$32.00/hr., with individual EPO health care benefits and five (5) PTO days.
7. To approve Mr. Noah Pare as an Instructional Assistant in CBC effective August 14, 2025 at the hourly rate of \$21.75/hr., no healthcare benefits.
8. To approve Ms. Alexa Kurta as an Instructional Assistant in Emergency Response Technology effective August 14, 2025 at the hourly rate of \$21.75/hr., no healthcare benefits. (Perkins Funding)

9. To approve Mr. James Meinert as an Instructional Assistant in Automotive Collision Technology effective August 14, 2025 at the hourly rate of \$21.75/hr., no health care benefits. (Perkins Funding)
10. To approve Mr. Joe Goodyear as an Instructional Assistant in HVAC effective August 14, 2025 at the hourly rate of \$21.75/hr., no health care benefits.
11. To approve the following graduates as student teachers in the Cosmetology program for the 2025 – 2026 school year:
 - Mariah Malanowski (NH)
 - Ava Scatena (PR)
 - Amber Wood (NG)
12. To approve all twelve (12) month support staff following the common JOC approved Holiday calendar effective September 1, 2025. This includes school office support staff, business office support staff, and custodial/maintenance.
13. To accept the resignation of Instructional Assistant employee #506, effective July 30, 2025.
14. To accept the resignation of Kiddie Tech employee #510, effective August 4, 2025.
15. To accept the resignation of Kiddie Tech employee #426, effective August 29, 2025.
16. To ratify the uncompensated leave of Employee #358 beginning on April 9, 2025, upon expiration of FMLA, through September 1, 2025, consistent with the requirements of Policy 339.
17. To adopt a Jones Resolution for Employee #358, as presented.
18. To approve Joe Franczyk as a substitute custodian for the 2025 – 2026 school year at the hourly rate of \$15.85/hr., no benefits.

Upon recommendation of the Personnel Committee, Larry Vasko motioned, and Ron Frank seconded that items 1 through 18 be approved. Each was approved as a consent agenda with a voice vote of 13 – 0.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

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| 1. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE | AWBCC Operating Fund | 6/30/2025 | \$ 1,640,089.32 |
| | | 7/31/2025 | \$ 821,769.22 |
| | AWBCC Capital Reserve Fund | 6/30/2025 | \$ |
| | | 7/31/2025 | \$ |
| | Alfred W. Beattie Memorial Fund | 6/30/2025 | \$ |
| | | 7/31/2025 | \$ |
| | Conroy D. Guyer Fox Chapel Charitable Trust | 6/30/2025 | \$ |
| | | 7/31/2025 | \$ 5,500.00 |
| 2. BUDGET REPORTS | AWBCC Operating Budget | 6/30/2025 | \$ |
| | | 7/31/2025 | \$ |
| 3. CASH REPORTS | AWBCC Operating Fund | 6/30/2025 | \$ 308,558.10 |
| | | 7/31/2025 | \$ 1,844,203.77 |
| | PLGIT & PSDLAF | 6/30/2025 | \$ 2,002,750.51 |
| | | 7/31/2025 | \$ 1,486,175.22 |
| | AWBCC Certificate of Deposit | 6/30/2025 | \$ 541,106.19 |
| | | 7/31/2025 | \$ 541,106.19 |
| | AWBCC Money Market Fund | 6/30/2025 | \$ 540,347.72 |
| | | 7/31/2025 | \$ 1,291,851.88 |
| | AWBCC Capital Reserve Fund | 6/30/2025 | \$ 206,183.68 |
| | | 7/31/2025 | \$ 206,540.08 |
| | Alfred W. Beattie Memorial Fund | 6/30/2025 | \$ 210,419.38 |
| | | 7/31/2025 | \$ 211,201.37 |
| | Conroy D. Guyer Fox Chapel Charitable Trust | 6/30/2025 | \$ 1,804.87 |
| | | 7/31/2025 | \$ 3,805.80 |
| | AWBCC Student Activity Accounts | 6/30/2025 | \$ 38,706.49 |
| | | 7/31/2025 | \$ 38,714.73 |
| 4. | To ratify the ProSoft finance software renewal for July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026 at the cost of \$7,719.34 with ProSoft Technologies, Inc of Chicago, IL. | | |
| 5. | To ratify the Skyward student management software renewal for July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026 at the cost of \$13,736.26 with Skyward of Stevens Point, WI. | | |
| 6. | To accept the following anonymous donations: | | |
| | A. \$100 General Student Activity Fund | | |
| | B. \$500 student uniforms and student state contest fees | | |
| 7. | To ratify a three (3) year agreement with ePlus of Hamdon, VA for IT support at a cost of \$33,313.68. (We will be billed in three (3) annual payments.) | | |

Upon recommendation of the Finance Committee, Larry Vasko motioned, and Ron Frank seconded that items 1 through 7 be approved. Each was approved as a consent agenda with a voice vote of 13-0.

The following Finance Committee information items were reviewed:

1. Kiddie Tech Childcare and Learning Center
 - A. June 2025 – Report on Enrollment, Revenue and Expenditures.
 - B. Report on Enrollment, Revenue and Expenditures YTD

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT

No Report

POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

No Report

Information Item:

1. First Reading of revised policy:
 - #339 Uncompensated Leave

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

No Report

The following Legislative Committee information item was reviewed:

1. The PSBA 2026 slate of candidates for election will appear on the September JOC Agenda.

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

No Report

OLD BUSINESS

No Report

NEW BUSINESS

No Report

The regular JOC meeting adjourned at 6:32 P.M. Greg Stein motioned, and Jim Tunstall seconded.

An Executive Session was prior to the meeting for personnel and legal matters.

NEXT MEETING

September 25, 2025 – A.W. Beattie Career Center – Arlene J. Bender Student Conference Center

5:30 p.m.	Dinner
5:45 p.m.	Committee Meetings
6:15 p.m.	Joint Operating Committee Meeting


Libby Blackburn, Board Secretary


AnnMarie Wasielewski, Recording Secretary