

**A.W. BEATTIE CAREER CENTER
JOINT OPERATING COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
January 29, 2026**

The A.W. Beattie Career Center (AWBCC) Joint Operating Committee held its regularly scheduled meeting virtually on Thursday, January 29, 2026. Larry Vasko, President, called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM and roll call was taken.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

AVONWORTH

Adam Livingston
Jessie Opalko

NORTH HILLS

Rachael Rennebeck

DEER LAKES

James Calvert
Jeremy Love

NORTHGATE

Dr. Melissa Bilski
Wendi Lee

FOX CHAPEL

Amy Cooper
Ron Frank

PINE RICHLAND

Leslie Miller
Melissa Vecchi

HAMPTON

Larry Vasko
Denise Balason

SHALER

Robert Cessar
Jim Tunstall

NORTH ALLEGHENY

Libby Blackburn
Elizabeth Warner

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Eric Heasley
Heather Brown
Thea Holzworth
Maureen Golden
Joe Miller
Dr. Patrick Mannarino
Megan Turnbull

Executive Director
Assistant Director/Principal
Assistant Director for Curriculum and Grants/Associate Principal
Business Manager
Information Technology Director
Superintendent of Record
Solicitor – Weiss Burkhardt Kramer, LLC

WAVING OF POLICY 006.1

1. To approve waiving Policy 006.1 physical quorum requirements for the public meeting of January 29, 2026, due to continuing Pennsylvania Declaration of Emergency, executed January 23, 2026, and continued severe weather conditions as determined by the National Weather Service.

Upon motion by Larry Vasko, seconded by Ron Frank, the Waving of Policy 006.1 was unanimously approved.

MEETING MINUTES of December 18, 2025

Upon motion by Libby Blackburn, seconded by Elizabeth Warner, the December 18, 2025 meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

PRESIDENT VASKO'S REPORT

1. Mr. Vasko reported that an executive session was held prior to the meeting to discuss legal and personnel matters.

SUPERINTENDENT MANNARINO'S REPORT

1. Dr. Mannarino stated that the superintendents met and focused on the scheduling process. Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Holzworth presented the process to the superintendents. He stated that it was decided to involve the principals more and ahead of time. This has not been done before, and he feels confident that this is the step that is needed to make it successful.

SOLICITOR TURNBULL'S REPORT

1. Solicitor Turnbull stated that she did not have a report.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ERIC HEASLEY'S REPORT

1. Mr. Heasley shared the following information during his Executive Director's report:
 - The audit meeting was held and Mr. Heasley thanked Mr. Vasko, Mrs. Balason, and Mrs. Warner for attending the meeting. He also thanked Mrs. Golden and her staff for all their hard work in making the audit a success.
 - The annual Rotary Lunch was held in the dining room on January 11, 2026. The Rotary has provided scholarships for the past 9 years for our students in the value of over \$55,000.00. Mr. Stein (our former president) and Mr. Vasko are important members of the Rotary. Thanks also to Mr. Roger Eichner who has been very helpful with the scholarships. After lunch, Mr. Bossong gave Rotary members a tour of the school.
 - February is National CTE Month. There will be many different activities that will take place. One of the activities is the breakfast being held for the area legislators. After breakfast, they will get a tour of the school to see the new equipment that was purchased with grant money.
 - An update on the school zone on Babcock Blvd:
 - Senator Williams and Chief Hawk, McCandless Police, were consulted on the area by AWBCC on Babcock Blvd. After consulting, it was determined that since we do not have any students who walk to and from school, that we do not qualify for speed zone signs,
 - Currently, there are two signs on loan from the township. McCandless has four signs that move from place to place. If we purchase signs, the township will help to maintain the signs. The cost of the signs would be approximately \$3,000 per sign. The PCCD Safety Grant will cover the cost of the signs.

ORGANIZATION & CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT

1. To approve Heather Brown, Assistant Director, attending the PACTA Conference in Hershey February 4 – 6, 2026 in place of Erin Rushe, Special Populations Coordinator, as previously approved.
2. To approve Chef Aaron Yurek, Chef Evelyn Sussman and twelve (12) students participating in the PA ProStart Competition on February 23 and 24, 2026 in Hershey, PA at an estimated cost of \$2,000.00, Operating Budget.
3. To approve Cindy Cazin, Cosmetology instructor participating in the Cosmetology AVTEC meeting at Admiral Perry CTC in Ebensburg, PA, March 5 – 6, 2026 at an estimated cost of \$247.00, Operating Budget.
4. To approve thirty (30) FCCLA students along with three (3) advisors and a chaperone participating in the 2026 FCCLA state contest at the Kalahari Resort, Pocono Mountains on March 22 – 25, 2026 at an estimated cost of \$19,940.00. \$6,940.00 Operating Budget, \$13,000.00 FCCLA Student Activity Account.
NOTE: North Allegheny and Seneca Valley FCCLA will share a portion of the transportation cost with Beattie at \$500.00 each.
5. To approve Lee Silnutzer, ERT instructor, participating in the EMS West Leadership updates at Seven Springs on March 25 – 28th, 2026 at an estimated cost of \$965.00, Operating Budget.
6. To approve 21 SkillsUSA students along with four (4) advisors participating in the 2026 SkillsUSA State Contest at Hershey Lodge on April 8 – 10, 2026 at an estimated cost of \$17,311.00. \$14,648.00 Operating Budget, \$2,625.00 SkillsUSA Student Activity Account.
7. To approve Mrs. Heather Brown, Assistant Director, presenting at the 2026 SkillsUSA State Contest in Hershey, PA April 8 – 9, 2026 at an estimated cost of \$350.00, Operating Budget.
8. To approve offering Summer Camps June 15 – 18, 2026. Instructors will be compensated at \$35.00/hr., Summer Camp Budget.

Upon recommendation of the Organization & Curriculum Committee Libby Blackburn motioned, and Adam Livingston seconded that items 1 through 8 be approved. It was approved as a consent agenda with a voice vote of 17 - 0.

The following Organization & Curriculum Information Items were reviewed:

1. The Automotive Technology program underwent a PA Inspections and Emissions quality assurance review during December 2025, through PennDOT. The program earned a rating of compliant. Outstanding efforts go out to Mr. Monroe, Mr. Bennett, and Mr. Mansfield for their excellent work.
2. Grossman, Yanik & Ford, LLP submitted their June 30, 2025 audit for the Allegheny County Schools Health Consortium on December 12, 2025. A.W. Beattie had no noted needs improvement from the audit review. Appreciation goes to Mrs. Golden and Mrs. Niggl for their efforts.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

1. To approve Hannah Mughrabi (NA) for an unpaid Student Teaching Internship in Cosmetology effective January 5, 2026.
2. To approve the related Employment Resolution in the matter of Employee #358.
3. To ratify the following staff members assisting with custodial duties between the hours of 3 – 6 pm weekdays, effective December 15, 2025 through April 30, 2026 at the hourly rate of \$18.00, no additional benefits. The staff members utilize a rotating schedule.

Kathleen Burke
Dale Dankmyer
Hilary Falo
Bridgette Long

Cari Ludwig
Shelly Niggel
Chris Cowger

Upon recommendation of the Personnel Committee, Libby Blackburn motioned, and Adam Livingston seconded that items 1 through 3 be approved. It was approved as a consent agenda with a voice vote of 17 - 0.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

1. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	AWBCC Operating Fund	12/31/2025	\$ 1,110,121.03
	AWBCC Capital Reserve Fund	12/31/2025	\$
	Alfred W. Beattie Memorial Fund	12/31/2025	\$
	Conroy D. Guyer Fox Chapel Charitable Trust	12/31/2025	\$
2. BUDGET REPORT	AWBCC Operating Budget	12/31/2025	\$
3. CASH REPORT	AWBCC Operating Fund	12/31/2025	\$ 880,007.16
	PLGIT & PSDLAF	12/31/2025	\$ 1,845,730.31
	AWBCC 3-Month CD	12/31/2025	\$ 552,044.43
	AWBCC Money Market Fund	12/31/2025	\$ 1,026,207.60
	AWBCC Capital Reserve Fund	12/31/2025	\$ 208,261.66
	Alfred W. Beattie Memorial Fund	12/31/2025	\$ 214,924.33
	Conroy D. Guyer Fox Chapel Charitable Trust	12/31/2025	\$ 585.18
	AWBCC Student Activity Accounts	12/31/2025	\$ 34,583.88

4. To authorize the Finance Office to issue payments during February 2026 for payroll, benefits, utilities, purchases, and petty cash subject to ratification by the Joint Operating Committee at the March 26, 2026 meeting.
5. To approve the payment of \$13,246.90 to Dave and Kathy Stadler related to materials for the cancelled modular home agreement, per the solicitor's agreement and release.

6. To approve the purchase of seventy-five (75) HP student laptops through All Lines Technology at an estimated cost of \$75,000.00, 2025 – 2026 Operating Budget.

Upon recommendation of the Finance Committee, Libby Blackburn motioned, and Adam Livingston seconded that items 1 through 6 be approved. It was approved as a consent agenda with a voice vote of 17 - 0.

The following Finance Information Items were reviewed:

1. Remaining 2026 – 2027 Budget Schedule:

January, 2026 Review of the 2026 – 2027 A.W.B.C.C. Operating Budget Draft.

April, 2026 Joint Operating Committee members recommendation to present budget to the Full Board (81 members) for approval.

May, 2026 Full Board approval – As per the Articles of Agreement: “The budget shall be adopted, by joint meeting or mail ballot by two-thirds of the Member School Districts and by affirmative vote of a majority of all the members of the Full Board during the month of May. Said budget shall be subject to final approval by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.”

2. Kiddie Tech Childcare and Early Learning Center

KT Director – December 2025 Report on Enrollment, Revenue and Expenditures.

KT Director – 2025 – 2026 Report on Enrollment, Revenue and Expenditures to date.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. To approve the following fire systems upgrades/inspections through Summit Fire & Security of Pittsburgh, PA, 2025 – 2026 Operating Budget.
 - A. Fire sprinkler piping testing above the Auto Collision paint booth. Five (5) year internal obstruction test per NFPA25 14.2.1.1 requirements, \$1,580.00
 - B. IT Server Room “Clean Agent” system upgrade per manufacturer spec bulletin and NFPA25, NFPA2001 requirements, \$4,784.00
2. To approve Johnson Controls of Cranberry Twp, PA upgrade of main fire control panel and annunciator to model 4010ES to meet industry standards at an estimated cost of \$13,650.00 on CO-STARs contract #4400023962, 2025 – 2026 Operating Budget.

Upon recommendation of the Building and Grounds Committee, Libby Blackburn motioned, and Adam Livingston seconded that items 1 and 2 be approved. It was approved as a consent agenda with a voice vote of 17 - 0.

Information Items:

1. In accordance with Act 39 of 2018 – Section 742 School Code, A.W. Beattie Career Center conducted a potable water quality sampling for lead and copper on October 26, 2021 with the final report dated November 18, 2021 by PSI-Intertek of Pittsburgh, PA. The report stated: “Lead was not detected above or near EPA Action Levels or Women for a Healthy Environment recommendations.” This is a follow-up to a sampling conducted in 2016.
2. The Career Center conducted a Legionella water screening of potable water quality on October 26, 2021 with the final report dated November 17, 2021 by PSI-Intertek of Pittsburgh, PA. The report stated, “Legionella bacteria was not detected above the analytical detection limit. Periodic water sampling may be conducted to verify that Legionella levels remain below the OSHA Action Level, ideally at no Legionella detected.” This is a follow-up to sampling conducted following the COVID-19 building closure.

3. On November 24, 2025, CM Regent Insurance Company conducted a compliance inspection of the Career Center boilers and issued our Certificate of Operation.
4. On December 30, 2025, the Department of Environmental Protection inspected our x-ray equipment in the Dental program. All equipment and training procedures were in compliance.
5. On January 13, 2026, CM Regent Insurance Company conducted a building-wide insurance survey. We received a rating of excellent, with a reminder that the five (5) year inspection on the Auto Collision paint booth sprinkler system is due this year.

POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

No Action Items

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

No Action Items

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

No Action Items

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING

March 26, 2026 - A. W. Beattie Career Center – Automotive Collision Classroom

5:20 p.m. Dinner

5:45 p.m. Committee of the Whole Meeting

6:15 p.m. Joint Operating Committee Meeting

The regular JOC meeting adjourned at 6:37 P.M. Ron Frank motioned, and Libby Blackburn seconded.


Libby Blackburn, Board Secretary


AnnMarie Wasielewski, Board Recording Secretary